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Streetscape next project for Downtown

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

As the West Main Waterline Project in Downtown Pulaski begins to wind down, thoughts now turn to the next project – the Streetscape.

At last week's meeting of Town Council, Town Manager Darlene Burcham reminded council the Streetscape project involves the replacement of curb, gutter and sidewalk in the downtown area.

"This is a project that is being funded by the Virginia Department of Transportation," Burcham said. "We actually received two grants [totaling more than \$1 million], one for Main Street North [the north side of the street] and one for Main Street South [the other side]. The engineer was put under contract back in February of last year. The design was completed last August. But we're still dealing with VDOT in terms of their review," she said, noting the review is said to be 90 percent complete.

"But because there are federal dollars involved, we have to have both a state review and a federal review," Burcham added.

"We do intend to open up West

Main as soon as the water main is complete," Burcham said. When opened, the downtown portion of Main Street will be gravel at first.

"And then as soon as we have the go-ahead, we will start the construction of the streetscape – first on one side of the street and then when that's complete the other side, and not pave the street until that work is done.

"So, it is going to be another stretch of time and based upon contracts and how much money we have available. But all of these things are necessary and will be done to make sure that we have kept our commitment to the council and to the community that these activities are done and that they are done with as little financial commitment as possible from the town.

"We're constantly looking for financial resources to help," Burcham said.

On another front, Burcham told council an application for funding from the U.S. House Appropriations Committee had been submitted.

"You adopted a resolution in support of an application that we were

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SWVa. Veterans Cemetery Volunteers Annual Spring Fashion Show set

Spring is here and you are invited to join the Volunteers in their annual fund raising project to support the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery.

This year's fashion show is "Spring Fever" and will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7 pm at the Lion's Club Building located On Lion's Way in Dublin.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the following area business establishments: Patty's Kitchen, 793 Board Street (US 11) in Dublin;

Family Market & Corner Deli, 825 East Main Street, Pulaski; Northside Flower Shop, 5964 Bedspring Road; and Ponnies Boutique, 4005 Old Town Road, Shawsville.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door. If you have any other questions you may contact members at the following numbers: 540-293-4224 or 540-230-5061.

Guests should be delighted with the three groups of absolutely gorgeous spring fashions in many styles provided by Ponnies Boutique and Gifts. Our

ten models are local so you may see your neighbors or friends in parade. Guests will have a chance to win great door prizes and will enjoy refreshments at intermission.

The Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery Volunteers are a non-profit, all volunteer members and all proceeds go to support the cemetery. For further information about our organization check us out at www.swvavcv.org to learn more about the activities we do to honor our Veterans and their families.

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Paine to seek Ingles seat on school board

Ingles District resident Gina Paine has announced her candidacy for school board.

"In mid-March I formally filed and am officially a candidate for School Board representing the Ingles District," Paine said this week in a press release.

"I would like to extend a truly heart-felt 'thank you' to all my friends, neighbors, and new acquaintances that signed the required candidate petition. You made the process incredibly positive and enjoyable. Your suggestions and concerns are all valid and important and I am thankful to receive them," Paine said.

Paine said she has "a lifetime connection" to Pulaski County and have been a resident for nearly 12 years.

"Both of my children attend(ed) Pulaski County Public Schools and I've been intimately involved in their education; it has been my top priority," she continued.

"A robust and competitive education for ALL students is overriding - we must provide them with the skills and knowledge necessary to compete in a global

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Paine

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economy and equip them with the understanding they are personally accountable for their life path.

"I believe it is beyond time we return to teachers the discipline control over classrooms that Virginia State law has enshrined," Paine continued.

"I have worked tirelessly for two years, at great personal cost, to hold this current school board and superintendent accountable and have continued to speak out and speak up in the face of obstinance, deceptiveness, lies and blatant disrespect of our community and people, myself included.

"My world view is Bible-based. My values are conservative. I believe parents and guardians have

the absolute authority to direct, raise, and care for their children, especially their education. I believe we must be taxpayer-minded and fiscally conservative when funding education, while offering competitive salaries to keep and attract the best teachers.

"Schools should prioritize exceptionalism over equal outcome ("equity"). And complete transparency from our school administration, board, and schools must be unconditional.

"I appreciate your support moving forward," Paine said.

Voters will go to the polls in November to elect representatives to the school board from all five districts in Pulaski County.

Project

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going to send to the House Appropriations Committee to have several waterlines replaced and, at that time, we had three that we had nominated," Burcham recalled.

"I'm pleased to report that that application has gone forward as a county application, which will provide funding if approved for one water main replacement in Dublin and two in the Town of Pulaski. We were one of 15 applications that Congressman [Morgan] Griffith forwarded and that's the maximum number that I guess each Congressman was allowed to submit. So, we're very hopeful" for approval.

Burcham explained that the final application was submitted without requested funding for a water main replacement on Fifth Street in Pulaski.

"But we will be getting at least in the combination county application the lion's share of the money,

Kollmorgen's parent company sold recently

Patriot Staff Report

The parent company of Kollmorgen, with two facilities in Radford and employing a reported 400 employees locally, has been sold.

Altra Industrial Motion, which owned Kollmorgen, has been acquired by Regal Rexnord, a leading producer of motors and related components.

"The addition of Altra will mark an important milestone in Regal Rexnord's ongoing journey to be-

come a higher-performing enterprise, and one with a more balanced portfolio of differentiated products and solutions that solve our customers' challenges by 'energy-efficiently' converting power into motion," said Regal Rexnord CEO Louis Pinkham.

Altra designs and manufactures a wide range of highly engineered motion control, automation, and power transmission solutions.

Based in Braintree, Massachusetts, Altra has more than 9,000 associates and 47 production facilities in 17 countries around the world and generates \$1.9 billion in sales.

Regal Rexnord products, according to its website, impacts people's lives every day.

"Our products enable the fans in HVAC systems that keep us comfortable, the power source that keeps smart buildings running, the agricultural and food service equipment that keeps us fed, and the conveyor systems that keep e-commerce flowing."

Kollmorgen originally came to Radford in the late 1950's when Hugo Unruh brought his Inland Motor company to 501 First Street. In 1960, Inland and Kollmorgen, who Unruh previously worked for, merged into one company - Kollmorgen Corporation.

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Old Pros 50th Anniversary Celebration Concert

From NRCC

The Old Pros Big Band Orchestra of New River Community College will present their 50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, April 16, 2023, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium in Rooker Hall at the college in Dublin.

Admission is free, and donations will be accepted to the NRCC Educational Foundation to support the band. The NRCC Educational Foundation assists New River Community College in the endowment and distribution of scholarship funds, the purchase of equipment and furnishings, and the financial support of academic and community enrichment programs, such as the Old Pros.

“It is a privilege and honor to come back to Dublin and celebrate this milestone 50th anniversary of The Old Pros,” said Larry Long, an original member of Old Pros. “Only eight of us got together that first Sunday night, but they had the bug and desire to play and within a month or so we had over twenty musicians each week. I am here to not only represent that original group but to include my respect and admiration to those who have followed in keeping The Old Pros together for a remarkable 50 years. I also want to add my special appreciation to the administration of New River Community College



NRCC photo

The Old Pros Big Band Orchestra of New River Community College

for the continued support.”

Under the direction of Dean Chiapetto, the band plays music from the heyday of the Big Band Era as well

as today’s modern sounds. Over the years, the band has performed for events and groups including Gov. John Dalton’s Inaugural Ball, NRV

Air Show, The Homestead Resort, Virginia Lions Club Convention, NRCC Graduation and many more. The band’s members include professionals, small business owners, teachers, retirees and students with varied musical backgrounds.

For more information about the

Old Pros and to view their concert schedule, visit www.nr.edu/old-pros/.

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NRCC photo

The Old Pros During a practice session.

County meetings in April

• Monday, April 24, 2023, Continuation of the 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; 3:30 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 Su-

pervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, April 25, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

TOWN HALL

MEETING

For Citizens of the New River Community

With Chris Stafford,

Cloyd District Supervisor

The New River Community Crime Watch Committee is sponsoring a town hall meeting at Morgan’s Chapel United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 20, 2023, with Cloyd District Pulaski County Board of Supervisors member Chris Stafford.

This is not a political meeting, but an opportunity for citizens to discuss ideas and concerns about their community, the Cloyd District, and Pulaski County.

Light refreshments will be served from 5:30 to 6:00 PM and the meeting will run from 6 to 7 PM.

Meeting location is Morgan’s Chapel United Methodist Church, 6540 New River Road.

April 22, 2023 ~ 1-5pm

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JEAN DUNCAN THOMPSON

Jean Duncan Thompson, 88, of Panama City, FL, formerly of Dublin, VA, went to be with the Lord on December 12, 2022. Born in Pulaski County, VA, Jean is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Bill Thompson, her granddaughter Ashley Davis (Will), and great-grandchildren, Annalee and Michael Davis. She is also survived by nephew David Duncan, nephew Charlie Byrd Duncan (Vann), great niece Elizabeth Duncan, and special cousin, Fran Cecil. She was preceded in death by parents Charlie and Minnie Duncan, brother Charles Duncan, son Steve Thompson, and daughter, Karen Thompson Johnson.

Jean was a graduate of Dublin high school, class of 1951. She retired from St. Alban's hospital in Radford, VA. As an active member of the First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO, she served as an Elder on the session for many years. She loved making the bulletin for the church service each Wednesday and the time she shared with her friends while working at the church.

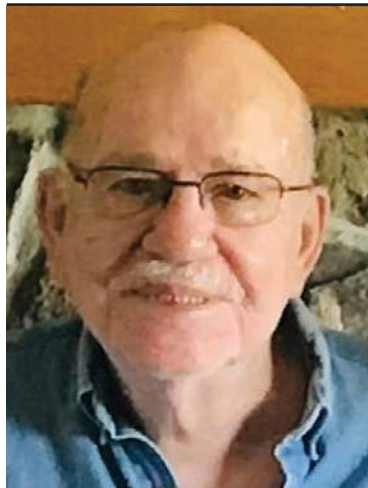
Memorial services will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Dublin Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin. The family will receive friends on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the church.

