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## Supervisors hear pleas to fund raises for teachers

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The recently proposed school budget for next year, with its \$2 million request for additional local dollars to fund a 7 percent raise for teachers and staff, took centerstage during Monday's meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

While the school budget was not on the meeting agenda, several school teachers and others used the meeting's public comment period to urge supervisors to grant the school board's request for additional funds for the raises.

Pulaski County Education Association President Candace Castelluccio was the first to address the board on the issue.

Castelluccio said her request for an additional two minutes to speak for over 700 school employees — above the allowed three minutes — had been denied, so she could not provide the same speech she had

given at an earlier school board meeting.

She did, however, repeat some details from that earlier speech, including results from a poll of education association members in regards to inflation, raises and jobs.

"Ninety-six percent of members responded that inflation has affected their financial decisions," Castelluccio said. "Seventy-seven percent said if they don't receive a raise next year it would create or continue a financial hardship. Sixty-five percent said they were at least likely to look for other employment if they don't receive a raise."

"Numbers don't always tell the entire story," she said. "It's not just about numbers, its personal," Castelluccio said, noting she had received pages of details from PCEA members about how inflation had affected their households and how not receiving raise would make matters worse.

Following her comments, Supervisors Chairman Laura Wal-

ters asked Castelluccio how many teachers in the county are members of the education association.

"I don't think we need to disclose that in a public forum," Castelluccio responded.

Walters responded that she would think the number would be "public knowledge."

"It makes a huge difference. When you say 75 percent is that 75 percent of 15, is that 75 percent of a few hundred," Walters wondered.

"I will reach out to our district attorney to see what their advice from counsel is. I was asked that by a reporter and we also decided not to disclose that as well," Castelluccio responded.

"But I can assure you it is in the hundreds," she added.

Pulaski resident Jill Williams praised her teachers and the education she had received while growing up in Pulaski, noting that she had found in college she was in most ways just as well-prepared as

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## Friends of Peak Creek group cleans up with Tech's Cadets

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

Last Sunday, the Friends of Peak Creek (FOPC) celebrated the 10th anniversary of their organization's founding by partaking in a massive cleanup effort at locations near the Gatewood Dam and Case Knife Road.

FOPC's annual clean-up effort was bolstered this year by the addition of 43 members of the Virginia Tech Bravo Company Corps of Cadets, as well as six members of the county's Emergency Services Department and a few firefighters from Pulaski County.

As part of the effort, Pulaski County personnel placed a huge dumpster atop the road leading to Gatewood Park. From there, Friends of Peak Creek volunteers shuttled the cadets to several litter

strewn spots on the roads leading to the dam and Gatewood Park.

Bob Conner was one of volunteers who made his pickup truck available to collect the various shapes and sizes of roadside refuse. Bravo Company cadets Graham Hudson of Blacksburg and Christian Seal of Manassas rode in the back and periodically hauled abandoned tires, box springs and sundry garbage into the truck's bed. As they loaded the trash, a boom box placed atop a stack of tires blasted tunes by a country band called the Flatland Cavalry, which seemed an appropriate musical selection for a group of cadets. But why were they here in Pulaski County?

"We do community outreach, as part of our service commitment," said Christian Seal. "Some of us are pursuing civil service through FBI or policing, but most of us are

pursuing military careers. So, as we're cadets, we just kind of get out here and serve. It's really cool for me as someone who is from northern Virginia to come to Pulaski County because we do so much on campus. I absolutely love the Tech community, but it's cool to branch out and get our hands a little dirty."

This is the second year in a row that Virginia Tech's Corps Cadets came to assist FOPC in their cleanup efforts. Last year, 50 cadets came to fulfill their service commitment. As is always the case, the cadets found a wide variety of trash both large and small. Along with the occasional dead critter and the ubiquitous bottles of Jonny Bootlegger bottles, the cadets posted at Gatewood found tons of tires, two toilets and a TV.

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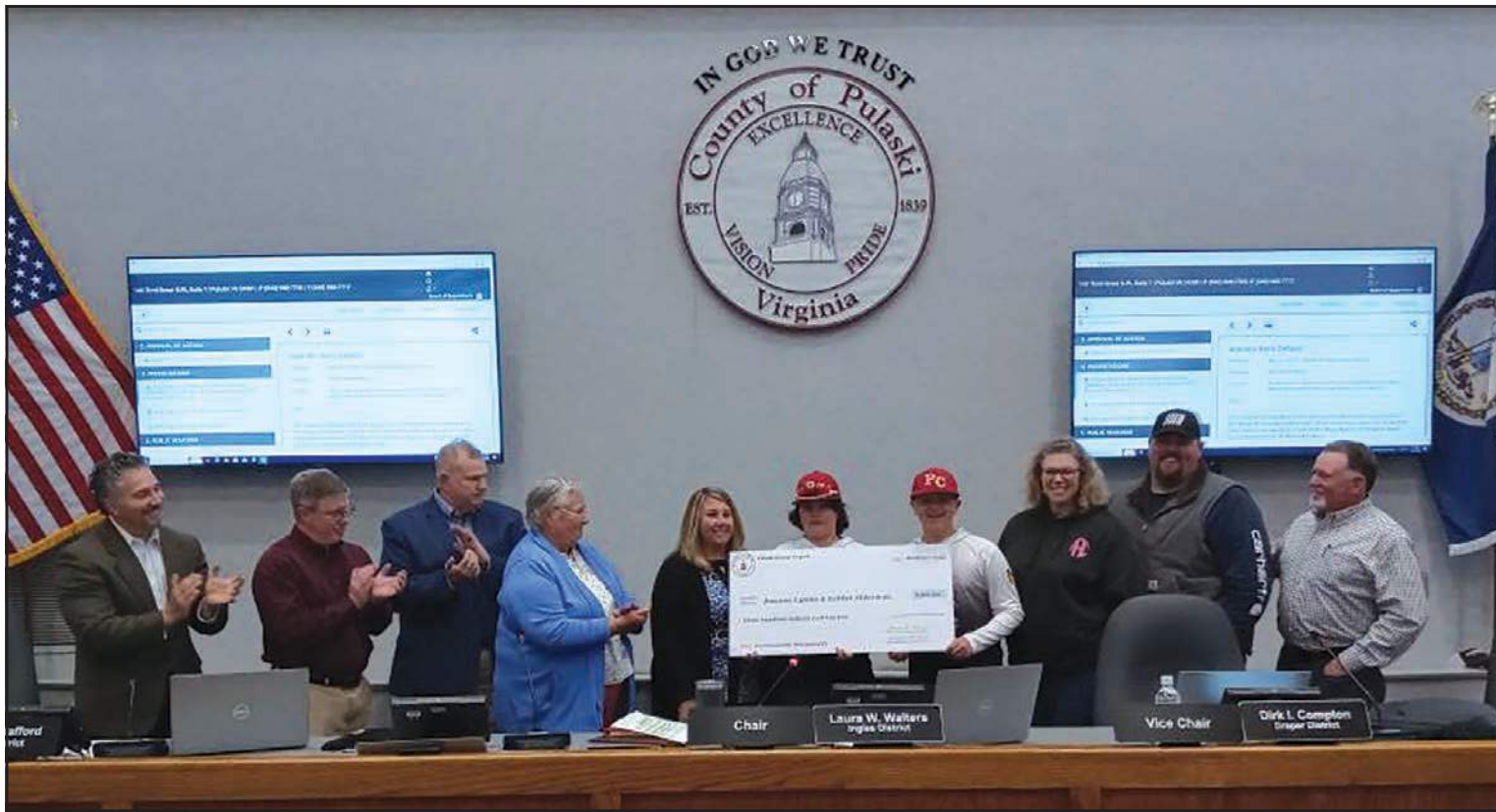




## Local Fishermen Moving On To State Tourney

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors on Monday night recognized Dawson Lytton and Collier Alderman on finishing in first place in the recent Bass Nation of Virginia Youth Junior Tournament at Philpott Lake. With the win the two qualify for the state tournament. The board members presented a \$300 donation to the state tournament in their honor. Also representing Pulaski in the Regional Tournament were Kipton Vipperman and Trenton Miller, Jesse Rupe and Kaden Duncan, Evan Eastridge, and Tripp Calvin and Jacob Spencer!

Mike Williams/The Patriot



# Jury duty pay, more bills signed this week by Youngkin

By Madison Hirneisen

(The Center Square) – Facing a Monday deadline to act on bills passed by the Virginia General Assembly, Gov. Glenn Youngkin signed hundreds of bills into law this week.

Lawmakers in the Virginia General Assembly sent hundreds of bills to the governor's desk during this legislative session. Here's a look at a few bills the governor approved this week:

### JURY DUTY PAY

Virginia is set to raise daily jury duty pay from \$30 to \$50 per day under a pair of bills signed by Youngkin this week, represent-

ing the first time in three decades the state is adjusting the rate.

Del. Angelia Williams-Graves, D-Norfolk, previously told The Center Square that compromises on the measure ultimately came down to the budget. The original version of both bills would have raised jury duty pay to \$100 per day.

### CLASSIFYING FENTANYL AS 'WEAPON OF TERRORISM'

Virginia will define "any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl" as a "weapon of terrorism" by law under a pair of bills approved by Youngkin this week. The measure

also specifies anyone who "knowingly and intentionally" manufactures or distributes a substance with a detectable amount of fentanyl is guilty of a Class 4 felony – a charge that carries a sentence of two to 10 years, and a fine of up to \$100,000, as previously reported by The Center Square.

### RENEWAL OF WHOLE-SOME FOOD TAX CREDIT

Youngkin approved a bill this week that would renew and expand tax credits for farmers who donate surplus crops to nonprofit food banks. As previously reported by The Center Square, each farmer could claim a maximum of \$10,000 in tax credits for dona-

tions of food crops starting in the 2023 tax year.

The bill's author, Del. Elizabeth Bennett-Parker, D-Alexandria, said in January the measure will benefit both farmers and food pantries across the commonwealth.

"Our farmers stand ready and willing to donate surplus food, but it has to make sense for their bottom lines as they incur many costs associated with harvesting, packing and transporting donated products," Bennett-Parker said.

### UNIVERSITY HOUSING FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH

Public institutions of higher education will soon be required to provide access to university housing at no-cost during scheduled intercessions and holidays to any

individual who meets the criteria for certain grants under Virginia law, including students who were in foster care when they turned 18 and received a high school diploma.

Del. Anne Tata, R-Virginia Beach, the author of HB 1403, told lawmakers during a January hearing that between 400 and 500 youth age out of foster care every year in Virginia. She said nationwide, about 3% of these youth go on to obtain a four-year degree, adding that during college breaks and holidays, "some of these children ended up in homeless shelters since they no longer had their foster home."

"This is a bill to allow youth to remain in their college or university housing during holiday, spring or summer breaks," Tata said.

### PARENTAL NOTIFICATION FOR BULLYING

Public school boards across the state will soon be required to require principals to notify parents of students involved in an alleged bullying incident within 24 hours of learning of the allegation under a bill signed this week. Under current law, principals only have to notify parents of the status of an investigation into the alleged bullying incident within five days of when the allegation was made.

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# Raises

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her college classmates were.

Williams said that nine years ago, she had convinced her husband – who had been born and raised in the greater New York City area – to move to Pulaski and raise their children.

“I promised him Pulaski County schools are full of great teachers and opportunities for our children,” Williams stated.

“As I ponder the fact Pulaski County may not fund teacher raises this year, and we may in fact have to cut programs and teacher positions due to a lack in local operating funds, I’m scared I sold my husband a bill of goods,” Williams said.

“Please fund these raises so we can keep Pulaski County great,” she implored the supervisors.

E.W. Harless said he agreed that teachers need a raise.

“I’m with them 100 percent,” he said.

“What I’m not in favor of is giving the teachers any more than what our county employees get,” Harless said, noting he believes teachers need step raises.

“The schools can afford their own newspaper ... the superintendent has his own private newspaper. That’s probably to the sum of \$90,000 counting benefits. So, they can cut, too,” he added.

Harless said he had been in a union for 45 years and had served as a union steward. “I’ve heard it all from both sides,” he said.

“What I’ve learned is you have to work together, but you’re not going to be able to work together with all this trash talk. It’s not going to happen, and the school board is as guilty of it as anybody else.

“Until that stops there’s not going to be a working relationship,” Harless said.

School teacher Angie Clevinger told supervisors she had endured a lot of economic hardship because she had decided to stay loyal to her school for 25 years.

“We have to have teachers who have licensure and experience who are qualified. There is no loyalty when you’re 20-some years old and you’re not from Pulaski County and those relationships haven’t been built. Those people go across the river and get better pay,” Clevinger said.

“I do believe there’s a lot of peeing contests going on between boards. I get that. But that’s not okay to do when we’re talking about our children’s education. When we’re talking about the future of our children.

“This is not up for debate,” she said.

“A seven percent raise would be great to give to everyone ... I hold two masters degrees. I have been in school for nine-plus years after high school. I can tell you why a child can’t read. I can diagnose their problem and give you a prescription to fix it. Daggone it, I’m worth a seven percent raise. The people in my cafeteria are worth a seven percent raise. The people on the school bus are worth a seven percent raise. I want everybody to get paid what they need to get paid. But when you are in Pulaski County and you go to school like I did and you come back and the appreciation you get is ‘we can’t do a seven percent raise.’ We do our children and our community a disservice. We’re never going to have anything but manufacturing jobs and our kids are going to leave us. And we will not have any jobs,” she said. “We need to work together and educate our children, get more industries in here that are not just building things with our hands and move our children and our community forward into this century.”