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

BEVERLY RAE CHANDLER

Beverly Rae Chandler, age 85 of Dublin, died Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, NC. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700

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JAMES EDWARD SMITH

James Edward Smith, age 85 of Pulaski, died Tuesday morning, April 4, 2023 at his residence. Jimmy was born in Pulaski on April 15, 1937, and was the son of the late Thelma Sharitz Smith and the late Weston Whitfield Smith. Jimmy attended Pulaski High School. After high school, Jimmy became a veteran, having served in the United States Marine Corp.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife: Donna Peacock Smith; a brother: Larry Gene Smith; a sister: Betty Lou Rupe. Jimmy is survived by his daughter: Ann Laskey and her husband; Andy of Fort Mill SC; a brother: Donald Dean Smith, and his wife Pam of Laurel, MD; a sister: Mary Ann Simmons of Laurel, MD; two grandchildren; Keira Laskey and Shane Laskey.

Graveside service will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, with military honors. There will be no visitation at the funeral home.

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

LEESA ANN CREGGER QUESENBERRY

Leesa Ann Cregger Quesenberry, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend went home to be with the Lord Thursday, April 6, 2023 after a short battle with brain cancer at Heritage Hall in Blacksburg, Virginia. She was 67 years old.

Born July 25, 1955 in Pulaski, she is the daughter of the late Everett Carl Cregger and Hazel Vernell Dalton Covey. She was also preceded in death by her stepfather, Joe Covey.

Leesa retired from the New River Valley Medical Center after working as a pharmacy technician for 27 years. She spent much of her time as a caregiver to her 94-year-old mother who passed away December 25, 2022. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother to her three boys and their children. Leesa, also known as "Nana" loved spending time with her two Grandsons and her only Granddaughter. Leesa also loved her cats. She loved her cat Mitsy the most. Leesa will be deeply missed by all that knew her, especially her family and friends.

Leesa is survived by Three Sons and daughters-in-law - Scott and Karen Quesenberry-Chantilly, VA, Darrin and Megan Quesenberry-Blacksburg,



JOHN MARK MOORE

John Mark Moore, 58, passed away on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Northern Hospital in Mount Airy, North Carolina. He was the son of the late John Ralph Moore and Wildia Faye Lyons Moore. John held his parents in high regard, and took special care of his mother throughout her life as well.

John was known for being a hard worker in a few different trades. Early in his career he was the owner of an exterminating business until later he found his real love, the road. John began his career driving trucks all over the country, taking in all the sights and what life truly had to offer. His favorite stories to tell would be of the times riding down Route 66, one of the most famous roads in the U.S.

He is survived by special friends; Darlene Martin and Johnny Phillips, along with two little ones who brought him much joy through the years, Leighton & Boyd Williams. Many other distant relatives also survive.

A graveside service followed by interment was held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Newbern Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia.



VA, Richard and Renee Quesenberry-Radford, VA

Grandsons - Aiden and Grant Quesenberry

Granddaughter - Sadie Quesenberry

Brother and Sister-in-law - Gary and Trish Cregger-Radford, VA

Sister and Brother-in-law - Janet and Don Gregory-Clemmons, NC

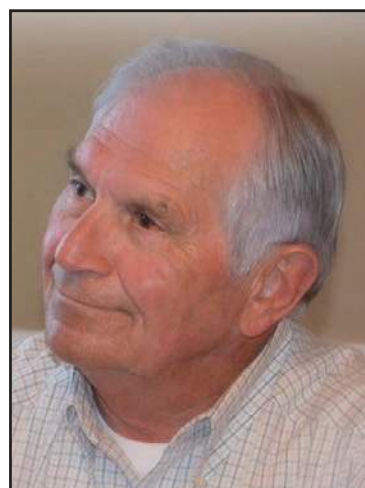
Nephew - Chris Gregory-Clemmons, NC

Niece - Jennifer Gregory-Clemmons, NC

Former Husband - Michael Quesenberry-Dublin, VA

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, 1:00 PM - April 11, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel.

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JOHN B. TUCKER III

John B. Tucker III, (84), died peacefully with his family by his side on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Born in 1939 to the late John "Jack" Tucker Jr. and Dana Tucker in St. Charles, Virginia. John grew up in Dublin, VA until moving with his family to eventually settle in Owensboro, KY for 28 years and then most recently in Louisville, KY.

John was preceded in death by his three sons Johnnie, Jeff and Jody Tucker. His memory is cherished by his wife of 50 years, Johnnie (Fowler) Tucker and his two daughters, Tracy (Mink) Morris and Dianna (Tucker) Ambrose; two grandchildren, Taylor Morris and Jack Mauzy; along with his brother Robert Tucker (Vivian) and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was loved by many friends and coworkers through the years and across the country.

John was a passionate fan of the University of Tennessee where he was a member of the Lettermen's Club. He was also a member of Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville, KY. John began his career at Radford Arsenal in Virginia and continued working in the explosives industry for nearly 50 years.

The family would like to thank the staff of Baptist Health East in Louisville whose kindness and support provided great comfort during his final chapter.

John's family will host a memorial visitation on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 2-5 pm EST. The come and go gathering will be in the chapel at Westport Road Baptist Church, 9705 Westport Rd, Louisville, KY. At a later date, a celebration of life and graveside service will be held at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Dublin United Methodist Church, 424 East Main St., Dublin, Virginia 24084.

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EVERETTE LEE MANN

Everette Lee Mann, age 52 of Pulaski and formerly of Greenville, West Virginia passed away Monday, April 10, 2023 at his home. Born August 20, 1970 in Radford, he was the son of Joyce Lee Thompson Cregger and the late Irvin Lee Mann.

He had a special bond with his late grandfather, Everette Ray Mann whom he was named after.

Everette is survived by his

Daughter - Carol Ann Mann

Mother - Joyce Lee Thompson Cregger - Pulaski

4 Grandchildren

Many brothers, sisters and extended family and friends

Graveside funeral services will be held Monday 1:00 p.m., April 17, 2023 at the Keaton Cemetery (Cooks Run Road, Greenville, West Virginia) with Pastor Bobby Mann officiating.

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

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



BARBARA KISTLER FRASURE

Barbara Kistler Frasure, age 81 of Little Creek passed away Thursday, March 30, 2023 at her home surrounded by her family, friends and fur babies.

Born October 11, 1941 in Greenville, South Carolina she was the daughter of the late Charlie Trammel & Lillie Ward Moree. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Tommy Kline Frasure and stepson, Tommy Kline Frasure, Jr.

Barbara is survived by her Bonus Children - Monica Frasure - Asheville, NC, Curtis Frasure - Stanley, NC

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Card of Thanks

The family of James F. Ferguson, who passed away on March 17, 2023, would like to thank everyone who showed our family many acts of kindness during our great loss. Please pray for us in the most difficult days ahead.

The family of James F. Ferguson

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Deaths

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el, Pulaski. Interment will follow at Thornspring Cemetery, Pulaski County. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 11:00 AM until service time at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be sent to the Humane Society of Montgomery County. www.hsmcshelter.com

To sign Leesa’s online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com - Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

SIDNEY LEE REYNOLDS

Sidney Lee Reynolds age 91, of Draper passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie Ray and Anna Dalton Reynolds and two sons, Gary Reynolds and Rocky Reynolds. Sisters; Dorothy Padgett and Betty Jo Manning. A Brother, Jesse Reynolds.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

He is survived by three Daughters; Debbie and Jimbo Taylor, Deanie Hall and Janet “Spunky” England, all of Draper. A Brother, Millard Reynolds.

Eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 17, 2023 at the Barnett Funeral Home at 1:00 p.m.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until service time Monday, April 17, 2023 at the Barnett Funeral Home.

Interment will follow in the Duncan Cemetery, Draper, Va.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.highlandfuneralservice.com.

Barnett Funeral Home, Wytheville, is serving the Reynolds family.

Frasure

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Per Barbara’s request there will be no services. To sign her online register, please visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

Elks select Most Valuable Students

Submitted by Elks 1067 Tyler; Gary Cox

On April 3rd, Robert Hinkle of the Virginia Elks announced the roster of Virginia High School 2023 Graduates selected for the of “Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarships.”

In September graduating seniors for 2023 school year, of all schools in the purview of Pulaski Lodge 1067 were contacted through school councilors. In this message an invitation to participate in the “Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program” was given out. By the end of November the Pulaski Elks Lodge had received over 30 applications (a high water mark for this



BEVERLY R. CHANDLER

Beverly R. Chandler, age 85 of Dublin, died Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, NC. She was born on December 27, 1937 in Casper, Wyoming, and was the daughter of the late Elizabeth Updike Edgerton and the late Owen E. Edgerton. Beverly was a long-time member of the Newbern Community Christian Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers: Gary Lee Thomas, and Richard E. Edgerton; grandson; Chandler Spencer Dowell, and a late husband; Jack Gary Chandler.

She is survived by her son: Richard Gary Chandler: her daughter; Pamela Dowell of Dublin: Sister; Carolyn Nadine Thomas of Akron, CO. Beverly is also survived by three grandchildren: Jessica Wallace, Jacob Chandler, and Autum Chandler, and great-grandsons; Darion and Levi.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Newbern Community Christian Church with Pastor William Neeley officiating. Pallbearers will be Jacob Chandler, Charles Wallace, Zakk Jones (standing in for Chandler Spencer Dowell), Bill Chandler, Mark Shumate, Clifton Rice, and honorary pallbearer is James “Rooster” Tolbert. The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Interment will follow the church service, in Newbern Cemetery.

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

Lodge’s receipts) for consideration . Elks members of the scholarship committee used both computer generated software and objective reading of the application in selecting 3 male and 3 female applications (a full allotment)for forwarding and review by district and state committees.

Pulaski Lodge is pleased to announce Carson Gilmore was selected as a state “Elks Most Valuable Student” and corresponding scholarship award, also Erika Miyasaki was selected for a Virginia Elks Scholarship award.

If the reader would like more information they are encouraged to go to elks.org website and use the drop down box ENF.

Va. saw exports soar to \$5.1 billion in ‘22

By Madison Hirneisen

(The Center Square) – Virginia’s agricultural and forestry exports soared to a value of more than \$5.1 billion in 2022, according to new data released this week by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

China is the state’s top export destination by far, purchasing \$1.45 billion in agricultural and forestry products in 2022. Egypt, Taiwan, Venezuela and Canada are also in the top five destinations for Virginia’s agricultural exports. Soybeans and soybean meal are the state’s top exports, followed by pork, poultry and tobacco, according to data from VDACS.

The 2022 export value surpassed

a previous record set in 2021 of \$4.07 billion in value, according to the governor’s office.

The new data comes just weeks before Gov. Glenn Youngkin is set to lead a trade mission to Taiwan, South Korea and Japan at the end of this month. In a statement on Monday, the governor said the 2022 data “provides a tremendous foundation to work from as I prepare to embark on my first international trade mission.”

Youngkin also said the data “is a clear indication of the strength of the Commonwealth’s first and third largest private industries.”

Farming is Virginia’s largest private industry, providing over 381,800 jobs and producing an \$82 billion impact to the state’s econo-

my, according to VDACS.

The majority of Virginia’s exported agricultural and forestry goods are processed by the Port of Virginia, which operates six state-owned marine terminals. A lot of those agricultural goods move through the Richmond Marine Terminal, according to Joseph Harris, spokesman for the Port of Virginia.

“The port plays a significant role. Agricultural exports are some of the primary things that we do export,” Harris told The Center Square. “We connect with almost every continent in the world...as far as important international markets, we reach them all.”

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The Lower Energy Cost Act

House Republicans recently passed H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. By numbering this legislation as H.R. 1, Republicans recognize that unleashing American energy is one of Congress' top priorities and critical to the wellbeing of the American people and our economy.

In 2020, under President Trump, the United States achieved energy independence. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the U.S. produced more petroleum than it consumed, the first year since at least 1949. Unfortunately, this energy comeback was short-



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

lived.

On his very first day in office, President Biden began enacting policies to counter the energy achievements made in the last Administration, ones that severely hampered domestic oil and gas production. As a result, the American people have experienced exorbitant energy prices.

The Biden Administration made permitting new fossil fuel and nuclear energy projects very difficult. The New York Times recently reported that even thousands of renewable energy projects are delayed due to the current regulatory landscape.

In parts of Virginia gas prices reached record highs, close to \$5 a gallon in June 2022. The price of residential heating oil hit an all-time high in November, costing Virginians \$5.52 per gallon.

This has been especially burdensome for low-income households; some families in the 9th District have had to choose between paying their energy bills to keep their homes heated during the winter and other necessities.

We can do better.

H.R. 1 incorporates 25 individual pieces of legislation from across three different standing House committees to address the energy issues we have experienced over the past few years.

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Energy Subcommittee, I have been proud to be one of the people working to make H.R. 1 a good bill.

H.R. 1 aims to increase domestic energy production and alleviate some of the cost increases at the pump, by reversing Biden's anti-energy policies.

It includes legislation to disapprove of Biden's canceling of the Keystone XL pipeline, which cost the United States 11,000 American jobs and could have had a positive economic impact of between \$3.4-9.6 billion. The additional oil would have been cheaper to transport to American refineries by pipeline, rather than moving the oil by truck or train. This would have kept gasoline prices from rising as much.

The legislation also requires the Department of the Interior to resume lease sales on federal lands and waters and repeals many restrictions on the import and export of natural gas, including LNG.

About half of the homes in the United States use natural gas for space heating and water heating. Included in H.R.1 is legislation to repeal President Biden's natural gas production tax. This tax has played a hand in increasing household energy bills across the country.

H.R. 1 reforms the country's permitting process through changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) permitting process. These changes will streamline federal environmental reviews for all sectors of our economy by ensuring that NEPA review challenges are substantive and by setting deadlines for completion of the NEPA reviews.

This energy package also repeals Section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund. This \$27 billion 'green bank' was implemented as part of the so-called Inflation Reduction Act to advance the bad policies of the Green New Deal.

The legislation also addresses our need for domestic production of critical minerals. In the left's rush to green energy, America has become too reliant on volatile Chinese supply chains, and in some cases, the use of slave labor. The Department of Energy reported that, among other things, China controls 80% of the world's rare earths production and refining which is needed to manufacture wind turbines and 60% of lithium refining needed for electric vehicles and battery storage.

I believe in an all-of-the-above energy approach, including renewables, but it shouldn't be at the expense of our national security. This legislation boosts the mining and processing of hardrock minerals, including critical minerals needed to ramp-up production of renewable energy components, maximizing our domestic energy production. It also requires the Department of Energy to identify resources that are particularly vulnerable to supply disruptions.

Unfortunately, before the House passed H.R. 1, President Biden threatened to veto the legislation, to the detriment of all Americans.

Hopefully the Senate will work with us to get a bill that helps Americans by lowering energy costs.

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

Be on the Lookout!

In the last two years, Pulaski County was the recipient of multiple international, state and regional awards; we achieved record levels of residential and industrial development; our unemployment rate has been averaging below 3%; we celebrated the investment of the single largest public-private infrastructure project in the history of the County (broadband); we are offering more recreation programming than ever before and continue to improve upon our community parks and recreation assets; we have enjoyed more than thirty-five ribbon cuttings, and the list of positive community successes goes on and on.

We literally have so much to collectively celebrate and to be thankful for as a community. These successes, our positive momentum and the opportunities that await the County, our business community and our citizens, should be the driving forces that help bring everyone together to aggressively compete in this highly competitive marketplace.



Patriot's Post

Jonathan Sweet
Pulaski Co. Administrator

For whatever reason, we have folks working diligently to try and find negatives to exaggerate and/or exploit, in order to make the County and/or its leadership look bad.

Having been a part of the leadership of the County through one of the most difficult times (the COVID-19 pandemic), I saw some of the best come out of our community. The pandemic was a unifying dynamic

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Politics then and now

By CAL THOMAS
Tribune Content Agency

From the beginning politics has always been a contact sport with competing interests attempting to achieve power over each other. A friend recently said to me he has never seen it so bad as it is today.

The friend appears to be in his 50s, so he missed the divisions caused by the Vietnam War, the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., the racial riots of the '60s and '70s and he may have not studied divisions that led to the Civil War.

Those of us longing for a more civil approach than today's political warfare should watch a speech given by Ronald Reagan at a dinner at Boston College honoring then-Speaker of the House Thomas "Tip" O'Neill. It was March 17, 1986, St. Patrick's Day.

Reagan invoked his and O'Neill's Irish ancestry, but he did more than that. Reagan spoke of a man he respected and even admired in spite of their political differences. As has been frequently noted, they often worked out those differences over drinks at the White House.

Reagan began his remarks as usual with a joke: "I've always known that Tip was behind me, even if it was only at the State of the Union Address. As I made each proposal, I could hear Tip whispering to (Vice President) George Bush 'no way, forget it, fat chance.'" (loud laughter and applause)

There is a kindness in Reagan on display at the event, even when he was kidding and especially when he kidded O'Neill.

Reagan used self-deprecating humor about his age as he did to great success in his 1984 debate with Walter Mondale: "(Tip) said since it was March 17 it was only fitting that someone drop by who had actually known St. Patrick."

Noting the two had been kidding each other for some time, Reagan said he hoped that would continue for years to

come. Then he said something unheard of in today's political discourse: "A little kidding is after all a sign of affection, the sort of thing that friends do to each other. And, Mr. Speaker, I'm grateful you have permitted me in the past, and I hope in the future, that singular honor, the honor of calling you my friend."

Can anyone hear Donald Trump or any other candidate for or in public office saying things like that in 2023?

Reagan went on to make an important point that seems to have been lost between then and now: "I think the fact of our friendship is testimony to the political system we're part of and the country we live in, a country that permits two not so shy and not so retiring Irishmen to have it out on the issues, rather than have it out on each other, or their countrymen."

Reagan said he "saluted" O'Neill "for his years of dedication and devotion to the country." He said he had been a "vital and forceful part of America's political tradition, a tradition that he has truly enriched."

If you are a Republican, you might read these words, watch the entire address and think that's all well and good, but have you ever heard a modern Democrat say anything comparable about a Republican, except perhaps at their funeral?

That's not the point. Kindness and praise for one's political opponent can affect others, especially voters. As Abraham Lincoln said about the South: "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection."

Is anyone listening?

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas' latest book "A Watchman in the Night: What I've Seen Over 50 Years Reporting on America" (HumanixBooks).



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Don't valorize January 6

The philosopher Eric Hoffer famously wrote, "Every great cause begins as a movement, becomes a business, and eventually degenerates into a racket."

What he evidently didn't count on was great outrages becoming causes.

From the perspective of the immediate aftermath of Jan. 6, it was hard enough to believe that Donald Trump would survive the event, let alone make it a plank in a powerful comeback bid just a few years later.

But there was Trump in Waco, Texas, opening his inaugural rally of the 2024 campaign with a recording of the song "Justice for All" that he performed with the J6 Prison Choir, with some scenes of Jan. 6 playing on the jumbotrons.

Among those favorably inclined toward it, the riot at the Capitol has progressed from something to be minimized closer to something to be celebrated, almost, if not quite, "Stop the Steal's" Bastille Day.

For Trump, a master at appropriating the catch lines and attacks of the other side, reversing the meaning of Jan. 6 would be his most audacious move yet. How long is it before that day becomes "the perfect protest?"

Trump still hews to the two premises of the Jan. 6 riot -- that, as a general proposition, the 2020 election was stolen and, more particularly, that Vice President Mike Pence could have stopped the counting of the electoral votes if he weren't so weak.

Trump has talked about pardoning the rioters, who are "great patriots," and floated the idea of the government apologizing to many of them.

Now, it is true that the Justice Department has gone out of its way to run up the number of prosecutions to make a political point about the seriousness of the event, and defendants have been denied bail in a highly unusual manner.

That said, making excuses for or valorizing Jan. 6 is deeply wrong.

First, there's the matter of principle. Riots are bad and never justified. They hurt people and destroy property, while achieving nothing or setting back the cause they were supposed to advance. Disorder at the heart of the U.S. government, disrupting a longstanding ritual connected to the peaceful transfer of power, is particularly egregious.

Second, justifying or excusing political violence has a deranging influence on the republic. The more reasons both sides have to physically fear each other, the easier it is to justify extreme measures in response.

Third, it's simply terrible politics. If the other side is desperate to portray you as in bed with fanatics and rioters, it's best not to go out of your way to prove them right. It's perverse that just as the Jan. 6 Committee is no longer in a position to constantly remind the public of Jan. 6, here comes Donald Trump to remind people.

It'd be a little like Richard Nixon running for the 1976

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OPEN FORUM

Rep. Morgan Griffith (VA-9) visits local hospital

To the editor,

HCA Healthcare’s LewisGale Hospital Pulaski was honored to host Rep. Morgan Griffith recently and show him many of the services we offer the patients of the New River Valley. From orthopedics and oncology to emergency and women’s care – we are there 24/7 for the community.