Another teacher, Chad Owens, said “everything starts in Pulaski County from the ground up which is our students.”

“If we don’t have good teachers, then we’re not going to have quality young people moving forward that want to be here in this county.

“I like many of the ways Pulaski County is moving,” Owens said. But we “have to make our education system central. If we don’t, I believe everything else will fall short.”

Owens said he has seen excellent teachers leave the county and wish they hadn’t left.

“Only way to keep excellent young teachers is to pay them a little more each year.

“Every job in this county is

important ... not trying to put one over another. But we’ve got to put extra value in our teachers,” he said.

Next it was the supervisors’ chance to respond.

“This board has supported teacher raises,” said Walters. “We’ve supported a full budget for teachers every year I’ve been elected. Mr. (Dirk) Compton as well. You’ve had other boards who have not, but we have.

“I agree teachers need raises. We want qualified teachers. Unfortunately, we don’t have an unlimited checkbook. Our county employees need raises too.”

Walters said, at this point, she isn’t sure who says the supervisors are not going to give teachers raises.

“I hear from you that that is the case. But that is not true. The legislature has not come in with its budget, so we’re waiting on that [final word on state funding]. We are just starting on our budget. We’ve had one budget meeting so far to work on our budget.

“So, at this point we don’t know what we are going to be able to do. And knowing the state we’re probably going to find out last minute what you’re going to get [in state funding] and what we’re going to get.

“But I think I can speak for everyone on this board, we do support good teachers and we know we need good teachers. And we will do all we can to help facilitate that,” Walter said.

“This board has consistently done that,” she continued. “So, if there’s a rumor out there that we’re not going to give you raises, that’s a rumor. Period!

“I know there are those who say we haven’t fully funded you as well. We have fully funded every year. I don’t know that we can fully sustain the amount of increase.

“As far as inflation goes, it affects all of us. We know what you teachers are feeling. I’m on a fixed income. I know what it’s done to us and all of us. And there’s a lot of people less fortunate than all of us in this room.

“There’s not a whole lot we can do about that, but we do understand about inflation,” Walters said.

Massie Supervisor Mike Mooney said schools are very important to him.

“I ave four grandchildren in the school system. Schools are very important to me. School safety is important to me.

“We want to support the school system. We want good teachers. That’s my goal to have my grandkids here when they grow up and for them to stay here and thrive and work in this community.

“We support the school system. We’ve got some hurdles, but I think both boards need to work together and make it work for everybody. That’s my goal,” Mooney said.

Draper District’s Dirk Compton continued.

“I want to thank the teachers in here who taught my sons. I wouldn’t sell you short for anything. Your excellence is as good as any. My boys are being successful going through school now,” Compton said.

“When I joined the board I said I wanted us to do economic development in this county because the more businesses we bring in the more people will have jobs. We’re trying a balanced approach by bringing in businesses to keep our taxes low. We want to support our kids,” he said.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet said the issue isn’t about numbers, it’s about children.

“I know this board. I know your hearts and your minds. I know you are going to do everything you can to support public education ... for my children, for teachers and for the sake of this community.

“Rhetoric and fear mongering – all those things – should not play a role in doing what is right and I’m confident this board is going to do what’s right.

“I would love to be able to work strategically, creatively and resourcefully with my counterpart in the school system to figure out the solutions that will be necessary to not just effect a seven percent raise, but to make it sustainable. To make it as beneficial to not just the teachers in the school system, but to the students and the taxpayers. To look at it holistically.

“Everything that was said tonight I don’t think is arguable. It is so much more than numbers,” Sweet said.

## Springfest Cancelled

The 2023 Pulaski County Springfest event, scheduled April 1st, 2023 at Randolph Park, has been cancelled.

The National Weather Service reports high confidence that our area will experience 40 MPH sustained winds, with gusts up to 50 MPH, from 12-7 PM on Saturday. As a point of reference, these projected winds are more intense than what we experienced in our area last weekend, when many in our area were without power for extended periods.

In partnering closely with the Pulaski County Emergency Management team, we have determined our outdoor inflatable attractions and activities to not be safe for operations in these conditions. Although this has been an incredibly difficult decision, the safety of our Pulaski County youth is first priority.

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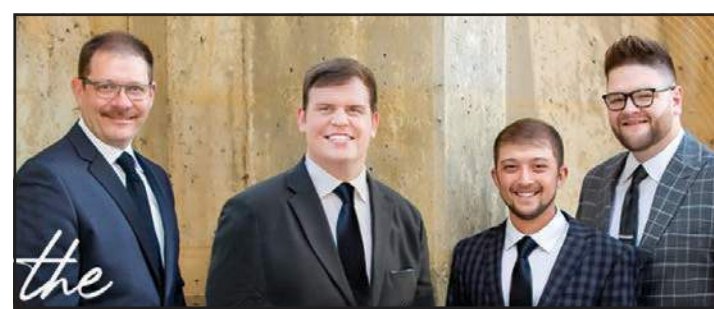
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**ADRIANNA NICOLE LAKEY**

Adrianna Nicole Lakey, age 10 of Pulaski passed away Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Duke Medical Center. Born July 14, 2012 in Bluefield, WV, she was the daughter of Robert Adam Lakey & Tammy Lynn Weddle Lakey.

Adrianna is survived by her Parents – Robert Adam & Tammy Lynn Lakey

Paternal Grandmother – Brenda Lawrence – Pulaski

Special Pet – Baby girl

Brothers – Nicholas Lakey – Pulaski, Cameron Lakey – Pulaski Sister – Kateyln Longworth

Many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and hundreds of friends and followers

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Funeral services will be held 7:00 PM – Friday, March 31, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM until service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

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## HATTIE JOANNA COX HAULSEE

Hattie Joanna Cox Haulsee, age 80 of Hiwassee, died Monday, March 27, 2023 at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. She was born in Pulaski County on October 15, 1941, and was the daughter of the late Violet Lee Turpin Cox, and the late Hiram Wirt Cox. After graduating from high school, Hattie went to New River Community College obtaining her nursing degree and achieving her certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked as an LPN at the New River Regional Jail for many years and also worked at Dublin Elementary School as a school nurse.

In addition to her parents, she



**ROY EDWARD TAYLOR**

Roy Edward Taylor, age 69 of Dublin passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at his home.

Born March 18, 1954 in Montgomery County, he is the son of Charlie A. Taylor and the late Margaret Yates Taylor. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lynn Taylor and Thomas Taylor.

He is retired from RAAP with over 21 years of service. He also worked part-time at Quality Inn, Dublin.

He is survived by His wife 43 years– Donna Taylor – Dublin

His Children– Kevin (Sue) Morgan– Draper Laurie Webb–Dublin Grandchildren–

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Funeral services were held Thursday, March 30, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski. Burial followed in the Memorial Christian Church Cemetery, Draper.

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was preceded in death by two brothers: James Voyce Cox, and Mark Steven Cox. She is survived by her only son: Ryan Lee Haulsee of Saltville: a brother; Dallas Lee Cox of Dublin: sisters; Tish Talant of Blacksburg, Beulah Ziegls of California, Missouri, and Freeda Clevinger of Pulaski.

Hattie wished that she be cremated and that there be no public service. The family may have a gathering in her remembrance, at a later date.

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



**VERNA JUANITA BLANKENSHIP**

Verna Juanita Blankenship, age 98 of Dublin passed away Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born March 3, 1925 in Oklahoma, she was the daughter of the late Charles Bell and Hattie Rogers Bell. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Theodore William "TW" Blankenship and son, William Blankenship.

Verna is survived by her Children

Pam Leonard – Dublin Dale Blankenship – Pulaski Pat Lopez – TX

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Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Cameron Mitchell officiating. Interment followed at the Thornspring UMC Cemetery, Dublin.

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

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

## GARY ALLEN BOTKIN

Gary Allen Botkin, age 71 of Hiwassee passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the Pulaski Health Cre Center.

Born December 31, 1951 in the District of Columbia, he is the son of Ruby Marshall Rosario and the late Joseph Phillip Botkin.

He is survived by His Mother- Ruby Marshall Rosario-Hiwassee

Sister- Debra Valdez-Colorado Children-Brandi Eager- PA, Mande Botkin-PA and Candice Davis- PA

A number of Grandchildren His wishes were to be cremated and placed on the mountain.

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**MARGARET ELIZABETH AKERS HARNISH**

Margaret Elizabeth Akers Harnish, age 77 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, March 23, 2023 at her home. Born June 21, 1945 in Wythe County she was the daughter of the late Hansel & Mary Rakes Akers. She was also preceded in death by her son, Ray Melvin Harnish, Jr.

Margaret is survived by her Husband

Ray Melvin Harnish – Pulaski Daughter

Kim Marie Byers – SC

Melissa Ann Surratt – Max Meadows

7 Grandchildren

6 Great Grandchildren

1 Great Great Grandchildren

Memorial services will be held 1:00 PM – Thursday, April 13, 2023 at the Pulaski Church of God with Bishop Donald Jones officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before service time that Thursday at the Church.

There will also be a memorial service 1:00 PM – Monday, April 17, 2023 at the Reamstown Church of God, 400 Pfautz Hill Road, Stevens, PA 17578. The family will receive friends one hour before service time Monday at the Church.

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**PAUL DAILEY UNDERWOOD**

It is with great sadness for our family that we announce the death of a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, Paul Dailey Underwood who passed on March 21, 2023.

Born December 28, 1933 in Popular Hill, Virginia, he was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Lucy Underwood. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by brothers, Richard and Clifford Underwood and sisters, Nina Underwood, Vivian Waldron, Myrtle Rigney and Opal Deck.

He grew up on Little Creek at the family farm.

He married Elizabeth (Libby) Blankenship 12-24-55 in Wytheville, VA. Libby resides with their daughter and their family in Herndon. His work as a steamfitter with the government had him moving his family from Little Creek to Northern Virginia. He retired early 2001 working at the Pentagon.

They had two children. Norma Underwood Huntington and spouse, Bill Huntington resides in Herndon, VA. their children, Ethan Huntington (31) and Meagan Huntington (29) and

Steven Dailey Underwood resides in Pulaski, VA. Two Children Tina Underwood (43) and her children Charlene Byrd & Madison Byrd In addition, daughter, Nicki Shepherd.

Besides spending time with his family, he loved to spend time at the family farm on Little Creek, sitting by the cabin or the chimney of his family home looking out at the fields watching the cattle and any wildlife that would venture out.

Dailey is survived by one sister, Alva Suttle of Dublin, VA, and many nephews and their families.

He will be dearly missed. We love you Daddy!

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## Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our gratitude to the many friends, relatives and neighbors for the kindness shown in the passing of our loved one, Agnes Dishon Smith.

For the many prayers, beautiful flowers, food and words of sympathy, we will be forever grateful.

We also send our sincere appreciation to Dr. Knotresha F. Stewart, MD of River Valley Healthcare, the staff of LewisGale Hospital Pulaski and LewisGale Hospital Salem for the excellent care and compassion shown.

May God continue to bless you all.

Charles Smith and Family.



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A celebration of his life was held Wednesday, March 29, 2023 Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with burial following at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, VA

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**JAMES WALTER “J.W.” SMITH, JR.**

James Walter “J.W.” Smith, Jr., 56 of Pulaski, Va., born Dec. 7, 1966 went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

J.W. was a 1985 graduate of Pulaski County High School (PCHS), and attended two years at Concord University. To his friends he was known as Coach Smith, Dub or just “J.” He was a lover of football and was fortunate to be an assistant defensive coach for the PCHS Cougars and coached little league football. He also loved “America’s Team,” the Dallas Cowboys. In 2014, J.W. re-dedicated his life back to the Lord. He was a member of the Radford Church of God in Christ where he served as a deacon, and head of the men’s ministry. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Agnes Smith Sr. and James and Geraldine Holland, Godfather Rev. Perry G. Slaughter. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Teresa Calfee Smith; children, James Walter Smith, III (Trey), Charlotte, N.C., Carrie Briana Smith, Pulaski, Va.; parents, James and Rosa (Sharon) Smith, Pulaski, Va.; sister, Sherry Johnson, Dublin, Va. and Jeremy Smith (Bobbie), Roanoke, Va.; nephew and niece Jeremiah Alexander Smith, and Alexandria Jhoe Smith, Midlothian, Va.; Godmother, Peggy Slaughter; God brothers and sisters, Perry, Elaine, Phillip and Patricia; step-children Josh Calfee (Lindsey), Christiansburg, Va., Josh Calfee, Pulaski, Va. and a host of grandchildren and Carter Nenko on the way.

Services will be Monday, April 3 at the Radford Church of God in Christ. Viewing will be at 1 p.m. Service will begin at 2 p.m. The family is in the care of Serenity Funeral Home.



Pulaski County Public Schools

Pulaski County’s History Day competitors.

## History Day participants Richmond bound

Pulaski County Public Schools

Last year, Pulaski County sent 12 students to Radford University to compete in the Virginia National History Day competition. This year, after a lot of hard work and a tremendous recruiting effort, Pulaski County sent over 55 students to the event. Now, several of those students will advance to the State level competition in Richmond.

Pulaski County students, ranging from elementary school to middle school, submitted projects in sev-

eral of the categories. At the end of the day, 10 projects qualified as either honorable mention through first place, with seven of those projects now advancing to the State event April 29-30 at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture in Richmond.

Students from Pulaski County Middle School, Snowville Elementary, Critzer Elementary, and Pulaski Elementary were joined by students from Blacksburg, Floyd County, Northcross, Willis Elementary, Check Elementary, Indian

Valley Elementary, and St. John Neumann Academy at the event.