Rep. Griffith sits on the influential House Energy and Commerce Committee, as well as its Health Subcommittee. He also serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee

on Oversight and Investigations. These committees have jurisdiction over some of the most important issues facing Virginia’s Ninth District including your access to health care. That’s why during his visit we outlined some of the challenges facing our hospital and the patients we serve - the largest being a growing shortage of hospital staff.

Many rural hospitals, including LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, have been hit hard by workforce shortfalls – and it’s not just doctors and nurses but also vital support staff like housekeeping and food service.

This puts a real strain on frontline workers and, in some extreme cases can limit access to care.

Hospitals have been doing our part to recruit, train, and upskill employees. HCA Healthcare’s Galen College of Nursing, which recently opened its Roanoke campus, is training the next generation of caregivers right here in our community – an important part of overcoming this workforce shortage.

Thank you, Rep. Griffith, for taking the time to see our hospital in action to better understand

how LewisGale Hospital Pulaski serves this community. I hope the Congressman will take what he learned here and support legislation like The Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act and The Conrad State 30 and Physician Access Reauthorization Act which will help our hospital and others build a strong workforce and continue to provide vital services to patients in need.

Sean Pressman
CEO, HCA LewisGale Hospital Pulaski

Help send a kid to camp!

To the editor,

Each summer, Pulaski County youth have the wonderful, summer life-changing opportunity to attend a five-day 4-H Camp held at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center in Wirtz, Virginia. The program is both educational and fun. Pulaski youth get to explore new interests from robotics, technology, animal science, climbing, bottle rockets, archery, riflery, cooking and arts and crafts to name some, while also learning citizenship, ethics, leadership, morals and life skills. We also provide recreational activities such as sports, campfires and swimming.

Pulaski County 4-H Camp costs \$370 per camper and Counselor In Training, and \$185 for Teen Counselors. This covers lodging, meals, snacks, a camp T-shirt, and class expenses. Pulaski County 4-H camps June 12-16, 2023.

4-H Camp is an exciting time that many look forward to and with sponsors many children have the opportunity to attend to make new friends and create memories at camp. Sponsors also help keep our fees lower for everyone, limiting expenses being passed on through 4-Hers registration fees.

And in the past 21 years because of the generosity of our great community sponsors, 709 Pulaski youth have been able to attend Pulaski County 4-H Camp.

To be a sponsor, check the area(s) you’d like to support, returning this form, and please make your check payable to “Treasurer, Virginia Tech” and mail/drop to the Extension Office. Sponsorships appreciated before May 1, 2023.

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Thank you in advance for supporting our Pulaski County 4-H program. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns.

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that figuratively brought our community closer together, paradoxically, as it literally forced us apart.

Other tragedies in our County’s past have unfortunately also been agents of unification that have helped bring our community together.

It may be a paradigm shift or considered cockeyed optimism to dare fathom that our successes should also be an agent that drives our unity and our collective pursuit to elevate our County. Perhaps because it is election season, logic, reason and common sense may not always prevail, but the continuation of our positive trajectory is worth broaching the subject.

There are forces that seek to derail our success and twist the truth for political and personal purposes. They will lead you to believe the sky is falling and your local government does not care. I strongly feel that proxy watchdog organizations, anonymous social media posts and special interest individuals/groups should not represent the pulse of the community or negatively affect local investor or consumer confidence.

Look closely at the intent of those who choose to bring the County down, spread distrust, cause dissention and in good conscience speak falsely about the County or its leadership.

Be on the lookout for those folks who wish to dig a hole and place the County in it. It is a choice to think positively, speak positively and engage positively, and I am asking the community to come together in this time of historic global, political and economic uncertainties and work together for the common good of Pulaski County and all those who call it home.

Pulaski County is...A Positive Place!

Exports

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“Virginia-grown agricultural goods reach the world through the Port of Virginia,” Harris added.

The Port of Virginia also handles agricultural exports from outside the state, including goods coming from the Midwest, Harris said.

“We find that more and more [agricultural] exporters are looking to move over the Port of Virginia because of our efficiency, our ability to handle trains, trucks and ships all very quickly and get that stuff moving to market,” Harris said. “We’re seeing this area of business for us grown, and we don’t anticipate it slowing down.”

In addition to agricultural products, the state saw a 1,300% increase in the export of wood pellets in 2022 compared to 2021, which was “likely driven by increased demand in Europe and Asia,” according to the governor’s office.

Lowery

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Republican presidential nomination, and campaigning with a barbershop quartet made up of Watergate burglars.

Or Ulysses S. Grant running for a third term while extolling the unappreciated virtues of the organizers of the Whiskey Ring scandal.

What Trump is doing flies in the face of the lessons of the midterms. Jan. 6 lent emotional power to the Democratic argument that democracy was under threat, and Stop the Steal candidates proved radioactive. Trump wants, in effect, to repeat November 2022’s failed political experiment on a larger scale in 2024.

On top of his natural inclinations, Trump may be making a calculation that in a primary race with Ron DeSantis to be the most “MAGA” Republican candidate, he can’t lose by staking out a pro-Jan. 6 position. That’s not a crazy bet, but if Trump is going to be beaten it will probably be, in part, on grounds that he carries too much baggage and

is an electability risk. By embracing rather than skirting one of his major vulnerabilities, he gives his adversaries more ammunition on both counts.

Jan. 6 is an outrage that shouldn’t become a cause.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Virginia Sen. Kaine visits Volvo Trucks NRV facility



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DMV Launches Online, “Start Anywhere” Pre-Application for Original Driver’s Licenses

RICHMOND — The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has launched an online pre-application for new Virginia residents who need to exchange their out-of-state driver’s license. This new application is part of DMV’s “start anywhere” services, which allow customers to start certain applications from the comfort of their own home or on the go. The services currently available to start online are: replacement or renewal licenses, name change, and now original driver’s licenses. Customers can also choose to upgrade their credential to a REAL ID during any of the start anywhere driver or ID services. The start anywhere initiative was created to maximize customer service by adding a convenient way

for customers to begin their transaction from home and submit it to DMV electronically ahead of their visit to a customer service center. It also helps customers determine which documents they’ll need to complete their service. “Starting your driver’s license application online will make your trip to the DMV faster,” said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey. “If you recently moved to Virginia, starting online will save you time and prepare you for a successful visit.” Customers can find the pre-application for an original driver’s license on DMV’s website under “Online Services.” You must visit a DMV customer service center to complete the process. You can make an appointment, reserve your spot for same-day service or simply stop by during office hours.

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operating data to continually improve the technology to increase the efficiency of the truck under varying operating conditions. The next generation Volvo VNR Electric is now open for order. Volvo Trucks North America has been certified by the IRS to be qualified for the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)’s Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit, which equates to a \$40,000 tax credit for buying a battery electric truck. Senator Kaine, who helped pass the IRA, and Volvo Group management discussed the impact the IRA will have on the company and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Turnover in General Assembly continues ahead of election

By Madison Hirneisen

(The Center Square) — An expanding list of lawmakers in the politically-divided Virginia General Assembly have announced they will not seek re-election or will seek another office under new district lines this election cycle. Come this November, all 140 seats in the General Assembly will be on the ballot. The upcoming election cycle will be the first one under new maps drawn via the independent redistricting process in 2021.

The new maps drawn by consultants appointed by the Virginia Supreme Court in 2021 did not take into account where current legislators reside, resulting in several lawmakers either being drawn out of the district where they currently live or drawn into a district where they would have to run head to head against another one or more incumbent lawmakers.

As of Thursday, 18 members of the House of Delegates have announced they would not be seeking re-election this year, while an additional 14 have launched campaigns to fill a seat in the state Senate, according to the Virginia Political Access Project. On the Senate side, 10 lawmakers as of Thursday had announced their retirement.

As a result of redistricting, 46 lawmakers in the House of Delegates and 19 lawmakers in the state Senate were drawn into a district with one or more incumbents, according to tracking from VPAP.

Some lawmakers have indicated that going head to head with another incumbent was a primary motivator for retiring. In a statement announcing he would not seek re-election, Del. Glenn Davis, R-Virginia Beach, said the newly created 98th House of Delegates district ended up grouping he and Del. Barry Knight, a Republican from Virginia Beach and chair of the House Appropriations Committee, into the same district.

“While my desire would be to continue serving the citizens of Virginia beach in the House of Delegates and leading our education agenda, there is no doubt that the City I represent, as well as the Hampton Roads Region as a whole,

has benefited greatly from having the Chairman of Appropriations as its representative,” Davis said in a statement Tuesday. “It is for this reason that I will not be running for re-election to the Virginia House of Delegates.”

Due to the new district lines, some lawmakers were drawn out of their original districts, leaving them to consider moving to a new area to continue representing their constituents.

That was a determining factor for Sen. Emmett Hanger, R-Augusta, who released a statement Thursday announcing he would not be running for election in the new Senate District 3.

“While I currently represent, or have represented in the past, at least half of the new Senate District 3, I do not live within those boundaries,” Hanger said. “Where I have lived all of my life, went to school, college, commanded a National Guard Infantry Company, my Church, my Ruritan Club, my business where 6 of my 16 grandchildren live; in essence ‘my community,’ are all in Senate District 2.”

Hanger said he “went so far as to locate a house to purchase in SD3,” but said he “decided not to move away from my current community.”

A handful of lawmakers have indicated their decision to not seek re-election this year was out of a desire to retire after decades in the Legislature. In announcing his retirement, Sen. Richard Saslaw, a Democrat from Fairfax who spent 48 years in the General Assembly, said: “Fish gotta swim. Birds gotta fly. And Saslaw’s gotta move on.”

New district boundaries represent ‘massive change’ to past maps. Before Virginians approved a constitutional amendment in 2020 that transferred power to a redistricting commission to draw new boundary lines, legislators used to control the redistricting process.

As a result, Virginia has a decades-long history of gerrymandering, where the party in charge of each chamber would “manipulate the district lines for political goals,” according to Alex Keena,

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Radford University lists Winter 2022 Graduates

RADFORD -- Radford University presented 677 undergraduate and graduate degrees during the 2022 winter commencement exercises. On Dec. 9, 2022, graduate degrees were awarded and on Dec. 10, undergraduate degrees were awarded at the Dedmon Center on main campus in Radford, Virginia.

This ceremony marked the first for President Bret Danilowicz to confer diplomas for departing Highlanders. Graduates included:

Robyn Abigail Baron of Dublin, VA, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Macayla M Brown of Pulaski, VA, Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Madison Hope Cornell of Dublin, VA, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Sierra Raye Felty of Draper, VA, Bachelor of Science in Biology

Zoe M Hannabass of Dublin, VA, Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Alexandra Edith Leonetti of Dublin, VA, Master of Fine Arts in Art

Danielle Combs Liddle of Dublin, VA, Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nursing Practice

R Douglas Mead of Dublin, VA, Master of Science in Strategic Communication

Josaleen Mariea O'Dell of Dublin, VA, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Sarah Simpkins Polcha of Pulaski, VA, Doctor of Education in Education

Taylor Dawn Sink of Dublin, VA, Master of Science in Special

Education

Evan Pierce Somervell of Parrott, VA, Bachelor of Science in Allied Health Sciences

Wesley Neal Spence of Pulaski, VA, Bachelor of Business Admin. in Management

Kaylee Morgan Tucker of Dublin, VA, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Keynote speaker and alumna, Nicole Robinson '02, president of Ursa Space Systems, left the graduates much to think about, saying, "When you leave here today, see this as the first step into your life unimagined. Be open to the potential, the adventure, the unanticipated opportunities ahead."

Robinson advised. "Life is truly about what you can't imagine. In fact, it isn't even about what happens to you but more about how you respond."

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.

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an assistant professor of political science at Virginia Commonwealth University. Keena said the new district maps are "an example of a set of maps that doesn't have gerrymandering bias."

"This is a huge difference from the process we saw 10 years ago when it was just years and years of court battles, racial gerrymandering, partisan gerrymandering and vote dilution cases," Keena told The Center Square, noting that the new maps represent "massive changes" to existing district boundaries.

Keena said in some ways, the new district lines "inject a lot more uncertainty into the elections than we typically have" because of the amount of incumbents who have chosen to retire instead of challenge another incumbent. But he also noted the new maps create new opportunities as the new boundaries are "reshaping the power that's distributed in each of the parties."

"Neither of the parties really have a baked-in advantage in the way that the districts are drawn," Keena said, adding it is largely a "question mark" on how the bal-

ance of power could shift in the General Assembly after the upcoming election.

Heading into the election, Republicans hold a 52-48 majority in the House of Delegates and Democrats hold a 22-18 majority in the Senate. Given the slim majorities in both chambers and the new district boundary lines, it appears "control of both chambers is legitimately at stake this year," said Kyle Kondik, a political analyst with the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia.

Kondik, who writes about U.S. elections as managing editor of Sabato's Crystal Ball, noted that seeing an increase in lawmaker retirements in Congress is "not uncommon" in the election cycle after redistricting. He said it's likely the same applies at the state level.

"In years immediately after a redistricting cycle, you do just tend to see more open seats, partially because sometimes two members will get thrown in the same district with one another or there's just more members who are retiring because they see their constituencies change," Kondik said.



Radford Woman's Club photo

Radford Woman's Club Meets

The Woman's Club of Radford met April 11 at the Radford Public Library. Laura Beth Weaver, Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley spoke about the non-profit organization's programs and services to victims of sexual and domestic abuse. Since the Resource Center was formed in the mid-seventies it has had more than one million hours of advocacy serving women, men, and children. The Center's Immediate Crisis services include a 24-Hour Crisis Hotline, Emergency Advocacy and Emergency Shelter. Counseling Services, Legal Advocacy, and a Transitional Housing Program are some of the sexual assault and domestic violence programs. Children are often served in emergency shelter, which is how the Woman's Club of Radford can help Center clients. The Woman's Club's mission is promoting children's literacy with the Reading is Fundamental program at McHarg, Snowville, and Riverlawn Elementary Schools and the Babies into Books program at Carillion New River Medical Center. The literacy program has expanded to the Women's Resource Center with free books provided for the children from infants through middle school. The children will be able to keep the book they choose.



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Dublin Lions Club donates to three local causes



Lions Club photos
Pictured here are Lion & President of the Dublin Lions Club Carolyn S. Hager, Captain Charlene Cover of the Salvation Army & Lion & Vice President of the Dublin Lions Club Lion Donna Settle.

Lions assist Salvation Army

May 28, 2019, The Salvation Army Thrift Store opened its doors in Fairlawn. The Salvation Army is a charitable organization that helps people with basic necessities of life, like food, clothing and shelter.

March 31,2023, The Dublin Lions Club, located in Dublin, donated a check in the amount of \$500 to the Salvation Army.

The Dublin Lions Club was founded in 1953 and has now been serving the local community and state with over 50 years of humanitarian service.

The motto of every Lion is "We Serve." The club's major emphasis is placed on helping the local community. However, the Dublin Lions Club also supports state, national, and international projects that aid humanitarian efforts. The founding of the "Lions Club" movement was based on a challenge by Helen Keller to help combat blindness. That challenge still serves as the driving force for all Lions Clubs.

The Mission Statement for all Lions Clubs is:

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.



Pictured are Lion & President of the Dublin Lion's Club Carolyn Hager, Lion & Vice President of the Dublin Lion's Club Donna Settle, Laura Beth Weaver Director of the women's Resource Center & a staff member of the Women's Resource Center.

Lions donate to Women's Resource Center

The Dublin Lion's Club recently donated \$500 to the Women's Resource Center located in Radford Virginia. The Women's Resource Center is a non-profit, human service organization, providing programs and services to adult and child victims of sexual and domestic violence.

The Dublin Lions Club was founded in 1953 and has now been serving the local community and state with over 50 years of humanitarian service.



Pictured here are Dave Clark, Lion Lane Penn, Lion & Vice president Donna Settle, Colette Hash, Dr Michael Hickman & Lion & President Caron S. Hager.

Lions aid Calfee Cultural Center

The historic Calfee Cultural Center located in Pulaski, Virginia is a training school That is being renovated to be the future Calfee community and cultural center. This will house a Community Kitchen, a museum, a digital lab, a much-needed day care & much more.

On March 31st,2023 The Dublin Lion's Club Donated a check to the center in the amount of \$500

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April: National Stress Awareness Month

By ANDREA HAUBNER

While spring brings beauty back into the world, it also comes with lots of events like graduations and weddings that can lead to stress. April is recognized as National Stress Awareness Month to bring attention to the negative impacts that stress can have on so many of us.1 Stress isn't always a bad thing. In fact, we need some amount of stress to survive to keep ourselves stimulated. Good stress, called eustress, is the type of stress you might feel when something excites you, motivates you, or improves your performance. Examples of this might be going on a first date,

riding a roller coaster, or getting married.2

Bad stress, or distress, tend to make you tired and is harmful to your overall health.2 This type of stress may lead to anxiety, lack of focus, depression, and decreased performance.2 Examples of bad stressors might include relationships, work, money, loss, or mental health problems.2 You might notice some overlaps between good and bad stressors. Ultimately, its up to how the stressor makes you feel or act.2

Stress is unavoidable, but there are healthy ways to think about and manage stress. Here are a couple for you to try this spring3 –

- Exercise regularly to increase your heart rate and increase strength.
- Make time for yourself to relax and do things you enjoy.
- Limit your alcohol and caffeine intake.
- Sleep on a regular schedule to help regulate mood and enhance judgement.
- Eat a well-balanced diet with fruits, vegetables, lean protein, and whole grains.
- Eliminate stressors where you can.
- Realize that you can't control everything.
- Get support from family, friends or mental health professionals.

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'Dirt Guy' Bell leads going into Martinsville

From NASCAR

Ring That Bell: Christopher Bell jumps to standings lead with Bristol Dirt victory

Rising like a rocket into the atmosphere, Joe Gibbs Racing's Christopher Bell has soared to the NASCAR Cup Series standings lead following his first win of the 2023 season at Bristol Motor Speedway Dirt. The win was the fifth of his career and his first at the half-mile track. Now, for the third consecutive season (2021-2023), the 28-year-old Oklahoma native has locked himself into the Playoffs and has also earned a spot in the NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race that will be held on May 21 at the historic North Wilkesboro Speedway.

Atop the standings, Bell holds a 13-point lead over Trackhouse Racing's Ross Chastain in second and a 26-point lead over Stewart-Haas Racing's veteran Kevin Harvick in third. Through eight race this season, Bell has put up one win (Bristol Dirt), five top fives (series-most) and six top 10s (tied with Alex Bowman for series-most). Bell is the seventh different winner and the fourth different points leader through the first eight races of the season.

"We knew this was going to be a good stretch of races," said Bell. "Obviously wanted to capitalize



Christopher Bell, driver of the #20 DeWalt Power Stack Toyota, places his winner sticker on his car in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Food City Dirt Race at Bristol Motor Speedway on April 09, 2023 in Bristol, Tennessee. (Photo by Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images)

on it.

Last year through the Playoffs, it was a really big eye opener of Play-off points, how important they are. Frankly, we didn't have very many of them last year. The only thing that pays Playoff points is race wins and stage wins. Thankfully, we have five in the bank now and we

need to get some more."

Looking to Martinsville this weekend, Bell must be encouraged about keeping up this early season success, as he is the most recent winner at 0.526-mile track, taking the victory last Fall in the Playoff race to earn his spot in the Championship 4 Round.

"I feel good about going back to Martinsville," said Bell. "It's going to be certainly different with the low downforce package. But it's different for everybody. I feel like we were the best car there in the Fall, so hopefully we can do our

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Cougars lose tough one at home, 4-3

By RODNEY YOUNG
The Patriot

They had their chances, they just didn't get the big key hit. That was the story Tuesday of the Pulaski County Cougars baseball team losing to the visiting Blacksburg Bruins, 4-3.

The Bruins scored twice in the top of the first on two hits and two walks off Cougar starting pitcher Nick Golden. John Michael Szeftc drew a leadoff walk and scored on a double by Brice Abbott. Abbott then crossed the plate on a double by Spencer Campbell.

Campbell finished the game by going four for four. He had three singles to go with his first inning double. Abbott went two for four, scored a run and knocked in one for the winning Bruins.

Pulaski County (4-3) would score one run in the first and one in second to tie the game up at two all.

The Bruins would re-take the lead in their half of the fourth as Szeftc hit a sac fly to center to score Major Marshall. They would score another run in the fifth off a single by Brody Shealor to knock in Alex Rudolph.