At the event, students present a display board with photos, facts, and other information pertaining to their subject. They are then given the opportunity to give a presentation to two judges, and those judges are then able to ask them questions to determine their knowledge of the subject.

Pulaski County students had exhibits in four categories, including Elementary Individual, Elementary Group, Junior Individual and Junior Group exhibits. Students who finish in first through third place will advance to the State competition. Students who earn an honorable mention will serve as an alternate, should one of the top three not be able to make the trip.

In the Elementary Individual Exhibit category, three exhibits earned recognition. William Aydelotte of Pulaski Elementary earned an Honorable Mention for his “The History of Lego” exhibit. Mason Stifler of Pulaski Elementary earned third place for his “Evolution of the Telephone” presentation. Nicholas Cregger of Critzer Elementary earned second place for his exhibit “World War 2.”

In the Elementary Group Exhibit category, the group of Camree Mitchell and Evangeline Hodge of Critzer Elementary earned an Honorable Mention for their “Why GMO Foods are Good” presentation. Oliver Nester and Oscar Reis earned third place for their “Operation Overlord – D-Day” exhibit. Campbell Farrell and Kelson Delap

of Critzer Elementary School earned second place for their “The Great Depression” presentation. Snowville Elementary School students Haven McKinney and Roland Thompson earned first place for their Titanic: A Maritime Marvel” presentation.

In the Junior Individual Exhibit category, Pulaski County Middle School student Remi Nolan earned an Honorable Mention for her ”Navajo Code Talkers” exhibit.

In the Junior Group Exhibit category, two groups were recognized. The group of Addisyn Viers, Bree Wilson, Gracianna Wimberly, and Megan Roe earned third place for their “Navajo Code Talkers” exhibit. The group of Ainsley Vaughan, Mackenzie Maiden, and Sarah Simpson earned second place for their presentation, “N.O.W.”

Mrs. Roxanne Souma, who coordinates the event for Pulaski County Public Schools, was excited with the growth and performance for the day.

“We are incredibly excited to see the recent growth of Pulaski County’s participation in National History Day,” she said. “Last year, we had 12 students compete at the district level with two projects advancing to States. This year, our total student participation grew to over 55, with seven projects advancing to States. We are proud of our students and thankful for our teachers who are willing to put in the extra work to make this event happen.”

Property transfers for December 2022 as recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk’s office:

William R. Frye to TT&B, LLC, property at 2121 Monte Vista Drive Ext , Pulaski, \$650,000.

Fairlawn Properties, LLC to Billy Davis, property at 130 Fayette Street, Pulaski, \$9,000.

Seymour P. Rupe, Jr. to Michael W. Kesling, Jr., property at 1119 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, \$189,900.

Karen S. Cox to Ricky W. Haga, property Fronts 693, Rock Spring, \$55,000.

Douglas A. Bane to Logan T. Bane, property at 6348 Parrott Mountain Road, Parrott, \$110,000.

Darlene E. Nelson to Joseph Hoff, property at 601 Stuart Avenue, Pulaski, \$25,000.

William Joseph Horne to Curtis R. Dietrich, property at 412 Maple Street, Dublin, \$245,000.

Danny O’Dell, Jr. to Bela Investment, Inc., property at 1624 Newbern Road, Pulaski, \$115,000.

Patrick Simpson to AAD, LLC, property at 5731 Lee Highway, Pulaski, \$527,000.

Fanteva, Inc. to Paul T. Jones, property at 4856 Roger Loop, Pulaski, \$157,000.

Lesa R. Edwards to Cody R. Hamilton, property at 348 Jordan Street, Dublin, \$15,000.

Richard Mitchell to Kay Kissingner, property at Parcel SR 04, Burks Run Creek, Pulaski County, \$45,000.

Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance

to Jonathan D. Spence, property at Park Lot 4, Sec 1, Newbern Road, Pulaski County, \$42,000.

Todd Saunders to Appalachian Power Company, property near Claytor Lake, Snowville, \$480,000.

Steven M. Taylor to John A. Markham, property at Robinson Tract, Pulaski County, \$155,000.

Eli A. Schwartz-Gralla to Anthony W. Akers, property at 501 E. Main Street, Dublin, \$169,000.

Lisa G. Hodge to Hannah Marie Jones, property at 5984 Anderson Avenue, Dublin, \$265,000.

Kevin Whitlock to Shea Boyd, property at 3734 Largen Hill Court, Pulaski, \$140,000.

Roofus Holdings, LLC, to Joshua Joe Arnold, property at 315 Lake Street, Pulaski, \$142,000.

Mari O’Brien Hall to William T. Kidd, Sr., property at 901 5th Street, SE, Pulaski, \$27,300.

Gary Allen Botkin to Joseph Picanzo, property near Allisonia, Pulaski County, \$47,737.

Gary Allen Botkin to Joseph Picanzo, property at 4322 Mabe Hollow Road, Hiwassee, \$45,000.

Shah Development, LLC to LGCC Realty, LLC, property at 210 Broad Street, Dublin, \$2,165,000.

Shah Development, LLC to Susan Dotson, property at 4630 Worrells Way, Dublin, \$404,950.

Christina Rose Paugh to John A. Webb, property at 3530 Ellen Barr Drive, Draper, \$280,000.

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# Parents’ Bill of Rights

Over the past few years, there has been an alarming trend of parents being forcibly shut out of their children’s education by certain school districts.

I’ve recognized the urgency of correcting this issue.

Parents are the people primarily responsible for directing their children’s education and they have rights.

That’s why I voted in favor of H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act, which passed the House of Representatives in a 213-208 vote. The legislation makes clear the rights of parents!

It also makes clear to schools their duty to parents and the limits to their authority when parents are making decisions for their children.

This legislation is critical for our families.

There has been a rise in divisive ideology, like critical



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

race theory, and sexually explicit information being taught in our schools, many times without the approval of parents.

While it may take a village to give a child a well-rounded raising, it does not give the village a right to inculcate children with a world view in opposition to parental wishes.

One democratic lawmaker recently said that if parents haven’t completed their own high school education, they are unqualified to make education decisions for their children.

What an alarming, inappropriate, and classist sentiment. Parents have every right to decide if controversial information is to be taught to their children and at what age. Parents and/or legal guardians make medical decisions for their children every day without formal medical training, obviously they can make decisions on their children’s education.

Speaking of medical decisions, some schools have even gone so far as to shut parents out of decisions relating to their children’s health care and safety, ones that have lifelong consequences. This is unacceptable.

Further, following the outbreak of COVID-19, school administrators made the decision to close many of our country’s schools, moving them online. These school closures dragged on and parents objected. It was to the detriment of our children.

According to the Institute of Education Sciences, roughly half of America’s students began the 2022 school year behind in at least one subject, 13% higher than the national average in a typical year prior to COVID-19.

There has also been a sharp rise in depression and anxiety in children from extended lockdowns and forced remote learning. In 2021 and 2022, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and the Children’s Hospital Association, declared a “national state of emergency” in response to this troubling trend.

Many parents have understandably become upset by the way certain school systems have handled these issues, voicing their concerns at school board meetings.

Even this has been met with resistance.

In October 2021, the National School Boards Association called on President Joe Biden to use federal agencies to stop “threats and acts of violence” on school officials during school board meetings. Accordingly, Biden’s Attorney General Merrick Garland instructed to the FBI to investigate. Following, the FBI’s Counterterrorism Division created a “threat tag,” equating concerned parents to domestic terrorists. Outrageous!

Congress needed to act.

H.R. 5 recognizes and restores parents’ rights through five pillars: the right to know what’s being taught in schools and to see reading material; the right to be heard; the right to see school budget and spending; the right to protect their child’s privacy; and the right to be updated on any violent activity at school.

During the consideration of H.R. 5, I voted for an amendment for a Sense of Congress that the U.S. Department of Education eventually should be eliminated.

I believe taxpayer money is mostly wasted on bureaucrats in the Department of Education. In FY 2021 alone, they spent over \$2.4 Billion on “salaries and expenses.” This money should be redirected to local schools.

In eliminating the Department, we can put in place protections to ensure existing education funding is dispersed appropriately around the country, through the states, while also maintaining protections for students.

Among these protections is ensuring that Title I funding remains, which provides critical funding for economically disadvantaged students, and for programs like free lunch and reduced lunch at schools.

Additionally, we must maintain protections for our physically and mentally impaired children under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

These changes, and this bill, will create better options for students and parents.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at [www.morgangriffith.house.gov](http://www.morgangriffith.house.gov). On my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

# The Spirited Ladies of Philadelphia

In 1776, disagreements with Great Britain turned into a full-blown American Revolution. Grossly out-numbered, out-supplied and out-trained, the American Continental Army, under the leadership of General George Washington, fought bravely but suffered numerous defeats.

Historic information from the Library of Congress helps us understand the severity of the situation and why the Ladies of Philadelphia were determined to provide comfort and encouragement to the Continental Army soldiers. Afterall, it was their husbands, sons and brothers who were courageously fighting overwhelming odds to ensure their God-given freedoms in this new country.

“When news that the British had taken Charleston, South Carolina, reached Philadelphia in May of 1780, merchants and government officials reacted to the disaster by taking steps to support the inflated Pennsylvania currency and solicit

## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

funds to pay new army recruits. And in a totally unexpected move, the women of Philadelphia emerged from their usual domestic roles to announce their intention of founding the first large-scale women’s association in American history.

“As the Pennsylvania Gazette put it delicately, the Ladies adopted “public spirited measures.” Up until then, American women had not engaged in any organized support of the war effort. Now that the American soldiers were suffering a serious loss of morale in the

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# The ‘Outpouring’

By CAL THOMAS  
Tribune Content Agency

Wilmore, KY – The secular and cynical find it difficult to believe not only that “God governs in the affairs of men,” as Benjamin Franklin said, but that He would visit a small town where there are few traffic lights and a decent restaurant is several miles away.

Something happened here at Asbury University. Dr. Kevin Brown, the president, is reluctant to use the word “revival” to describe what began early last month and lasted for several weeks. He prefers “outpouring” to describe the days of prayer, repentance and singing that drew as many as 50,000 people to campus from miles away and other countries, along with international attention from a media that are normally indifferent to spiritual things, unless they involve scandalous behavior.

Professors who have been at the school for years and read about previous spiritual experiences at this campus and in other places told me they had never seen anything like it.

Theological explanations aside, perhaps this outpouring can be partially explained by a recent NBC News poll which found 71 percent of those surveyed believe the country is headed in the “wrong direction.” Little seems to be working. We have a record national debt. Confidence in our political leadership is low. America’s enemies seem ready to take advantage of what they perceive as weakness and indecisiveness in our president. Chinese President Xi Jinping has said he believes America is in decline. Evidence for that can be found in numerous places. March Madness could describe every month in America and not just one related to college basketball. We appear to be heading toward national suicide.

Spiritual “awakenings,” as they are sometimes called, are nothing new. “The Great Awakening” of the mid-18th century, began with the preaching of Jonathan Edwards (“Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”) at his Northampton, Massachusetts, church. Patrick Morley,

writing for the publication Church Leader, described what is common to all such awakenings: “People sense the presence of God powerfully; conviction, despair, contrition, repentance and prayer come easily; people thirst for God’s word; many authentic conversions occur and backsliders are renewed.”

A second Great Awakening occurred between 1800 and 1840 under the preaching of James McGready and Charles Finney. Evangelical church membership grew from 350,000 to 3 million.


The revival of 1857 was the greatest of them all. An estimated 1 million people were added to church rolls. Church historian J. Edwin Orr has written that 10,000 people a week were converted in New York City alone. Writes Orr: “Trinity Episcopal Church in Chicago had a hundred and twenty-one members in 1857; fourteen hundred in 1860. That was typical of the churches. More than a million people were converted to God in one year out of a population of thirty million. What astounded many was the social impact as it paved the way for the abolitionist movement that eventually ended slavery and created missionary societies that built hospitals and performed other good works around the world.”

We’ve tried everything else in America from politics, to government, to spending money. Nothing seems to be working as effectively as that which came before from what Orr described as “a concert of prayer.”

Is that what happened at Asbury University? Time will tell in the results. Meanwhile, what C.S. Lewis said might be helpful in leading us somewhere other than placing too much faith in human institutions: “If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.”

The Asbury students appear to be on to something.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at [tcaditors@tribpub.com](mailto:tcaditors@tribpub.com). Look for Cal Thomas’ latest book “America’s Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States” (HarperCollins/Zondervan).



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

# Bragg prepares to cross Rubicon

How much does a mug shot mean to you?

To Alvin Bragg, it apparently means quite a lot.

All signs point to Bragg, the progressive prosecutor in Manhattan, indicting Donald Trump for his 2016 hush-money payment to Stormy Daniels.

The old Karl Marx line is that history repeats itself first as tragedy, then as farce. This historic first-ever indictment of a former president of the United States would skip straight to farce.

First, there’s the tawdry and relatively trivial subject matter. Trump stands accused by his critics on the left of fomenting an insurrection to overthrow the Constitution and the criminal offense they are going to get him on stems from a dalliance with a porn star in 2006.

Then, more importantly, there’s the question of the merits. Unless Bragg has something unexpected on Trump, this appears to be a prosecution in search of a legal theory.

Everything indicates that Bragg is more interested in subjecting Trump to the humiliations attendant to getting charged (turning himself in, getting fingerprinted and photographed) and the grinding distraction of defending himself against a criminal charge than the cogency of the case itself.

As The New York Times put it last week, the Bragg case “hinges on an untested and therefore risky legal theory involving a complex interplay of laws, all amounting to a low-level felony.”

In other words, exactly what you want to indict a former president on.

The difficulty in making a case against Trump owes to the fact that hush payments are sleazy but legal. So, the Bragg case involves the bookkeeping around the payment.

There’s a reason why Bragg’s predecessor, Cyrus Vance, passed on the Stormy Daniels matter. It looked like Bragg was going to pick up a broader business case against Trump instead. When the district attorney dropped that, his progressive supporters were outraged. Now, lo and behold, he has brought things full circle back to Daniels.

As president, Trump inveighed against his political enemies and demanded that they be arrested. This was shameful and disturbing stuff, although, obviously, there were no arrests.

Alvin Bragg is apparently about to do what Trump fantasized about, and what the entire left-of-center universe characterized as an abuse of power when the Republican merely mused about it.

The prospective Bragg prosecution is no different from what would happen if Sheriff Joe were still in office and somehow found a way to get an attenuated legal hook into Joe Biden. How would Democrats feel about that?

An argument in favor of Bragg’s prospective move against Trump is that Trump is unique, and uniquely vulnerable to legal charges. There is something to that, but both Bill and Hillary Clinton could have been prosecuted and they weren’t.

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aftermath of the fall of Charleston, the women proposed a nationwide female-conceived and executed relief effort to aid the hard-pressed troops. The campaign began June 10, 1780, with the publication of a broadside, ‘The Sentiments of an American Woman’. It was composed by 33-year-old Esther de Berdt Reed, who was to become president of the Philadelphia Ladies Association.”

Esther Reed was quite an influence in Philadelphia society. (After all, that is where we consider the birthplace of the American Revolution took place.) She had met Joseph Reed when he was studying law in London, and moved to America as his bride in 1770. Joseph was a friend of George Washington, a signer of the Articles of Confederation and would later become governor of Pennsylvania. Esther would have been immersed in political thought and asserted that women could publish their political views, create political associations of aid and be essential contributors to the Revolutionary War.

So, when she heard the news of the disheartened American soldiers, she was determined to do more than merely wish for their success. She envisioned the American women coming together, like the ancient heroines from the Bible, to do something really useful. In a circular, Esther wrote that some men might disapprove of women’s political activities but these men would be considered unpatriotic in these dire times. “Any man who truly understood the soldiers’ needs could only applaud our efforts for the relief of the armies which defend our lives, our possessions, our liberty,” she asserted. She had heard that the soldiers had felt neglected and forgotten by their fellow citizens.

Her plan would be for American women to ban together in agreement to renounce unnecessary purchases and donate the money to the troops that they would have spent on elaborate clothes and other items. They had desired their contributions to provide an extraordinary bounty beyond basics of food and clothing, which the government was to provide.

Esther began by publishing a broadside entitled “Sentiments” in the Pennsylvania Gazette and it drew an immediate response from 36- Philadelphia women. They met as what we would call a “think tank” to decide how to initiate the plan. First, they published a proposed plan called “Ideas, Relative to the Manner of Forwarding to the American Soldiers, the Presents of the American Women.” The one criteria was that the contributions be used as: “It is an extraordinary bounty intended to render the condition of the soldier more pleasant, and not to hold place of the things which they ought to receive from the Congress, or from the States.”

The detailed plan outlined how to mobilize the entire female population of Pennsylvania, and accept contributions from any woman in any amount. To accomplish this, a woman in each county was appointed as the designated treasurers to oversee the collection and accounting of the funds. All contributions would then be sent to Martha Washington who would forward them to her husband.

The plan divided the city of Philadelphia into ten equal districts with two to five women assigned to canvass their district. Traveling in pairs, the canvassers visited every home requesting donations. Women of distinction who canvassed were Sarah, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin, Julia, the wife of Benjamin Rush, Alice, the wife of a prominent Philadelphia physician, Mary wife of Robert Morris and Sally McKean, the wife of a Pennsylvania chief justice. The Ladies considered it a great honor to serve as canvassers for this project and earnestly worked to collect \$300,000.

By July, newspapers throughout the country reprinted Esther’s “Sentiments” article, usually accompanied by the detailed collection plan, which inspired other women to respond. The Ladies of Philadelphia Association sent individual letters to friends and relatives throughout the Colonies, urging them to participate.

With added encouragement from Esther Reed and Martha Washington, similar fund drives were organized in Maryland, New Jersey, and Virginia. The women of Trenton, New Jersey, were the first to copy the Philadelphians’ lead, and collected \$15,500. Then women in Maryland also responded and collected \$16,000. Ladies in Virginia, at the direction of Martha Jefferson and Dolly Madison, initially collected \$7,056.

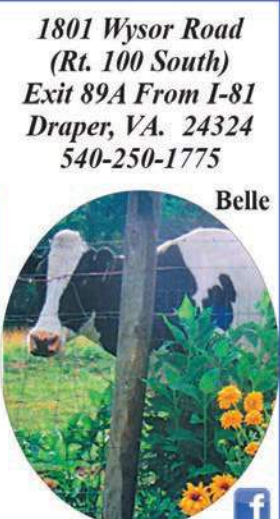
Although the Philadelphia Ladies had hoped that their contributions could be used to provide “an extraordinary bounty” beyond the food and clothing due to soldiers by the government, Washington insisted that it was shirts that would provide the greatest comfort to his men.

Trying not to offend General Washington, Esther sent several letters to him providing suggestions for the disbursement of funds – possibly giving each soldier some cash to spend as he wished. Historic documents reveal that “Her much revised, amended and overwritten draft, with all its tactful phrasing, suggests something of the consternation his proposal caused among the canvassers who had worked so hard and long to collect the money.” However, Washington insisted that the soldiers needed shirts.

After much difficulty, Esther found adequate amounts of linen cloth from France to have shirts made. The Ladies decided rather than paying for the sewing of the shirts, they would take on that task themselves. By early December 1780, more than 2,000 shirts had been made; and, embroidered on each shirt, was the name of the lady who had sewn it. When the shirts were given to General Washington, the Philadelphia Ladies made sure that the following message was conveyed to each soldier. “We wish these shirts to be worn with as much pleasure as they were made.”

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## OPEN FORUM

### Let us not forget Siers’ policies and their effects on our school system

To the editor,

I would like to remind the teachers, parents, citizens, taxpayers and the law enforcement community that School Superintendent Kevin Siers carefully prepared and sent official communications to state officials – specifically the Virginia Department of Education – that were categorically false, inappropriately disparaging, selfishly misleading, purposefully inaccurate, grossly and negligently exaggerated, and outright dangerous.

In these multiple communications, he made a concerted effort to paint the county as a whole in an unfair and extremely negative light. But it is the language that is used to generalize and describe the citizens of Pulaski County that is absolutely appalling.

He used a literal analogy of war to describe our citizens’ and parents of children’s First Amendment rights that included their freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and their right to assemble and petition the government.

He correlated our community’s civil public discourse to a “Klan rally.” He wrote blatantly false statements to the state about our own local law enforcement officers that have proven to be nothing more than utter fabrications and lies. These lies were meant to sensationalize a narrative to a state official that school board meetings were not safe because of our own local law enforcement officers. This was never true and is not at all fair to the fine men and women who risk their lives to keep this community and our children safe.

Siers flippantly alluded in writing

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Same with Richard Nixon after a Gerald Ford pardon that is now considered statesmanlike and correct by nearly everyone.

No Democrat should be sure that Biden isn’t implicated in the flow of sketchy money into his family, and we already know he violated the law in his handling of classified documents.

It’s not that presidents and former presidents are above the law, but the old norm of forbearance is appropriate.

We shouldn’t want to conduct an experiment in what happens when a presidential candidate with an intense following, keenly attuned to potentially unfair treatment, is subjected to a nakedly political prosecution.

that Pulaski County is worse than a “Syrian warzone” because our citizens and parents chose to exercise their God-given rights of which honorable soldiers have fought for and even sacrificed their lives to protect. He referenced “rules of engagement” and called out all those who disagreed or questioned him as his “opposition.” His opposition he identified as “neighbors, aunts, cousins, life-long friends, and the clergy.”

In the continuation of his war analogy, he threatens them with “the dehumanization of the other side,” and said that our Pulaski County neighbors, aunts, life-long friends and the clergy are “fueled by ignorance, hate and fear.”

He directly shared suggestions on strategies with the state on “a more effective approach” to mitigate those of whom he looks upon as his enemies. He directly declared to a state official that he will “do what we can to keep the detractors marginalized in the processes that are developing.”

From examples within and from the context of Siers’ numerous emails, and what we have seen occur after he has sent all his emails, what he actually means by “marginalized” is that he will troll his “detractors,” he will dox them, he will call them akin to the KKK, and he will say that they are “ignorant, and full of hate and fear.”

What Siers attempted to do with his lies, is to depict to Richmond that this county, its citizens and its parents, are something they are not. He wants the Virginia Department of Education to think this of all of Pulaski County because he was technically asking his liberal allies

cution.

That said, it should be Trump’s responsibility not to inflame an already incendiary situation, but he is. That, though, is another foreseeable downside of going down this route with this particular case.

Trump’s enemies never gave up on the idea that the “walls are closing in,” and they’ve decided, where they have the power, to make it a reality. Once again, they feel justified in violating norms in response to Trump’s threat to norms.

As most everyone agrees, a Bragg prosecution will help Trump in the GOP nomination fight, at least initially. If he’s fortunate in his enemies, the country is not.

for reinforcements to help fight his fabricated war, for state resources to help him squelch his local opposition that he stated would “almost certainly be springing up throughout the state in the coming months, especially in Southwest Virginia.”

The irony in all of this is in his so-called spirit of equity, he literally discriminated against and demonized each and every one who dared to simply question him or sought information about what the new proposed Siers policies entailed.

Well the now infamous Siers policies that he misleadingly said were predicated on state mandates (because he was betting on Youngkin not winning the Governorship, or conservative representatives taking back the House), have in large part caused a student enrollment exodus from our school system and led our students to pursue other school districts like Radford, homeschooling options, or private schools.

The Siers policies are also what has led to the rapid loss of students and subsequently the loss of a lot of state funding needed to support our teachers and our school system. The reduction in our ADM of 143 students significantly affects our schools’ budget by more than \$628,000 in state funding support.

We can’t afford to have a school superintendent that isn’t from here, has never put even one child in our schools, and who negatively feels the way he does about Pulaski County and its people, unjustly develop policies and push them down our parents’ throats.

The Siers policies, his poor leadership and the support he receives from the school board is costing this county hundreds of thousands of dollars and the taxpayers should not simply make up this loss of state funding. We should expect a plan from the next school board to prevent Siers from further damaging our school system and wrecking its finances. We should also expect another plan from them aimed at Getting Our Students Back! We need to get them back into the Pulaski County School System as soon as possible. Pulaski County deserves better, the taxpayers deserve better, our teachers deserve better, the parents deserve better, but most importantly our children deserve better.

Regards,  
E.W. Harless  
Concerned Citizen

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## Transfers

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Gracia Jarrells Nipper to Jimmy L. Fowler, Jr., property at 3300 Extension Street, Pulaski, \$55,000.

Elizabeth Gregory to Nancy Famous, property at 120 Bertha Street, Pulaski, \$106,000.

Aubrey Allen Conner to Linda Paola Zorro Medina, property at 517 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, \$10,000.

Envico RMS, LLC, to RDL Solutions LLC, property at 5190 Dominion Drive, Dublin, \$200,000.

Marylen E. Harmon to James Brett Whitesell, property at Lot 4, Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski County, \$11,000.

Barry Jonathan Keller to Thaddeus Andrew Beasley, property at 7319 River Bluff Road, Fairlawn, Pulaski County, \$430,000.

Joseph Hoff to Whitney M. Lineberry, property at 411 Pico Terrace, Pulaski, \$148,000.

Barbara Worrell Meek to Cindy A. Burkhardt, property at 2958 Barrett Ridge Road, Draper, \$500.

Rebecca Douthat to The Real House Guys, L.L.C., property at 212 Valley Street, Pulaski, \$40,000.

Sandy Hash to Merissa Sachs, property at 1977 Alum Spring Road, Pulaski, \$15,000.

Altie Eveleen Rorrer to Crystal Moore, property at 3511 Case Knife Road, Pulaski, \$10,425.

James Russell Bostic to Nid Ratcliffe, property at 4875 Alum Spring Road, Pulaski, \$22,749.28.

Brian Grubb to Kellie L. Gilbert, property at 708 Wren Street, Pulaski, \$255,000.

David N. Hardy to Audrey McCary, property at 2990 Mt. Olivet Road, Pulaski, \$45,000.

Cole Companies, LLC to Brandon Quesenberry, property at 5463 Mitchell Drive, Dublin, \$155,000.

Sharon Lynn Sharp to Samson Clay Rogers, property at Lot 1, New River, Pulaski County, \$265,000.

Economic Development Authority to RAS Properties of VA, LLC, property at Block 31, 86 E. Main Street, (Jail, Pulaski County), \$36,150.

Norma K. Cranston to Linda Corapi, property at 3234 Dallas Freeman Road, Hiwassee, \$250,000.

Jane Marie Krafft to Sarah R. Sells, property at 6063 Hillcrest Place, Dublin, \$184,000.

Stephen Douglas Corder to Bethany L. Crawford, property at 1813 Vaughn Lane, Pulaski, \$228,900.

Melissa A. Layton to Chance Day, property at 816 Stuart Avenue, Pulaski, \$85,000.

Deborah Gray-Dodd to Kyle D. Gillam, property at 4264 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, \$56,000.

Coy Tillman Bowling to William

R. East, property at 4098 Kirby Road, Draper, \$152,480.

Terri Compton to Robert Langston Underwood, property at 6071 Old Lee Highway, Dublin, \$50,000.