The Cougars would battle back in their bottom of the fifth as Gabe Huff led off the inning with a triple to right center that rolled to the fence. Cole Albert would then single to score Huff to cut the deficit to 4-3.

After Blaine Reedy struck out, Nick Golden would single to put runners on first and second with one out. Albert would then get picked off of second and Johnny Anderson flied out to end the inning.

The Cougar sixth saw them waste another chance with a Zach Dalton reaching on an error with just one out. The next two Cougar batters would hit into a fielder choice and a pop up to second to end their threat.

"We had our chances tonight," said Cougar head coach Greg Allen. "We had the right guys up at the plate, but we just didn't get the big hit when we needed it. It's a tough loss for us," Coach Allen said, adding "I thought Golden and Johnny Anderson pitched well enough for us."

The Cougars' Huff and Albert both had two hits. Four other batters had one hit each. Albert, CJ Butner and Golden had one RBI each.

The Bruins got four hits from Campbell and two from Abbott in the win. Abbott got the pitching win as he went five innings giving up three runs – only two of those were earned. He stuck out five and walked no one. Riel Pula went the last inning as he walked one.

The tough luck loser for the Cougars was Golden as he went four innings. He surrendered three runs on five hits. He struck out six but issued five base on balls. Anderson went the last three innings, scattering four hits.

B-burg - 2 0 0 1 1 0 0 - 4
Pul. Co. - 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 - 3

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Pulaski County Public Schools

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State Champion in the shot put. Cole Boone finished as Region Champion and State Runner-Up in the 1,000-meter race. Olivia Viers, Davis Neel, and Tre Hayden each finished as State Qualifiers. The Cougars are led by Head Coach Mark Carper and Assistant Coaches Hannah Alexander, Josh Fleenor, and Joel Burchett.

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Bell

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homework and make sure to study the differences between Richmond and Phoenix with the low down-force package and what we expect at Martinsville.”

In six NASCAR Cup Series starts at Martinsville Speedway, Bell has put up one win (2022), one top five and two top 10s. His average finish at the half-mile track is 14.6, and he has led 159 laps.

NASCAR Cup Series’ short track swing culminates at Martinsville Speedway

Amid a short track swing on the 2023 season schedule, the NASCAR Cup Series heads to the half-mile Martinsville Speedway for the NOCO 400 this Sunday, April 16 at 3 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio – the third of three consecutive tracks measuring less than a mile (Richmond, Bristol and Martinsville).

Martinsville Speedway, at 0.526-mile in length, is the longest continuously running track on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule, and the only currently active track that was a part of the inaugural NASCAR Cup Series season in 1949. Martinsville Speedway was originally a dirt track and the facility hosted 12

NASCAR Cup Series races on the then dirt surface before paving the track in the late summer months of 1955, between the track’s two Cup races that season.

In total, there have been 148 NASCAR Cup Series races held at Martinsville Speedway, one race in the inaugural year (1949) and two races per year since 1950. The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Martinsville Speedway was on September 25, 1949 and won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Red Byron driving an Oldsmobile for car owner Raymond Parks. The first 500-lap Cup Series event at Martinsville Speedway was in 1956 and the event was won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Buck Baker from the pole position. Baker was driving a 1956 Dodge for car owner Carl Kiekhaefer. The now famous concrete corners were added atop asphalt in 1976 making the already uniquely ‘paperclip’ shaped track that much more one-



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Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing to consider an applications for the Month of April. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following application;

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.

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, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710. For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, please 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.

LEGAL NOTICE


THE NEW RIVER VALLEY MPO SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) seeks public comment on the proposed 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Projects included in the plan cover roads, bridges, public transportation, airport improvements enhancement projects that include bikeways/walkways, and safety projects among others.. A draft plan is available for review at the offices of the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, the City of Radford, and the Montgomery and Pulaski County offices. It is also available on the MPO website: www.newrivervalleympo.org.
Deadline for written comments: 5:00 PM April 18, 2023

Oral comments will also be taken at the MPO Policy Board meeting at 2:00 PM on May 4, 2023 at the Montgomery County Government Center.

Comments can also address transit projects for which Federal operating and capital assistance will be sought under 49 USC Section 5303, as well as other transportation modes.

The NRV MPO ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Dan Brugh at: brughjd@montgomerycountyva.gov or 540-394-2145, TTY/TTD 711.



of-a-kind.

Martinsville Speedway’s 148 races have produced 63 different pole winners and 57 different race winners over the years. This weekend, 10 of the 57 NASCAR Cup Series Martinsville Speedway race winners are active.

NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty leads the NASCAR Cup Series in wins at Martinsville Speedway with 15 victories (1960, 1962, 1963, 1967 sweep, 1968, 1969 sweep, 1970, 1971, 1972 sweep, 1973, 1975, 1979) – the most any

driver in the series has won at a single track; he also won 15 races at North Wilkesboro. Joe Gibbs Racing’s Denny Hamlin leads the NASCAR Cup Series among active drivers in wins at Martinsville Speedway with five victories (2008, 2009, 2010 sweep, 2015).

All the NASCAR Cup Series action at Martinsville Speedway begins this Saturday, April 15 at 4:30 p.m. ET followed directly by Busch Light Pole Qualifying at 5:20 p.m. ET; both will be televised on FS2.

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THE NEW RIVER VALLEY MPO SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITS ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM


The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is developing its 2023-24 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP provides an annual schedule of activities, lists planning tasks and studies, and identifies funding sources. A draft plan is available for review at the offices of the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, the City of Radford, and the Montgomery and Pulaski County offices. It is also available on the MPO website: www.newrivervalleympo.org

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Photo courtesy of Ashley H. Coake

County Water Treatment Plant Recognized

Pulaski County Public Service Authority’s Draper Water Treatment Plant was recognized during the recent Water is Life event. In this photo, Eddie Viars of the county’s water works is shown accepting the 2022 Gold Excellence in Waterworks Operations/Performance Award. Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board Member Ashley H. Coake, who submitted the photo and attended the event, said, “I am very proud of Eddie, the water treatment operators, and everyone who has a part in making our water top notch.” During the event, each award recipient was asked to share about their treatment facility and some of the filtration/treatment strategies that contributed to the achievement of the award. “Though most of the technical terms were over my head, Eddie represented our county very well in his response,” Coake said.

Equine Report

Loping Ridge, Billingsway events scheduled

By Donald Trausneck
Special to The Patriot

The next two weekends will bring both a horse show and a ro-

deo season opener to venues in Wythe County.

Glade Mountain Saddle Club Arena in Rural Retreat will host a fun show sponsored by Loping

Ridge Therapeutic Riding on Saturday, April 15.

Forty classes of varied competition will be offered including show, game and speed classes in two sessions. The first session will begin at 9 a.m. and the evening session will begin at 4:30 or later. The day’s competition will close with the always exciting barrel racing in pee wee, youth, youth speed, adult speed and open divisions.

Class entries are \$10 per class. Ribbons will be awarded for first through fifth place in each class.

Sponsorships are available for \$30 per class.

There will be a silent auction at the show from 2 to 6 p.m.

Tia Austin of Hillsville will be the show judge.

The arena (Rural Retreat Fairgrounds) is located at 778 Rural Retreat Lake Road about 2.8 miles southeast of downtown Rural Retreat.

For more information, contact Abigail Collins at (276) 235-2048 or Kayla Williams at (276) 920-7433.

One week later, Billingsway Arena near Crockett will open its season with two nights of exciting rodeo action. Competition Friday, April 21, will begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday’s events will start at 6.

Events will include mutton busting, calf riding, chute dogging, calf roping, barrels, poles, bull riding and more.

There is ample parking and concessions will be available.

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Local Delta Kappa Gamma chapter meets in Pulaski

Submitted by RuthAnn Sloop Whitener, Nu Chapter, Communications chair

Thursday, March 16, Delta Kappa Gamma, Virginia State, local Nu Chapter gathered for their monthly meeting with Cheryl Williams acting as president for the business meeting.

We discussed the vital importance of continuing our Delta Kappa Gamma, Nu Chapter Scholarship at Radford University to enable young women, getting started in teacher education.

Hannah Carr, a recent RU graduate and young educator now in Christiansburg, was our 2022 recipient. We will continue to fund

this most important project of Nu Chapter.

This month in continuing our lifelong learning we met at the Radcliffe Transportation Museum to learn from April Danner Martin about the African-American soldiers from Pulaski County in World War I. April has been cleaning headstones in Pulaski County for years. Most recently she's been in Pulaski's Pinehurst Cemetery doing her work. She has learned and helped us to learn of the many different and important contributions of Pulaski County African-American soldiers in World War I. Upon their return, they became most important in the life and times of early Pulaski County.



RuthAnnSloop Whitener photos

Members of Nu Chapter (front row, left to right) Mary Beth Glenn, Dianne Wallace, Cheryl Williams, and Jan Woodward. (back row, left to right) Delores Smith, Ruth Ann, Whitener, Brenda Waller, and Melody Hedge.



April D. Martin discusses vital information about the contributions of Pulaski County African-American soldiers in World War I. She has been learning of them while cleaning headstones in Pulaski's Pinehurst Cemetery. This was a most informative presentation and meeting.

Selling stuff online is the new garage sale

By George Kamel Ramsey Solutions

August 13 is apparently National Garage Sale Day. I don't know who invented it, but more power to them. We live in modern times though, and selling your unwanted stuff online can be way more profitable.

So, if you're not feeling like posting up in the heat from the crack of dawn until the last straggling thrifters stop showing up, let's explore your online options. There are plenty of selling sites and apps that can turn your old stuff into someone else's treasure. Here's how to do it the right way.

How to Get Started Selling Stuff Online

The process is simple, but there are a few things you'll need to prep and decide before you start rolling in the dough.

- First, gather the stuff you want to sell and make sure it's in good condition. Double-check that your gadgets work, clothes don't have major rips or stains, shoes don't have holes, and bikes and home items are clean and repaired. The cleaner and newer it looks, the higher the chance of selling.
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Terry McCraw

The Rapture

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When Jesus died upon the cross of Calvary, and was raised from the dead by the mighty power of God, He became the First Fruits of them that slept. He was the first to ever be resurrected from the dead permanently, but thank God, He'll not be the last. Those who have been born again of the Spirit, and kept by the power of God, will one day follow Jesus, in the Resurrection.