Charleen Bannerman to Ania Austin, property at 5154 Arnold Lane, Dublin, \$12,000.

Richard J. Patterson, Jr. to Charles s. Wimmer, property at 213 Trinkle Avenue, Dublin, \$125,000.

Dean W. Ballard to Jeffrey Sherman Ballard, Sr., property at 713 Lee Highway, Pulaski, \$45,000.

Alan D. Gillis to George Carley Gillis, property at 8590 Parrott River Road, Parrott, \$65,000.

Shah Development, LLC to Solitaire Marie Kelley Pepper, property at 4620 Worrells Way, Dublin, \$374,950.

Jerry Lyn Henley to Michael Walker Cox, property at Big Reed Island between RR & Creek, Pulaski County, \$18,000.

John R. Harvey, Trustee to Kimberly L. Matthews, property at Block 76, Magazine Street, Pulaski, \$7,500.

Kimberly A. Sanders to Black Hollow Properties, LLC, property at 3874 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, \$280,000.

RFS, LLC to RJF Enterprises, LLC, property at 6178 Old Rt 11, Dublin, \$125,950.

RFS, LLC to RJF Enterprises, LLC, property at 636 6th Street, NE, Pulaski, \$115,950.

Black Hollow Properties, LLC to Morgan Brook Farm & Cattle Com, property at Lot 7 Back Creek, Owens Farm Subdivision, Pulaski County, \$2,100,000.

Panuco Properties, LLC to Eric DeWayne Sheppard, property at 612 Matthews Court, Pulaski, \$66,000.

T&Q Rentals, LLC to 5674 Valley View Drive, LLC, property at 5674 Valley View Drive, Dublin, \$99,400.

Roger Allan Akers to David Matthew Dillon, property at 5573 Dunlap Road, Dublin, \$235,000.

Spencer Rigas, Esquire to Keith Miner Brophy, property at 3753 Morehead Lane, Pulaski, \$304,500.

Aaron Cox to Dustin A. Shilah, property at 6709 North Drive, Fairlawn, \$215,000.

Karen Sue Long to George Harvey, property at Shadow Lane Drive, Parcel A, Subdivision, Snowville, \$210,000.

Roger D. Campbell to Marvin Winston Wrenn, property at 8286 Augusta National Drive, Fairlawn, \$95,000.



# Friends

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Pulaski County Supervisors Laura Walters and Dirk Compton were also on scene at the cleanup.

“This is part of our One Bag Challenge,” said Compton. “We’re going to give our Corps of Cadets and our Friends of Peak Creek credit for every bag they put in here today. We’re very proud of both these organizations for helping us pick it up trash. It’s a countywide effort.”

“Conrad Brothers picked up lunch for us today ... that’s huge,” said Cathy Hanks, President of FOPC. “We borrowed the bus from Tangent Outfitters in Pembroke and Valley Eagle and EMS provided us beverages.”

In all, FOPC along with their small army of volunteers collected 162 tires, at least two toilets, a TV and 58 large orange bags of trash from alongside the creek and adjacent roadways.

After about three hours of picking up garbage, FOPC volunteers and Company B cadets gathered for a well-earned lunch at the Pulaski County Social Services building in Pulaski’s Maple Shade Plaza.

There to meet them was 12th District Delegate Jason Ballard and his family.

“Today we’re here to present a general assembly commendation to the Friends of Peak Creek for their 10th year anniversary,” said Ballard. “So, I wanted to stop by and say hello and congratulate them on reaching a milestone of 10 years. After that, my family and I are gonna go out and do the One Bag Challenge here in Pulaski County. Supervisor Mike Mooney is going to take us to pick up some trash along the road to try to clean it up a little bit.”

“This was, without a doubt, our biggest event,” said Cathy Hanks, who has served as President of FOPC for the last eight years. “We had 70 participants from the community and Bravo Company. The weather was great and a record amount of trash was collected.”

“We received a commendation from the Virginia House of Delegates for our 10th Anniversary,” Hanks continued. “We were honored to be recognized by the Virginia House of Delegates and appreciate Jason Ballard for making that happen. This recognition is due completely to the continued efforts of the volunteers, members, and supporters we have had for the past decade. This was really a good day for FOPC!”



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Bravo Company of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and other volunteers of the Friends of Peak Creek pose in front of a large dumpster on Gatewood Park Road that they filled with trash. According to FOPC President Cathy Hanks, this was their most successful cleanup effort to date.



William/Paine/The Patriot

This Commendation of congratulation from the Virginia House of Delegates was presented to the Friends of Peak Creek by Delegate Jason Ballard in recognition of their 10 year anniversary.



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From left front row: Jason Ballard, James Ballard, John Thomas Ballard; Second Row: William Ballard and Catherine Ballard. Delegate Ballard came to the Friends of Peak Creek luncheon to present a commendation from the House of Delegates recognizing the 10th anniversary of the FOPC.

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# Pulaski County meetings for April

• Monday, April 3, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 3 p.m., (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Friday, April 7, 2023, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Friday, April 7, 2023, in observance of Good Friday. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

• Monday, April 10, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 3 p.m., (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, April 11, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meet-

ing, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the

operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

• Tuesday, April 11, 2023, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Con-

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## Jackson Park, Pulaski VA

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Above:  
American Visions Nominee Trent Hollinsworth a 10th grader at Radford High School won a \$250 scholarship for his entry into the Scholastic Art Awards

At Right:  
Olivia Close of Dalton Intermediate School in Radford won a \$250 scholarship from the Fine Arts Center for her work entitled "Princess De La Muerte"

Far Right:  
Quinn Weigel of Pulaski County High School garnered an Honorable Mention for her Portfolio of work seen here.

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# FAC for the NRV hosts Scholastic Art Awards

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley hosted a reception for the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards this past Sunday, March 26. This is the 100th Anniversary of the Scholastic Awards, which have grown to become the country's most prestigious awards for creative teens.

Art works from 72 high school and middle school students were accepted out of more than 500 entries into this scholastic art competition. Artwork submitted by these students garnered Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention awards. The highest rated works of art are listed as American Vision Nominees and National Award Winners.

This year, thanks to an anonymous donor, American Vision Nominees will receive a \$250 scholarship from the Fine Arts Center.

"Isn't this art amazing?" Asked FAC for the NRV Executive Director Becky Lattuca. "We hope to be able to offer these scholarships every year."

Among the scholarship winners was Trent Hollandsworth of Rad-

ford High School for an illustration entitled Teething. Olivia Close, of Dalton Intermediate School in Radford also won a scholarship for a piece entitled, Princess De La Muerte.

For the first time in years, the work of a Pulaski High School student won recognition in the Scholastic Awards as Quinn Weigel garnered an Honorable Mention for her art portfolio.

"Pattie Nuckles and Ashley Tawney at Pulaski County High School have been especially good about promoting this program with their kids," said FAC President J.R. "Next year we hope to have some submissions from Pulaski Middle School."

National Award Winners, American Vision Nominees, Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention designees were recognized at a ceremony held at the Pulaski Theatre later that afternoon.

Olivia Close \$250 scholarship – Based on the piece not the individual so Alex Henion from Burton Center for Arts and Technology has three separate pieces – American Vision \$750 from FAC Trent Hollinsworth – Radford Student – Grade 10 – Age 16 Dalton Intermediate



## Meetings

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tact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

- Tuesday, April 18, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-

980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employees.

- Tuesday, April 18, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 6:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions and the interpretation of the County's Zoning Ordinances.

- Monday, April 24, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite

1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

- Tuesday, April 25, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Budget Work Session, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 2:30 p.m., (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

- Tuesday, April 25, 2023, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6:30 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7351 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Village Oaks Plaza, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-633-5146). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

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Sassafras Bluegrass Band

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# NRCC Concert Series to hold free concert on April 8

The music of Sassafras Bluegrass Band will be featured during New River Community College’s Concert Series event on Sat., April 8, 2023. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

Sassafras Bluegrass Band is based in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The group is a bluegrass band who pays homage to the Bill Monroe and the Flatt & Scruggs era but also enjoys pushing the edge of progressive Newgrass music as well. Their repertoire also includes a range of musical styles including old time, country, folk, western swing and originals. Sassafras Bluegrass Band members have performed at a long list of festivals and venues including Merlefest, Walnut Valley Festival, Riverhawk Music Festival, Songs of the Mountain, King Pup Syndicated Radio, Red White and Bluegrass Festival, Albino Skunk Festival, Plum Hollow Festival, Chomp

& Stomp Festival, Mean Fiddler, Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival, Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival, High Mountain Bluegrass Festival, Pickin’ on the Plains, Rogersville Bluegrass Festival, Outer Banks Bluegrass Festival, Wickenburg Bluegrass Festival, and many others. Collectively, they have shared the stage or studio with Doc Watson, Jack Lawrence, Charlie Waller, Josh Graves, John Cowan, Jim Lauderdale, Ronnie Bowman, Tony Rice, Russell Moore, Jim Buchanan, Allison Krauss, Tim O’Brien, Mark O’Connor, Laurie Lewis, Tony Furtado and many others. The group includes Wes Tuttle on mandolin, fiddle and vocals; Gray Tuttle on banjo and vocals; Josh Scott on bass and vocals; and Randy Gambill on guitar and vocals.

Corporate sponsors of the music events include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; CCKY, LLC – Fazoli’s,

Dublin; Deanie Hall – State Farm Agent, Dublin; Estes Auto & Truck Parts Inc., Pilot; First Community Bank, Pulaski; Gregory Seeding and Landscaping Company, Pulaski; King Tire Service, Pulaski; Lee’s Body Shop, Pearisburg; Martin’s Pharmacy, Pulaski; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Dublin; **Pulaski Patriot**, Pulaski; SERVPRO, Montgomery & Pulaski Counties; and Southern Furniture Warehouse, Radford.

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

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



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## March photo club winners, April meeting announced

Tracy Burlingame of Riner won the Radford Photo Club’s March challenge, Street Photography, and tied for second with a photo taken outside a beauty shop.

Linda Waggaman of Radford tied for second. “While trying to complete our assignment of street photography, I was taken by a view between two buildings in downtown Radford,” she said.

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the

public.

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If you have questions about the Radford Photo Club, email Lucy Gilmore at [lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com](mailto:lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com) or [mborgarelli@gmail.com](mailto:mborgarelli@gmail.com)



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# Hokies face LSU in Final Four

## Secrist, Keefer make All-State

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SEATTLE — Dallas, here come the Hokies! Elizabeth Kitley and Georgia Amoore combined for 49 points to lift Virginia Tech to an 84-74 victory over Ohio State in the Seattle Regional 3 final of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Monday night inside Climate Pledge Arena.

Making their debut in the Elite Eight, the Hokies' (31-4) historic season now continues with their first trip to the Final Four, which begins Friday at 7 p.m. ET against LSU in Dallas, Texas.

Ohio State (28-8), which knocked off UConn in the Sweet 16 and ended the Huskies' streak of 14 straight Final Fours, was seeking its second trip to the Final Four in program history (1993). However, Tech overcame its first deficit of the NCAA Tournament to continue its postseason run.

Kitley recorded her 56th career double-double, surpassing Regan Magarity for the program record, behind a game-high-tying 25 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. The Summerfield, N.C., native scored seven straight points for Tech to open the fourth quarter.

Amoore dialed up 24 points, her sixth straight game of at least 21 points. She connected on at least four threes for the fourth straight contest. Cayla King scored nine of her 12 points in the opening stanza, while Taylor Soule also chipped in 12 points on 4 of 7 shooting.

The Hokies were money from the charity stripe, converting 24 of 28 attempts (85.7%). Tech owned the glass with a 32-24 rebounding advantage.

Taylor Mikesell led the Buckeyes in the scoring column with 25 on 7 for 11 shooting from beyond the arc. She scored 19 in the first half. Jacy Sheldon and Cotie McMahon, the Big Ten Freshman of the Year, contributed 19 and 18 points, respectively.

### How it Happened

» Tech hit its first seven shots of the game, including three from beyond the arc en route to a 17-12 advantage

» A driving layup by Sheldon at the 1:49 mark gave Ohio State a 23-22 lead, which was the Hokies' first deficit of the NCAA Tournament

» The Buckeyes held Tech without a field goal for the final 4:17 of



Hokies head coach Kenny Brooks celebrates his team's reaching the Final Four.



Georgia Amoore drives against Ohio State.

the opening stanza in building a 25-22 advantage through 10 minutes

» VT responded in the second quarter, shooting 61.5% (8-13) to reclaim the lead at 48-45 heading into halftime

» Both teams combined to shoot 59.6% in the first half (34-57)

» The Hokies limited OSU to 4 of 15 shooting in the third quarter

(26.7%), while Amoore hit one of her signature step-back threes to punctuate the end of the period with Tech in front, 63-55

» Kitley opened the final frame by scoring Tech's first seven points

» Ohio State got no closer than six points the rest of the way as the Hokies knocked down 10 free throws in the fourth quarter

### Game Notes

» VT advances to the Final Four

for the first time in program history after making its Elite Eight debut Monday night

» The Hokies improved to 2-0 against Ohio State all-time

» VT moved to 13-11 in NCAA Tournament games (12 appearances)

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

See HOKIES, page B3

### Patriot Staff Report

Laken Greever struck out 11 and Sydney Phibbs went 3-for-3 at the plate in an 11-0 rout of Radford on Tuesday at Pulaski County School.

Pulaski County scored five runs in their half of the first inning to take the lead for good.

Greever went the five-inning distance for the Lady Cougars to get the win. She surrendered only five hits in the shutout victory.

Phibbs had a big day at the plate, getting three hits – one a homerun – and plated three RBI.

Paige Huff and Addison Puckett had two hits for Pulaski County.

The Lady Cougars also kept Radford's defense busy all afternoon, grabbing four stolen bases with Huff, Phibbs, Victoria Hale and Tori Vest all swiping bases.

Pulaski County (2-3) traveled to Roanoke Thursday to face Patrick Henry at 5 p.m.

The Lady Cougars host George Wythe (Wednesday) and Hidden Valley on Thursday, April 5 and 6. Gametimes, weather permitting are 5 p.m.

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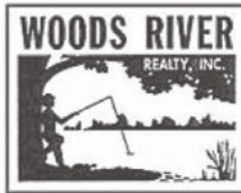
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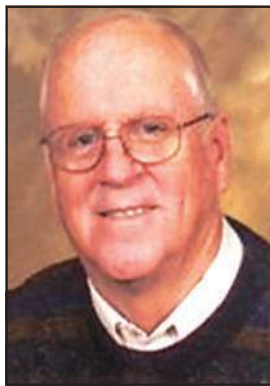
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A) Petition by Andrew & Julie Rosenberger, Variance to Article 4.7C, Setbacks in Low Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 6133 Hall Drive Dublin, VA 24141 Tax Map # 066-002-0000-0013 Ingles District.

B) Petition by TAS Design, Inc on behalf of Robert and Wendy Rotanz, Variance to Article 4.8.C, Setback Requirement in Medium Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 4005 Cabin Land Drive Radford, VA 24141 Tax Map # 084-003-0000-0008, Ingles District.

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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On or subsequent to May 2, 2023, proceedings will be commenced under authority of §§58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following real properties for non-payment of Pulaski County real estate taxes:

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Melinda L. Worrell, Treasurer of Pulaski County

## Hokies

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» Tech earned its 31st victory of the season (program record)

» VT recorded its eighth win over an AP Top-25 team (program record)

» Tech is a No. 1 seed for the first time in program history

» Georgia Amooore topped the 20-point plateau for the 14th time this season and sixth straight game – the longest streak by a Tech player in 20 years

» Elizabeth Kitley recorded the 56th double-double of her career,

passing Regan Magarity's 55; Kitley finished with team highs in points (25) and rebounds (12)

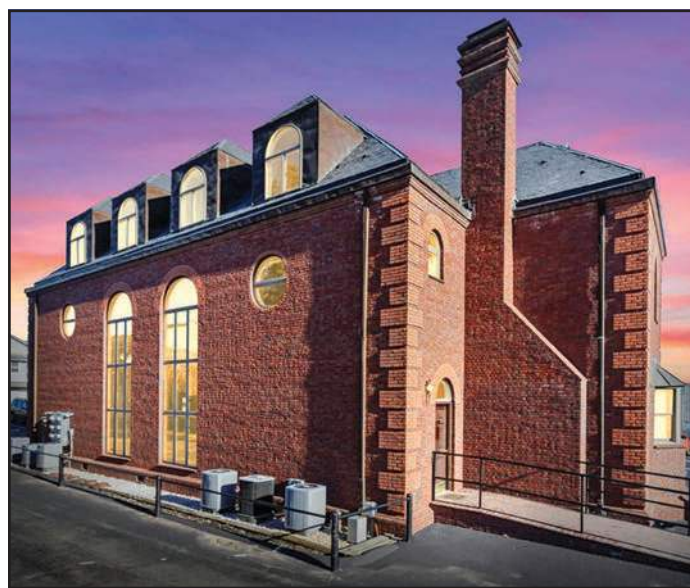
» Tech generated 73 of its 84 points from Kitley, Amooore and the free-throw line

Up Next

» Tech will face No. 3 seed LSU, the Greenville Region 2 champion, Friday at 7 p.m. ET on ESPN.

» The Hokies have met the Tigers three times, posting a 1-2 record all-time

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State

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King's Fork, 55-49, in the state semifinals. The victory in the state title game finals claimed Hampton's fourth state championship and its second since 2020. The Crabbers won two Group AAA titles in 2001 and 2007.

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Keslyn Secrist (left) and Hannah Keefer led the Lady Cougars to the Class 4 state title game this season.

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Cougar tennis team opens season with loss

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County's boys tennis team's season finally got underway at Christiansburg last Thursday (March23).

The Cougars fell hard to the Blue Demons, 9-0.

"After the first two home matches were postponed, starting the season away at Christiansburg ended our hopes of starting with a winning record," said Cougars coach Chad Graham.

"Their No. 1 player is likely to contend for a state championship. Everyone else on the team is well-trained. Hopefully, we will give

them more competition when they visit Pulaski County on April 21," Graham continued.

Pulaski County's next match has Patrick Henry visiting PCHS.

**Singles:**

- 1. Camden Hite 0-6 1-6
- 2. Aaron Bennet 1-6 0-6
- 3. Mark Graham 1-6 1-6
- 4. Eli Duke 0-6 2-6
- 5. Ethan Worley 1-6 0-6
- 6. Jackson Rah Lan 1-6 0-6

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Pursuant to an Order of sale entered by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County on March 27, 2023 in the case of County of Pulaski, Virginia v. Donald R. Hodge, et al., case # 2022-537, Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner, shall offer the following real property for sale at public auction on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the front of the Pulaski County Circuit Courthouse, 45 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia:

A 0.399 acre parcel of improved land located at 528 Kerry Street in the Town of Dublin, Pulaski County, Virginia, currently bearing tax map/parcel # 56-6-F-15, tax account # 20554, as acquired by Donald R. Hodge by deed dated August 30, 2004, recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office as land instrument # 2004-5313.

Terms of Sale: Cash deposit of 20% of the selling price (highest bid) on the day of sale, full balance of the purchase price in collected funds (no personal checks) within 10 calendar days after the date of entry of an Order of confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. If the successful bidder defaults, then the property may be sold to the next highest bidder and the deposit shall be deemed forfeited. Additional terms of sale may be announced at the time of sale. The property will be sold and conveyed in “AS IS” condition, in all respects and aspects, and title will be transferred by special commissioner’s deed with special warranty of title, subject to any and all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, and/or regulations of record affecting the property. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. Notice is hereby given that the title owner of record of the above-identified property, Donald R. Hodge, may redeem his property prior to 4:30 p.m. on April 11, 2023 by paying in full to the Treasurer of Pulaski County and the Treasurer of the Town of Dublin all delinquent taxes (both county and town), lien amounts, penalties, interest, and publication and litigation costs, pursuant to Virginia Code §§58.1-3965 et seq.

Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 636 FOURTH STREET, N.E., PULASKI, VIRGINIA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert L. Reed and William Stuart Cregger, a/k/a William Stuart Reed, a/k/a Stuart Cregger (both now deceased), for the benefit of National Bank of Blacksburg, dated November 25, 2020, recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office as land instrument # 2020-4374, there having been a default under said deed of trust and the promissory note secured by it, and the beneficiary secured thereby having directed execution thereof and having appointed Samuel D. Campbell as substitute trustee by Appointment of Substitute Trustee, dated March 20, 2023, recorded in said Clerk’s Office as land instrument # 2023-751, and 14 days prior written notice of sale having been given to all parties entitled to such notice under Virginia Code §55.1-321, I, Samuel D. Campbell, sole substitute trustee, shall proceed to execute said deed of trust by offering the following real property for sale at public auction at the front of the Pulaski County Circuit Courthouse, 45 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia, on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.:

Located at 636 Fourth Street, N.E., Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County, Virginia, currently bearing tax map/parcel # 72-51-246-17 & 18, tax account # 8997, being Lots 17 & 18 in Block 246 of the Town of Pulaski, as fully described in the aforesaid 11-25-2020 deed of trust and in a deed dated June 30, 2008, recorded the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office as land instrument # 2008-3110.

Terms of Sale: Cash deposit of 10% of the selling price (highest bid) of the property on the day of sale, full balance of the purchase price in cash or its equivalent at settlement within 20 consecutive calendar days after the date of sale. If the successful bidder defaults, then the property may be sold to the next highest bidder and the deposit shall be deemed forfeited. Additional terms of sale may be announced at the time of sale. The property will be sold and conveyed in “AS IS” condition, and title will be transferred by trustee’s deed with special warranty of title, subject to any and all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, and/or regulations existing at the time of sale.

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Public Notice

Pulaski County

Planning Commission

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.



# Craig's book recounts his 'Road To Redemption'

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

Local author, Christopher D. Craig, Sr., has a story to tell – and he shares it through his new book “Road to Redemption: Living in Darkness and Finding My Way Out.”

Craig's story isn't just about how a local author published a book. Rather, it is a story about how God redeemed his life and put him on the path to be a Lamp to others who are in darkness, a Lifeboat to people going through rough waters, and a Ladder for them to climb out of the pit they are in.

“The Lord showered me with love and peace through the ups and downs of my life, leading me in this journey to find Christ,” explained Craig. Quoting Matthew 11:23 NIV, Craig continued, “I want to point others to the One who said, ‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.’”

Life is not always smooth sailing and Craig's life took many twists and turns. He recalls life growing up Catholic; and being molested by a priest as an overweight 15-year old. It caused him to lose faith and become a self-conscious, self-serving kid, striving to be accepted. As a high-school senior, he starred in the play, “South Pacific,” and found an audience who loved his singing and funny sense of humor. He also encountered serious health issues with Crohn's disease.

“Even though I didn't have eye-appeal with the cheerleader types, when I opened my mouth and sang, I got noticed,” he said. This new found talent escalated him into working at dinner theaters, singing in more musicals and eventually as an internationally acclaimed singer on a cruise ship, traveling to three continents. However, the monotony of the daily life aboard ship led to boredom which led to too much drinking.

Craig recalls one particular cruise to a port in Mexico where cruise members would leave the ship and go away from the tourists to drink. He recollects one bar-game where they set up 34 double drinks around the bar and you had to drink as many as you could in an hour.

“I was the youngest and thought I had something to prove, so I drank all 34 drinks but didn't remember anything after that ... other than I won the contest. After that, I pursued the lifestyle that gave me more wine, women and song.”

During one of his cruises, Craig met a girl and fell in love. Seeking more stability in his life, Craig returned home to marry the girl of his dreams, but her parents said no. He was 20 years old and she was only 18. After their breakup, Craig attempted suicide. His life took a nosedive and went into a tailspin, craving more self-grat-

ification. He began singing with the Fat Ammon's Band in Myrtle Beach and received adulation from fans.

“I had the look, the voice, a white Mustang convertible, but I was living a lie. I put all the effort into myself and thought that would get me through,” he wistfully recalls.

Craig and the band were playing in Farmville for a Fourth of July concert when he met a new girlfriend. Craig's health once again became an issue and the band let him go. His girlfriend said she had a connection with a show in Nevada, so he sold everything and relocated – but by the time they got there, the show had closed and moved to Korea. Because he didn't have any money to return home, he lived in Durango, CO for a year. There he was diagnosed with a serious case of Crohn's disease, and almost died.

The couple decided to get married and later they had a son; and moved back to Virginia Beach, where he rejoined the band. The marriage lasted only two years, when his wife took their car and child and left. So Craig returned to his life of wine, women and song.

“At that point, the pay was getting smaller, the miles were getting longer and I wasn't getting any younger, so I decided to leave the band.”

Although Craig thought he wanted more of a normal life, he continued to lead the wine, women and song lifestyle. He said he stopped looking for “the one” (Mrs. Right) and instead looked for Mrs. Right-Now.

However, he did meet the future Mrs. Right while playing at a Christmas party in Bluefield. The couple hit it off and did an impromptu floor show, doing an Elvis impersonation. Five months later Beth and Christopher were married. Together they have a son, Jacob. Craig worked in several different jobs including a cable company, deputy sheriff, youth prison guard and worked with special needs children. His wife is a third-grade school teacher in the Montgomery County School System.

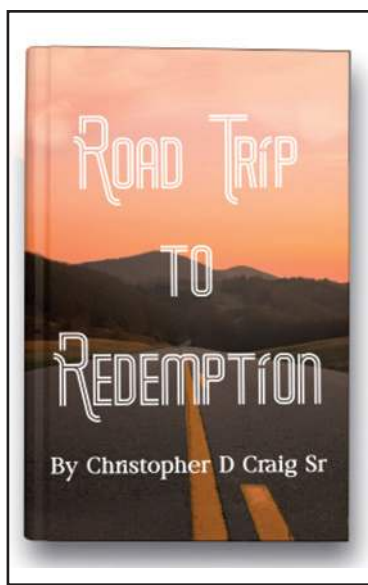
During their 23-year marriage, Craig has suffered through more Crohn's surgeries, stage 4 throat cancer and Parkinson's disease, but believes, “The Lord has something else for me, that's why I'm still alive. That's why I'm still here.”

Craig said it was during his 35 radiation treatments for cancer that he found the Lord.

“I was lying in the hospital bed two-months at a time, and could barely move. It was a struggle even to get from the bed to the bathroom. One night, I felt a nudge to get out of bed. I got up and walked a short distance, kicked a trash can over to the wall and put my hands up on the wall as high as I could. While leaning my head against the wall and getting sick, I managed to pour out my thoughts to God.

“I don't know how to talk to you or pray. If this is it, it's ok. If not, let's get on with it.”

“In response, I felt a surge in my fingers down to my feet. Beth found a Christian radio station I



could listen to on my laptop. The For King & Country song, ‘Proof of Your Love’ came on. That's when I completely knew. Beth looked at me and said, ‘there's your proof.’ It confirmed I had found my faith. I knew the Lord was the One guiding me the whole time. I just wasn't giving Him the room to show me what I was supposed to do.”