Only those who are IN Christ and still alive the His next coming of Jesus, will escape physical death. The redeemed of the Lord who are still alive when Jesus comes, will be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and receive glorified, incorruptible, immortal bodies, and will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air.

We'll be caught up together with those who have died in Christ, who have been resurrected from the dead.

Verse 21-23. “For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order. Christ the First Fruits; afterwards they that are Christ's at His coming.

First fruits was a farming term used in Israel, meaning the First Fruits of the harvest.

Christ defeated death by His own resurrection from the dead, and those united to Him by faith, are assured of a bodily Resurrection of their own. Because He lives, we who are saved shall live also. If we should die in Christ before He returns, we will follow Him, in a bodily Resurrection from the dead. As Jesus was raised from the dead, so shall we also be risen. The dead in Christ shall rise first, and then all the redeemed who are alive and remain, shall join them and we'll all be caught up together to meet the Lord Jesus in the air.

Some of the most notable scriptures on the Rapture of the Saints are printed below:

1 Thessalonians 4: 14-17. “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

1 Cor. 15: 50-58. “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death

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

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Dublin, Va. 24084
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674-1762
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Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
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Worship, 11 a.m.
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Phone: 980-2046

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Primary Service Times:
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Worship, 11 a.m.
Phone: 276-477-3835

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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Listen to this good news saints of God. The time is coming when death will be no more.

1 Thessalonians 5:9. “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,” This scripture tells us that the Rapture will take place before the Tribulation Period. It’s the next great event on the calendar of God. Nothing else has to happen in Bible prophecy before the Rapture can take place.

Luke 12:40. “Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.”

1 Thessalonians 5:2. “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.” It will not be announced prior to His coming. It will take place on a day and time known only to God the Father. Not every eye shall see him at this coming. Only those who are saved and ready to meet the Lord. When Jesus comes again in great power and glory, at the end of the Tribulation Period, every eye shall see Him.

Jesus is not a thief but will come as a thief would come. Unannounced, when He is least expected.

Mark 13:32. “But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.”

Because Jesus won the victory over death, all who believe in Him unto salvation, and who die in Christ, shall also conquer death.

When the Rapture of the Saints takes place, first the dead in Christ rise from their graves with glorified bodies; and then a moment later, those who are alive in Christ, shall also be glorified, and we shall all rise together to meet Jesus in the air, and be transported to heaven, and there shall we ever be, with the Lord.

If we should happen to miss the Rapture we will have missed it all. If we miss a bus, we can wait and another one will come along. But the Rapture of the Saints of God is going to be a onetime happening. We must be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Job (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In Luke 17, when Jesus healed 10 men of leprosy, how many returned to thank Him? 0, 1, 3, All

3. What woman restored to life by Peter was known for helping the poor? Dorcas, Leah, Abigail, Miriam

4. Where are the names Abaddon and Apollyon used to denote Satan? 2 Peter, 3 John, Jude, Revelation

5. Who contracted leprosy for lying to the prophet Elisha? Deborah, Gideon, Gehazi, Matthew

6. From 2 Samuel 20, who led David’s armies? Aaron, Dan, Abner, Joab

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 1, 3) Dorcas (also called Tabitha), 4) Revelation 9:11, 5) Gehazi, 6) Joab

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Psalm 25:10-11

All the **ways** of the **LORD** are **loving** and **faithful toward those who keep** the **demands** of his **covenant**. **For** the **sake** of **your name**, **LORD**, **forgive** my **iniquity**, **though** it is **great**.

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

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Persecution: Natural consequence of living Christian life

Q: I read the Book of Martyrs and was horrified at what they suffered because of their faith. We’re seeing a rise in the persecution of Christians. So many people accept God’s love but are violently against Christians who speak of Christ’s judgment. Why is this? – C.P.

A: Speak about the love of God and faces light up, but speak of God’s judgment, and attitudes change. God does judge sin and evil with perfect justice, and offers His grace, mercy, and love to all who will receive Him. This is difficult for some to accept, but

it’s true.

Few things touch the heart more than the news that believers in Christ are persecuted, tortured, and killed for their devotion to Jesus and His Word. There’s been an expansion of Christianity in the last few centuries — often into places of great unbelief and hostility. There’s also the rise of militantly anti-religious political systems. Even where persecution isn’t an issue, an upsurge in secularism and religious intolerance is apparent, and religion has been scorned and removed from public life. Jesus warned that those who choose



My
Answer

Billy Graham

to follow Him would experience these things.

Persecution is one of the natural consequences of living the Christian life. The Bible tells us that it comes because of the word of the Lord (see Matthew 13:21). Faithful Christians will stand up

for Him in the midst of it because they understand the purpose behind it: to glorify God, for He will strengthen those enduring trials for His Name’s sake.

Thank God for whatever measure of religious freedom is still present today. Christians in America have worshiped without the fear or threat of physical abuse for their beliefs, but others around the world have been tortured and martyred. We must pray for them and comfort one another with the knowledge that Jesus is coming back in glory and majesty to make all things right.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

ISN'T THIS NICE. WE FINALLY HAVE A NICE DAY FOR A PICNIC.

I LOVE THIS. ENJOYING OUR MEAL SITTING IN THE GRASS WITH NATURE ALL AROUND.

THIS IS JUST HOW ALL THE SETTLERS ATE THEIR MEALS.

YES, ASIDE FROM THE COOLER, TUPPERWARE AND PLASTIC SPOOKS...JUST LIKE THIS.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

FASTER THAN A SPEEDING SQUIRREL... MORE BUNERFUL THAN A LUNGING LEMUR... ABLE TO LEAP SMALL CHILDREN IN A SINGLE BOUND. LOOKS UP IN THE SKY...

I'D HAVE GOTTEN HERE SOONER BUT I HAD TO GO ACROSS TOWN TO MY APARTMENT TO CHANGE INTO MY TIGHTS AND CAPE IN MY BATHROOM.

LOW SELF-ESTEEM SUPERMAN

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN.

OR AS THE FROGS SAY...

"...TIME'S FUN WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FLIES."

POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

THE SECRET OF GOONHALLA PART 3

WHILE SWEETPEA AND ALICE JR. ESCAPE THE BRIG THEIR RESPECTIVE PARENTS LEFT THEM IN POPEYE CONFRONT THE BEING HOLDING THE GOONS CAPTIVE IN A BUBBLE.

AHOY, SWAB! LET THEM GOONS GO OR ELSE!

CAN YOU SPEAK UP? IT'S HARD TO HEAR YOU THROUGH THE DOME.

I SAYS, LETSK THEM GOONS GO FREE!

BELIEVE ME, I WANT TO!

AND I WILL ONCE ONE OF 'EM TELLS ME WHAT GOONHALLA IS!

AN EVEN IF THEY DID, YA GOTSK NO RIGHT T DEMAND NOTHINK OF 'EM!

BLAP!

I AM TRIVICUS, COSMICALLY APPOINTED COLLECTOR OF ALL OBSCURE KNOWLEDGE!

AND IF YOU WANT THE GOONS FREED, THEN I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO GET ME INFORMATION ABOUT GOONHALLA.

FINE, WE GOTSK A DEAL. SHAKE ON IT.

I'D RATHER NOT REACH MY NECK. THAT'S FINE. VER NECK WILL DO.

OLIVE

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

THE "WARNING"

WERE YOU A SHRIMP IN A PAST LIFE?

I CAN SEE WHY SAILORS LIKE YOU SO MUCH

AUGH! MY BACK HURTS SO MUCH

BECAUSE YOU WON'T LISTEN TO MY WARNINGS!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, FORGET THIS! FROM NOW ON WE NEED TO EITHER MAKE LESS OR JUST EAT MORE.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals F

RK SDF CMRVCSWP QGCHCQSWHL

CHW PHCDM FM SGW LCVW

QCHSFFM KHCWV, R'P QCUU SGWV

QWU VCSWL.

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Speck

HERDS

Gloom

ODWASH

Allow

BELEAN

Suspend

LEGAND

TODAY'S WORD

"This is one of those days when nothing seems to go _____."

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Faux pas

5 Spider's creation

8 Smith of Fox News

12 Wood strip

13 Hollywood's Gardner

14 Model Banks

15 Twistable cookie

16 "Wonder Woman" star

18 Reproductive cell

20 Old Geo models

21 Conceal, in a way

23 Zodiac cat

24 When a sporting event starts

28 Pvt.'s superiors

31 Historic period

32 Open a toothpaste tube

34 Consume

35 Beige

37 Floral wreaths

39 Mao — -tung

41 Coaster

42 Three-note chords

45 Doohickey

49 Hood

51 Roof overhang

52 "Got it"

53 French article

54 Pitcher Nolan Domino

55 Waller or Inlet

56 Transmit

DOWN

1 Trudge

2 News reporter

3 Logan

4 Detail

5 "Friends" role

6 Betting parlor activity

6 Ms. Longoria

7 Lip soother

8 Iowa and Maine, e.g.

9 Lightest element

10 Slangy suffix

11 Bits of butter

17 Solidify

19 Ballet wear

22 Community gym sites

24 "Gosh!"

25 Lob's path

26 Strict taskmaster

27 Tea choice

29 Wee bit

30 Map lines (Abbr.)

33 Entreaty

36 Applications

38 Venomous snakes

40 Mag. staff

42 End-of-wk. cry

43 Tabula —

44 Ticket half

46 "Mercy Mercy Me" singer

47 Marv Hunter

48 Look after

50 Disney deer

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top ten

Smallest Countries OF THE WORLD (LAND AREA)

1. Vatican City

2. Monaco

3. Nauru

4. Tuvalu

5. San Marino

6. Liechtenstein

7. Marshall Islands

8. Saint Kitts & Nevis

9. Maldives

10. Malta

Source: Statista.com

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WORD LADDERS

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

FEATS

JELLY

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Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the president in the drama "West Wing"?

2. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state shares the same name as one of the Great Lakes?

3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What are the ZIP codes assigned to the president and first lady?

4. LANGUAGE: What is cryptophasia?

5. MOVIES: What is the number on top of the bus in the movie "Speed"?

6. LITERATURE: What is the setting for Dashiell Hammett's novel "The Maltese Falcon"?

7. ANATOMY: Which two parts of the human body contain the most bones?

8. U.S. STATES: In which state would you find the Grand Teton National Park?

9. AD SLOGANS: Which popular product uses the slogan, "Is it in you"?

10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient of baba ganoush?