Craig continued, “You don't come to the Lord and give yourself up to Him without a fight. Satan attacked me really bad, to the point I was abusing pain killers because of Crohns and cancer. I voluntarily put myself in the hands of medical personnel who could help me.”

As he went through counseling, Craig experienced more of God's grace and is free of the reliance on pain killers. During that time, he had another heart-to-heart with the Lord. “One night in the room, I said ‘Lord, can you show me how to know you?’ I wrote a song in two-hours including lyrics and melody.



Chris Craig

We just have to be still and listen to Him,” Craig confesses. His song is being prepared for future release.

Even though Craig is home-bound and considered fully disabled, he has found time to train his three-year-old emotional support dog, Marley; write his book “Road to Redemption” which was released on January 18, 2023; prepare the script for an upcoming TEDx speech for YouTube; and produced two videos promoting his book. He is also considering doing public speaking appearances in person or virtually from his home.

Craig's book “Road to Redemption” is his journey of faith, meant to encourage others. He says, “I

felt my faith was taken from me at age 15, so I put my faith in myself. Then I found out how much I really needed the Lord. When I made him part of my life, things got so much better. I had to take a trip and find the path. It wasn't straight – lots of curves and bumps. But here I am and it's all good. I want to share and inspire other people and let them know they are not by themselves. God is with them.”

The Road to Redemption can be purchased online at: ChristopherDCraigSr.com, or in bookstores everywhere. Local purchasers can get their book signed by Craig.

## Pulaski man charged in Bentley Hollow shooting case

From Pulaski Police Department

On Friday, March 17, 2023 at approximately 9 p.m., officers responded to 255 Bentley Hollow Road in reference to shots fired. Officers were later contacted by a victim who advised that someone had shot at their residence.

Detectives were called to the scene and discovered a total of eight bullet holes in the victim's residence, two of which traveled through multiple walls and into the living room.

At the time of the shooting, three adults and four children were present inside the residence, but no one was injured.

Ryan Lewis Grubb, 34 of Pulaski was arrested and charged with

multiple felonies including transportation of a firearm by a felon, shooting at an occupied dwelling and shooting from a vehicle.

We would like to thank the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Pulaski County Joint 911 Communication Center, NRV 911 Authority, Radford City Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Blacksburg Police Department, Pulaski Fire Department and Pulaski Probation and Parole for their assistance throughout this incident.

This is an ongoing investigation. If you have any information regarding this incident you are encouraged to contact Lt. S.J. Grim at 540-994-8669 or call our anonymous tip line at 540-994-2586.



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Pulaski County Public Schools photo  
Director of CTE and the Governor's STEM Academy for Pulaski County Public Schools Megan Atkinson speaks to CTE visitors.

# CTE Center hosts regional, state-level groups

The Pulaski County High School Career and Technical Education Center (CTE) was part of a visit by several groups Friday to highlight different areas that would benefit possible future employers considering moving to the Pulaski County area.

Members of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, a state organization that helps recruit national and international businesses to the Commonwealth, and Onward NRV, a public/private, regional economic development organization whose mission is to attract and retain world class jobs, investment and talent in Virginia's New River Valley, were escorted by Pulaski County Economic Development Director Michael Solomon, who hosted the group on a lifestyle visit for Pulaski County.

The CTE Center was one stop on the tour that also included tours

of the Pulaski County Innovation Center, as well as the Pulaski County Experiential Center.

"We appreciated the opportunity to show regional and state-level economic development offices that we provide a high-quality education for students as they plan for their careers," Director of CTE and the Governor's STEM Academy for Pulaski County Public Schools Megan Atkinson said. "Starting the Workforce Development conversation in the K-12 setting allows us to build a strong foundation for our future workforce. We are fortunate to have strong industry partners invested across multiple career pathways. The Career and Technical Education points of pride showcased programs that supported Health and Medical Science, Advanced Manufacturing and Pro-

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Advanced Chorus

Pulaski County Public Schools photos



Treble Chorus

# Cougar Choir receives highest ratings at district

Members of the Pulaski County High School Chorus and Advanced Concert Chorus traveled to Patrick Henry High School in Glade Springs to perform in the Virginia Choral Directors Association District Assessment (VCDA) Saturday. In the end, the PCHS students received the highest marks offered.

The VCDA is a group that gives choir students from across the Commonwealth the chance to perform and receive ratings on their performances, as well as feedback on how they can improve. While

the choirs do not compete against each other, the goal is to receive the highest rating possible for your performance.

Pulaski County High School is a member of District 7, which includes the counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Washington, Wise, and Wythe. Also included are the cities of Bristol, Fries, Galax, and Norton. Several colleges are also included in the group, including Bluefield College, Clinch Valley College, Emory and Henry, Mountain Empire Community College, SWVA Community College, UVA-Wise, Virginia Highlands Community College, and Virginia Intermont College.

The PCHS Treble Chorus received straight Superior Ratings from all three judges and a sight-reading rating of Superior. This choir is made up of 12 treble singers who performed "Symphony of the Heart" by Rollo Dilworth and "When I am Silent" by Joan Varner.

Members of the Treble Chorus include Kaya Akers, Brittany Back, Charlene Byrd, Victoria Cantrell, Hailey Cole, Katrina Collins, Rosie Collins, Kaydence Conner, Mikaylia Draper, Erica Lutz, Eliza Morgan, and Erika Vest.

Advanced Concert Choir also received straight Superior Ratings from all three judges and a sight-reading rating of Superior. This choir has 19 singers and they performed "Dobru Noc" arranged by Victor C. Johnson and "Hold Me, Rock Me" by Brian Tate.

Members of the Advanced Concert Choir include Kaya Akers, Gwen Arnold, Brittany Back, Lacey France, Colin Hall, Brianna Henson, Kalee Hodges, Kristy Hodges, Dante Holmes, James Johnson, Carlie Keller, Bruce Keller, Seth Martin, Clark Mount, Conner Phillips, Brianna Ratcliff, Samantha Scott, Addisyn Slaughter, and Madison Williams.

"These students represented PCHS with dignity, energy and respect, both on and off the stage," PCHS Choral Director Angela Talbert said. "They were superior in every way!"

The Choral Department will join with the rest of the PCHS Fine Arts Department Friday, March 31, for their "Night on Broadway" concert. The show will feature performances by the PCHS band, drama department, and choir, along with displays by the PCHS art students. Concert begins at 6:30 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m. Admission will be free, and donations will be gladly accepted.

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# RU releases Dean's List for Fall 2022

RADFORD -- Radford University has released its Dean's List for Fall 2022. Appearing on the Dean's List is the most prestigious academic recognition Radford University students can receive for their performance during a semester.

Students will be placed on the Dean's List if they meet four specific criteria. They must have 12 semester hours of coursework graded A-F; earn GPA's of at least 3.4 for courses not graded on a pass-fail basis; obtain no grade lower than "C"; and receive no incomplete grades.

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Radford University is a comprehensive public university of 7,718 students that has received national recognition for many of its undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as its sustainability initiatives. Well known for its strong faculty/student bonds, innovative use of technology in the learning environment and vibrant student life on a beautiful 211-acre American classical campus, Radford University offers students many opportunities to get involved and succeed in and out of the classroom. With over 300 clubs and organizations, Radford University offers many opportunities for student engagement, leadership development and community service. In addition to robust academic offerings and engaging student experiences on the main campus located in Radford, Virginia, Radford University also offers a clinical-based educational experience for more than 1,100 students living and learning in Roanoke, Virginia as part of Radford University Carilion, a public-private partnership focused on the cutting-edge delivery of health sciences programming, outreach and service.

## CTE

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duction, Transportation and Logistics, IT and Cybersecurity, and Construction."

Pulaski County students and CTE staff members were also on hand to help explain their programs and give examples of how those programs have benefited students and local, regional employers, and international employers.

Originally known as the vocational department, the CTE Cen-

ter now prepares students for future employment in many areas, including offering the chance to earn industry certifications and licensing while still in high school.

These opportunities offer students the chance to enter the workforce immediately after high school into good paying jobs, or they can continue to earn further certifications and licensing while working in their field of choice.



Del. Jason Ballard and his family join Supervisor Mike Mooney in cleaning up along Cougar Trail Road as part of the county's "One Bag Challenge."

## Del. Ballard joins county's Mooney in taking part in 'One Bag Challenge'

Local elected officials, Delegate Jason Ballard and Supervisor Mike Mooney, participated in Pulaski County's "One Bag Challenge" by cleaning up Cougar Trail Road near Pulaski County High School.

The challenge runs from March 26 through June 26.

"My family and I enjoyed being included in the very first Challenge, and we look forward to remaining involved through June 26th," said Delegate Ballard.

"It was a warm, sunny day, and we were able to help preserve the beauty of Pulaski County by filling several bags of trash. My kids enjoyed helping out, and it was a great opportunity for them to give back to our community. This is what being a community is all about."

Supervisor Mooney added, "I appreciate Delegate Ballard joining my wife and me for the One Bag Challenge. We've spent several afternoons picking up trash in the area, and we were glad to host Delegate Ballard and his family for this clean-up effort today. I was thrilled to highlight what a wonderful community spirit we have right here in Pulaski County."

If you are interested making a roadside clean-up difference, submit a before and after picture of your bag(s) to Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chair, Laura Walters, at [lwalters@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:lwalters@pulaskicounty.org).

Five gift card winners will be randomly selected at each of the upcoming Pulaski County Board of Supervisors monthly meetings being held on April 24th,




May 22nd, and June 26th (winners do not need to be present). With continued warm weather ahead,

"One Bag at a Time" is a great way to enjoy the sunshine and be a part of the future of Pulaski, one bag and one stretch of roadside at a time.

There have been 395 bags to date picked up and 47 tires along with numerous miscellaneous furniture house fixtures, small appliances and lawnmowers etc as of last Friday. We have 95 participants including 35 new this month.

Winners were Adam Farris, Maren and Kevin Meredith, Donia Ely and Julie Williams, Kym and Matt Allen, and Tina and Jim Cometta.

The Board of Supervisors, the EDA and Dublin Town Council have taken the challenge and picked up, along with Ballard. They are included in the totals above!



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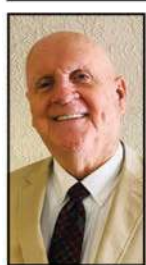
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Terry McCraw

# The Lost Coin

The thing we will address in this message is the Lost Coin. The coin was lost, it didn't know it was lost and didn't know how to be found.

A lot of folks are like the lost coin. They are lost but they don't know that they are lost. They are too busy enjoying the pleasures of sin for a season to plan for their eternal future. They have never given much, if any, thought to what will happen to them after death. They're just going down their road, singing their song, not really realizing that they are on the road that leads to their destruction.

After I was saved, my friends who were already saved, rejoiced. My parents rejoiced. The whole church where I got saved rejoiced. And all of Heaven rejoiced too. For I once was lost, but now I had been found by Jesus, the blessed Lord and Savior.

There are a lot of folks out in the world who are like this lost coin. They are lost, but they don't know that they are lost. They never stop long enough from their busy lives to even think about the next life.

Perhaps they have grown up in a home where their parents didn't teach them about their need to be saved. Perhaps their parents didn't know that they were lost either.

In our scripture in Luke 15 we see that the religious crowd in Jesus' day were lambasting Jesus for associating with sinners.

You know, it's a good thing for you and me that Jesus does associate with sinners, for if not, we'd still be lost and on our way to a devil's hell.

Jesus didn't partake of the sins of sinners, but He did show them that He loved them, and that He wanted them to be saved. He preached the word of God to them, the Holy Ghost convicted them of their sins, and many were saved.

Those who are lost, and don't know that they are lost, are those who are walking around in total darkness and have their eyes blinded by the devil. Christ is seeking after them, but they don't see the need to be saved.

They are just wandering around in the darkness. And even if they do believe in God, they don't believe that God would send anyone to hell, including them.

The truth is, God doesn't send anyone to Hell. It's not God's will that any should perish but that all should come unto repentance. If a person ends up in hell, they'll have to walk across the blood of Jesus to get there.

God has given His only Son to purchase salvation for every person and to keep us out of hell. What more could God do than what has already been done, to show His love for lost souls?

If a person ends up in a devil's hell, it will be because they have, of their own free will, rejected God's only begotten Son and His death for them on Calvary, so they can be saved. If they end up in a devil's hell it will be because THEY have chosen death over life. Because they have put themselves there by living an ungodly life and rejecting God's calling to them to come and be saved.

Those who are involved in Cults are lost, and they don't know they are lost. They are being deceived by false doctrines, false teachers and false prophets and are traveling down a road which they leads to destruction.

Then there are those who are so caught up in the sin that they are practicing, they don't want to give up that sin. They haven't really stopped to count the costs

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

## Grace Baptist Church

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Pastor: Doug Testerman  
674-1762  
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Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
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Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.  
Phone: 980-2046

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423-716-2570  
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
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Phone: 980-2413  
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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www.vhmdublin.org  
540-674-4729

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540-674-6061  
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org  
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

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Pastor Justin Phillips  
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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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Darrell Linkous: 353-0081  
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

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Wednesday  
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(June - Aug.)  
Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook  
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www.trinitypulaski.org

## Trinity United Methodist

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540-980-5433  
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch  
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
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www.dublinchristianchurch.com  
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Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Sunday School: 10:00 am

## Max Creek Baptist Church

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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

## Pulaski Church of God

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540-980-8880  
www.pulaskicog.church  
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## Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church

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

## Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.