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Answers

1. Josiah "Jed" Bartlet.

2. Michigan.

3. 20500-0001 and 20500-0002.

4. A language developed by twins that only the two children can understand.

5. 2525.

6. San Francisco.

7. More than half the bones are in the hands and feet, 27 in each hand and 26 in each foot.

8. Wyoming.

9. Gatorade.

10. Eggplant.

Americanisms

"A person doesn't know how much he has to be thankful for until he has to pay taxes on it."

— Ann Landers

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Cryptopuzzle

If two animated characters are drawn on the same cartoon frame, I'd call them cel mates.

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Q O M K M T W T S R K N K I G
E C A Y A I O A W U A S A Q P
N L J H J K B Y K N Y T S F E
C A Y U Y A X V K I I G O U S
Q P K O N M K J H F M E C B Z

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL OF JAPAN

- Abashiri
Akita
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Kawasaki
- Kuji
Kyoto
Mikawa
Miyako
- Nanao
Ogi
Osaka
Otaru
- Soma
Toba
Yokohama

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

ABV PWS JVGDVHDY HWD
WBAQZEXDE PBC CABEH; ABV
PWS JVGDVHDY HWD LWDDCD-
QZEXDE PBC B XDVJZC.
— ABHHWDP ALLSVBZXWDN

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Man who invented the
hamburger was smart; man
who invented the cheese-
burger was a genius.
— Matthew McConaughey

CRYPTOQUOTE
PORTS OF JAPAN

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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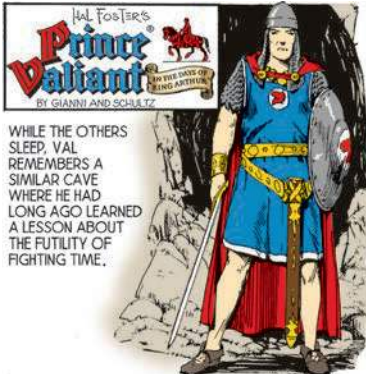
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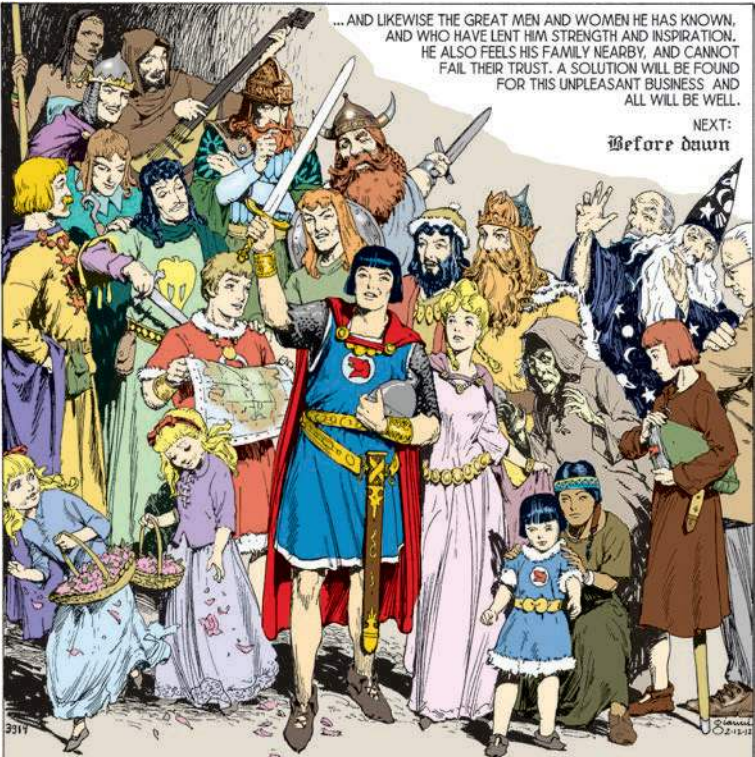


Hal Foster's
Prince Valiant
BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ
WHILE THE OTHERS SLEEP, VAL REMEMBERS A SIMILAR CAVE WHERE HE HAD LONG AGO LEARNED A LESSON ABOUT THE FUTILITY OF FIGHTING TIME.



HE MUST FIND A WAY TO DESTROY THE GOLEM OUTSIDE, BUT THIS PLACE SEEMS TO LAY ALL HIS YEARS BEFORE HIM...

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...AND LIKEWISE THE GREAT MEN AND WOMEN HE HAS KNOWN, AND WHO HAVE LENT HIM STRENGTH AND INSPIRATION. HE ALSO FEELS HIS FAMILY NEARBY, AND CANNOT FAIL THEIR TRUST. A SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND FOR THIS UNPLEASANT BUSINESS, AND ALL WILL BE WELL.

NEXT:
Before dawn

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MING THE MERCILESS...

...TYRANNICAL RULER OF THE PLANET MONGO.



FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
CONTINUING: THE WAY IT BEGAN...
FLASH AND DALE ARE BROUGHT BEFORE MING THE MERCILESS!
FLASH IS SENTENCED TO TRIAL BY COMBAT.
DESIRING THE EARTH WOMAN FOR HIMSELF, MING ANNOUNCES THEY ARE TO BE WED!



TO MING'S ASTONISHMENT, FLASH SURVIVES...
...THEN ESCAPES!
EVENTUALLY FLASH IS REUNITED WITH DR. ZARKOV.
ZARKOV, HAVING REGAINED HIS SANITY, WASTES NO TIME IN HELPING FLASH FREE DALE FROM MING'S CLUTCHES.

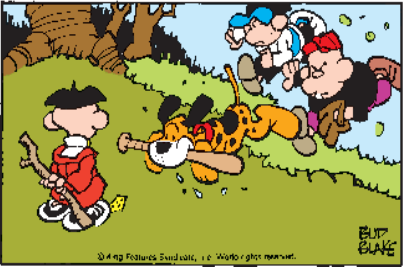


PURSUED BY MING, FLASH'S BRAVERY AND COURAGE RALLIES OTHERS...
PRINCE BARIN, RIGHTFUL RULER OF MONGO
VULTAN, KING OF THE HAWK MEN
THE SORCERESS AZURA



ULTIMATELY, THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF MONGO RISE UP, UNITING UNDER FLASH'S LEADERSHIP.
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Selling

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• Then, decide if you'd rather complete sales by meeting buyers at a public place or shipping items from the post office. There's no right or wrong way—just do what's convenient for you.

Where to Sell Stuff Online

Here are a few of my favorite resale sites in no particular order:

1. Facebook Marketplace: Facebook Marketplace is free (thanks, Zuck), and on top of that, you can list your items in local buy/sell groups to expand your reach. With local pickup and shipping options, people can find and buy your listings from just about anywhere—and you can vet them before meeting.

2. eBay: eBay is awesome for selling collectible items, electronics and vintage or antique pieces—like the Beanie Babies stuffed under the bed. With auction and Buy Now options, you choose how buyers purchase your goods. Heads up: There are some fees with eBay, so read the fine print and list wisely, my friends.

3. ThredUP: ThredUP is a consignment style site where you mail them your items, then they do all the work and give you a cut of the sale. My wife loves ThredUP because she can pack up a giant box of old clothes (and by old, I mean last season, which is apparently already out of style), and it conveniently gets picked up from your front door.

4. Decluttr: Decluttr is a fast and free way to sell cell phones, tech, CDs, DVDs and games. The website uses a price generator for listings so you can turn old gadgets into new dollars—and purge your junk drawer of dusty, early generation iPods while you're at it.

5. Mercari: Mercari helps millions of people across the U.S. buy and sell just about anything. With options for prepaid shipping labels and profits added right to your account, this app makes selling clothes, beauty items, shoes and household stuff super easy.

Now, wherever you end up selling your stuff, remember two important words: safety first. Scammers want to take advantage you, so make sure you take precautions. Examine buyer profiles, question details that don't add up, never mail a product without getting paid first, and meet at a safe, public place. Also, never share your personal information with strangers. Instead, communicate through the app or selling website—not your cell phone or email.

How to Make More Money with Your Online Sales

Creating a post to sell your old stuff is a lot like making a dating profile. With so many fish in the sea—or coffee tables on the Internet—you need to make your posts stand out. Here are some of the best ways to spice up your listing and get a buyer's attention.

• Add keywords to your posts and include a good description. This is important! Describe your

items with keywords that people will search for. If you're selling a living room rug, describe it as an area rug, throw rug, rectangle rug, oriental rug or carpet—and you can even describe the color or brand name. This way people find your listing under a few different searches.

• Use bright, clear pictures. You don't need a fancy camera to take good pictures of stuff you're selling. Your cell phone will be fine. Make sure your pictures are clear and well-lit, and don't include a distracting background.

• Price pieces to sell and be ready to negotiate. Search for stuff like yours to see how other people priced the item. Asking too much money can turn buyers off, but too little means you're leaving money on the table. And remember: Your stuff is only worth whatever someone's willing to pay, so be open to best offers.

So, how good does it feel to make a few extra bucks and create more space in your home? Pretty darn good! It's time to count up your cash, do a victory dance, and put that money where it needs to go. If you're not quite sure how to spend it, try out a zero-based budget. Whether you're working on paying off debt, investing for retirement, or even just saving up for next Christmas, your budget gives every dollar a job to do.

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

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April 16

Gospel Music Concert

Trinity Baptist Church, Robinson Tract Road, will host a gospel music concert with "Heaven Bound" fro Wythe County on Sunday, April 16 at 11 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

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 or Suzanne Bowen, chair of the Pulaski Democratic Party, at (540) 980-4664 or pulaskicountyvademocrats@gmail.com. Learn more at www.facebook.com/pulaskivadems. Our mailing address is: Pulaski County Virginia Democratic Committee, 40 4th St., Pulaski, Virginia 24301

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" 2023 W.A.L.K- "Walking and Loving Kids with Down Syndrome: A Fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Association of the New River Valley" April 29th, 10am, at Randolph Park Stay tuned for registration and donation details on our website: <https://www.nrv-down-syndrome.org/>

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May 13

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!

Aug. 4-5

Class Reunion

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 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)" Hope to hear from you soon!

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every

Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds

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

Lifestyles Changes

If you are currently trying to lose weight, we may have what you need. Contact Bill Brewer at 540-813-1605.

Celebrate Recovery

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

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

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