4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/  
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(540) 250-2974  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 7 p.m.  
Monday Bible Study  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

## First Baptist Church

220 Magazine Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-3336  
Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday  
Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

## Dora Highway Baptist Church

321 Dora Highway  
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Pastor: Harry Gunter  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
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New Hope Chapel  
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Pastor Darrell Gray  
(276) 733-6080  
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10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday Service

## Grace Episcopal Church

210 4th Street, Radford, 24141  
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Rev. Deacon William Yagel  
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http://www.graceradford.org  
Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church  
Morning Prayer services at 8:00am and  
10:30am (live stream of service available)



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of being lost, and they remain in sin for the temporary pleasure of it.

Then there are those like Felix who was tempted to become a Christian, but put it off until a more convenient season. As far as we know from the record, a more convenient season never came for him.

Procrastination is a big word that means, to put something off. Procrastination sends more people to Hell than almost anything else except unbelief. A lot of folks put off their soul's salvation too long and finally die in their sins because they really didn't realize or believe that they'd be eternally lost. They planned to come to Christ and be saved, but later. Tomorrow will do. It'll be as good as today.

Notice that it was NOT the lost coin that sought its owner. It was the woman who sought the coin, and looked for it until she found it. After searching high and low, sweeping and garnishing the whole house, she finally found it.

It was the coin that was lost. She was not lost. In the same vein, when we were sinners, it was we who were lost. God was not lost. We were not seeking God. But thank God, He was seeking for us. He loved us enough to keep on searching for us until he found us and saved us.

When the woman found her lost coin, she was filled with great joy, and she called in all of her friends to rejoice with her for the coin that was found. That's how it is in heaven when one lost soul is found. Somehow, I believe, word of a saved soul gets up to heaven. And there is great rejoicing in heaven over it.

There's a celebration over it, for a soul that was bound for hell has been found. A brand has been plucked from the burning. The devil is defeated again. No wonder there is joy in the presence of the Angels over one sinner who repents and is saved.

## Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Thyatira (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who was David's oldest brother who picked on him for coming to the battle lines? Abner, Omri, Amasa, Eliab
3. After Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, who lived in a cave with his daughters? Job, Lot, Levi, Joel
4. In Luke 3, who told Roman soldiers to avoid taking money by force? John the Baptist, Paul, Mark, Matthew
5. What Canaanite city was burned down by the men of Dan? Tarsus, Antioch, Laish, Cana
6. In which book is the phrase, "Salt of the earth"? TITLE: None, Matthew, Mark, Jude

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Eliab, 3) Lot, 4) John the Baptist, 5) Laish, 6) Matthew 5:13

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
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Pastor Johnny Howlett  
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Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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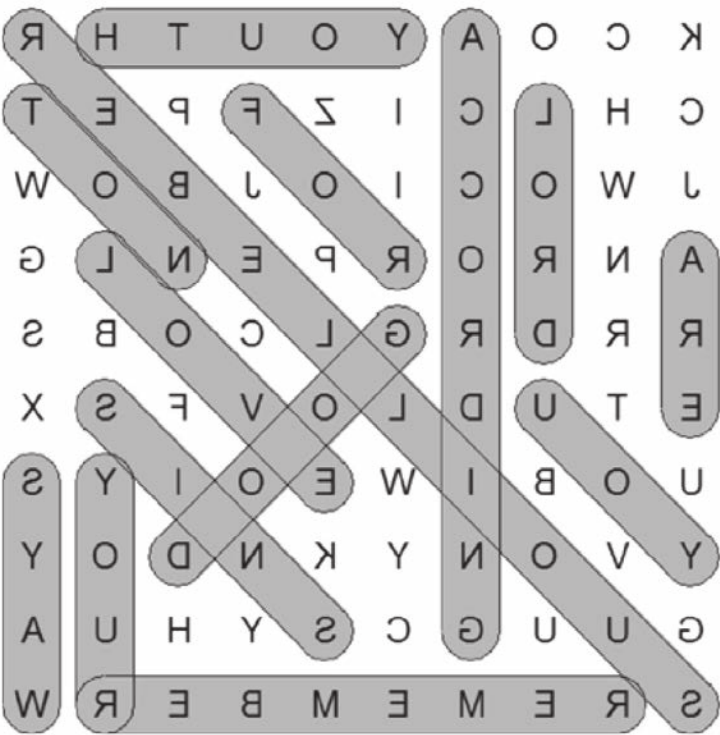
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## God loves each person just as they are!

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

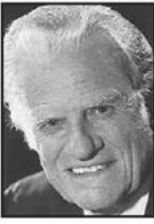
**Q: Outward beauty is praised in our society, but seldom do people look deeper into the quiet and peaceful spirits of others that are saints of God, but perhaps without beautiful faces. How does God look at us? – B.P.**

A: The world bombards us with messages about what is beautiful and handsome. It sets standards for our physical appearance and our material success that penetrate our minds and shape our personalities and our goals — often without us even realizing it. It's difficult to

ignore these loud and ever-present voices as they speak to us from magazines, television, movies, the internet, and advertising.

The problem is, these messages will lead us astray. Scripture warns that beauty should not come from outward adornment (see 1 Peter 3:3). To cope with all this, we must first ask God to help us be content with the way we are. Some of the most unhappy people possess great beauty or wealth, yet their lives are empty and without meaning.

God loves each person just as they are! The Bible makes it clear



My  
Answer

Billy Graham

that true beauty comes from the beauty of a godly character. "The unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, [is] of great worth in God's sight" (1 Peter 3:4, NIV).

We must take care of our bodies, which the Bible calls the "temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians

6:19). Most important is to take care of our souls, our inner self, by feeding on the Word of God and letting His Spirit transform us from within.

Let's seek ardently the kind of life that reflects the beauty of Jesus and marks us as being what saints ought to be.

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

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# Pay Off My Home or Buy a Rental?

Dear Dave,  
I'm going to sell a rental cabin I own, and the sale should bring me about \$388,000. Should I take the proceeds from the sale and use it to pay off my home and other debt or use the money to buy another, similar rental property where I could collect about \$1,500 per month in rent? Right now, I owe \$200,000 on my home, and I have just under \$50,000 in miscellaneous debt.

Valerie

Dear Valerie,  
Let me start by asking you a question. If your home were paid for and you didn't have a mortgage at all, would you take out a loan against your home to buy a rental property? Let me give you a hint. The answer should be a big, fat no.  
The shortest distance between where you are right now and a high-quality financial life—including wealth building—is getting your home and other debt paid off. Then, use the cash flow that's freed up, and the increased peace of mind, to rapidly pile up a bunch of money and buy another rental property.  
There's nothing wrong with owning rental properties and other kinds of real estate, Valerie. I love real estate, and today, I have several rental properties of my own. The difference is I bought all of mine with cash. I didn't go into debt for them. I learned my lesson about debt the hard way over 30 years ago, and I don't want you to take a chance on suffering through

## Vendor Craft Event

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 58 in Dublin, VA., will be having a vendor and craft event on Saturday May 13th from 8am-3pm. Come support our local vendors and crafters while supporting our Veterans! The American Legion Post will be doing hotdogs!

— **Weekly SUDOKU** —  
Answer

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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

all that crap too.  
Use the money from the sale of the cabin to pay off your home and other debt, and to make sure you've got a solid emergency fund of 3–6 months of expenses set aside. After that, if you want to start saving aggressively for another rental, go for it. Just make sure it's a smart buy when the time comes and that you pay for it in cash!

— Dave

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

## Class Reunion PHS Class of '73

Members of the Pulaski High School Class of 1973 will hold their 50th class reunion on Aug. 4 and 5, 2023. The event will be held at Thornspring Country Club and Event Center in Pulaski. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. Invites will go out later, but right now we need to determine the number interested in attending. Please email us at [efsouthern@gmail.com](mailto:efsouthern@gmail.com) to let us know if you plan to attend and provide your up to date address. You can write us at Class of '73 Reunion, P.O. Box 242, Pulaski, VA 24301. Also, join us on Facebook at "PHS Class of 1973 (Pulaski, VA)."

## Easter Program set for April 9

Bread of Life / Assembly of God on 3649 Robinson Tract Road will present their Easter Program entitled "Lean on Me" Sunday, April 9th at 3:00 pm. Come and be Blessed.

March 31

### Bash Fishing 101 Seminar

Spring into bass fishing with our Bash Fishing 101 Seminar, Friday, March 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 220 Magazine Street, Pulaski. RSVP by calling Jimmy Rorrer at 540-239-0468 or Pastor Doug Patterson, 540-616-6369. Learn tips and tricks, lure options, baitcaster and spinning reel setups and more. Wanting to learn more about bass fishing? Have questions no one will answer? Seeking fellowship with fellow Christians? This could be for you! Refreshments by First Baptist Church. Demonstrations by local anglers. Devotions by Jimmy Rorrer. Sponsored by Christian Bass Fishing Group and First Baptist Church, Pulaski.

April 1

### Belspring Community Egg Hunt

The Belspring Community will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1st. at 2 PM at the Belspring Methodist Church. There will be games, prizes and treat bags for the children. Everyone welcome. Rain date is Saturday, April 8th same time.

### Thorn Spring Cemetery Cleanup

The cemetery at Thorn Spring United Methodist Church will be cleaned Saturday, April 1st in preparation for the upcoming mowing season. We respectfully request each family to inspect their plots and remove any wreaths, flowers, vases, etc. that you would like to keep or reuse at another time. If you have any questions, please call 540-320-5348.

### Hufford/Mt. Olivet Cemetery Cleanup

It is that time of year again! The Hufford/ Mt. Olivet Community Cemetery will hold a clean up session on April 1st at 10:00 AM . All old, faded, and Christmas flowers will be removed to ready the cemetery for the spring/summer/and mowing season. Trash bags will be provided. We ask that anyone who owns plots or has loved ones buried there, that you please come help!! For more information, you can contact 540-200-7880 or 540-616-9131.

April 2

### Pastor's Eighth Anniversary

First Missionary Baptist Church, 7318 Manns Drive, Fairlawn will be celebrating the eighth anniversary of their Pastor, Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr. at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 2. Rev. Preston Tyler of Hill Street Baptist Church in Roanoke will serve as guest minister for the celebration, which will include an anniversary meal.

# PULSE

April 5

### Pulaski Democrats to meet

The Pulaski Democratic Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Dublin Public Library, 300 Giles Avenue, Dublin. The meeting room entrance is on the side, to the left of the front entrance. The next No Agenda Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, at Compadres Mexican Restaurant. These have been a great success. Join the party. For more information, contact Susan Trulove, [trulovesusan@gmail.com](mailto:trulovesusan@gmail.com) or Suzanne Bowen, chair of the Pulaski Democratic Party, at (540) 980-4664 or [pulaskicountyvademocrats@gmail.com](mailto:pulaskicountyvademocrats@gmail.com). Learn more at [www.facebook.com/pulaskivadems](http://www.facebook.com/pulaskivadems). Our mailing address is: Pulaski County Virginia Democratic Committee, 40 4th St., Pulaski, Virginia 24301

April 6

### American Legion to meet

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, April 6, 6pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

April 7

### Community Good Friday Service – Pulaski

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2 Fifth Street NW, is hosting the community-wide Good Friday service at 12:00 pm, April 7. This 30-minute service is especially suited for those for whom evening worship might be difficult. We hope you will join us. For more information, call 540/230-3139.

April 8

### Easter Egg Hunt

Pulaski First Church of the Brethren Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8th from 12-2. We are located at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind the DMV. We will have a Bible Story, Egg Hunt , Crafts and Snack for all children. A Special appearance from the Easter Bunny.

April 9

### Easter Sunrise Service

Join us for Easter Sunrise Service! We'll have coffee going by 6:30am with service beginning at 7am. We'll have a full breakfast afterwards (including a big pot of homemade sausage gravy). Everyone welcome and it's free. Cecil's Chapel Church, 5801 Cecil's Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA 24347

April 11

### Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Tuesday, April 11, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Camp Member James Evans will speak on "Life in a Northern Prison Camp". For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

### Friends Lunch

Tuesday, April 11, FRIENDS Lunch for everyone, 12:00-1:00, at Dublin Christian Church, 5605 Dunlap Rd. across from Arsenal entrance. Bring your lunch/drink and enjoy the fun.

April 19

### No Agenda Lunch

The Pulaski Democratic Committee will hold its next No Agenda Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 19, at Compadres Mexican Restaurant. These have been a great success. Join the party. For more information, contact Susan Trulove, [trulovesusan@gmail.com](mailto:trulovesusan@gmail.com) or Suzanne Bowen, chair of the Pulaski Democratic Party, at (540) 980-4664 or [pulaskicountyvademocrats@gmail.com](mailto:pulaskicountyvademocrats@gmail.com). Learn more at [www.facebook.com/pulaskivadems](http://www.facebook.com/pulaskivadems).

April 20

### Community Supper

Join us for our Community Supper starting at 5:30pm - 7pm. On the menu are beans and cornbread with an assortment of sides and all kinds of desserts. The meal is free, come visit with folks throughout the community. We are accepting donations for our ongoing roof repair. Everyone is welcome. Cecil's Chapel Church, 5801 Cecil's Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA 24347

April 29

### 2023 W.A.L.K. - "Walking and Loving Kids with Down Syndrome: A Fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Association of the New River Valley"

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Meet Curtis! Curtis is a neutered and tested male cat on the prowl for a new home. He loves sitting in the window sill soaking up all the sunshine he possibly can. When he isn't soaking up the sunshine you can find Curtis curled up in a warm fuzzy spot taking a relaxing nap. Curtis doesn't mind being picked up and snuggled, he absolutely adores people and other cats!



Curtis

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