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Change of ‘tone’ brought to school raises discussion

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

“We’re going to change our tone right here.”

That was how Lezley Wilson, a second grade teacher at Pulaski Elementary and Vice President of the Pulaski County Education Association began her comments to the Board of Supervisors on Monday night.

Wilson addressed the board to ask that the supervisors allocate the money necessary for 7 percent raises for school employees, as proposed by Governor Glenn Youngkin and both houses of the General Assembly.

However, unlike comments by some in prior meetings, Wilson presented a different tone in her remarks – one that sought to give credit where it is due, and not automatically assuming the worst.

Noting she was representing the employees of the “second largest employer in Pulaski County,” Wilson told the supervisors and County Administrator Jonathan Sweet that, “You are right. This is a different board. I want to highlight some of your accomplishments.”

She thanked both Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters and County Administrator Jonathan Sweet for taking the time to meet with her and PCEA President Candy Castelluccio. A first in her tenure, Wilson said.

She noted they had talked at length about changes to the school system’s Capital Improvement Project budget.

“We want citizens to know that at no additional cost to Pulaski County taxpayers, you have developed additional funding streams for the

capital improvement budget to include revenue from the cigarette tax and from retiring school debt service obligations,” Wilson stated.

“This has allowed our students to eat meals prepared with new, more efficient kitchen equipment and learn in buildings where repair or replacing roofs and other capital equipment is not delayed by needing to secure funding. Our students are better protected by the security upgrades to buildings made possible with this funding strategy and rising buses that are being upgraded more quickly,” Wilson continued.

Wilson also commended the board for “ensuring that the coordinated and difficult decisions made by leaders and public safety officers err on the side of safety for school operations.”

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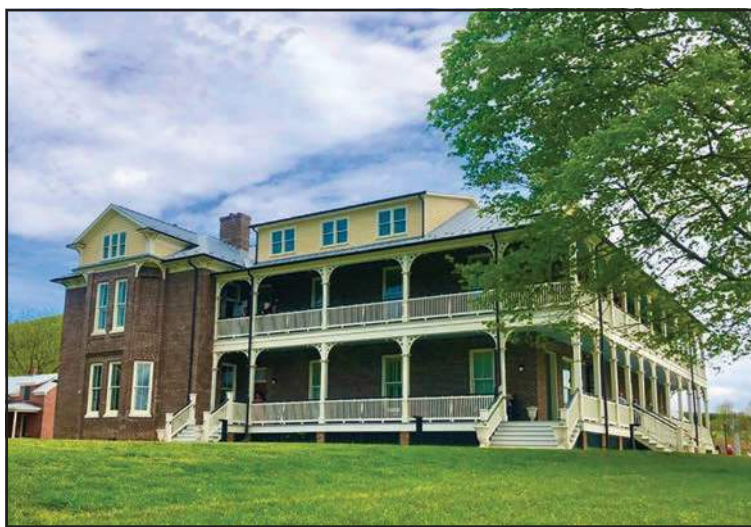
Historic structure along N.R. Trail reborn as The Inn at Foster Falls

By **WILLIAM PAINE**
The Patriot

Last Sunday, April 23rd, saw hundreds of folks coming to the Open House event at the newly renovated Inn at Foster Falls. Freshly made pastries and coffee greeted visitors, as they ambled through the richly appointed interiors of the Inn. After touring the Inn and its grounds, several individuals were inspired to reserve a room on this opening day event.

The Inn at Foster Falls is located near the midpoint of the 57-mile New River Trail State Park, which extends from Dora Junction in Pulaski to Galax along the bed of an abandoned railroad track. The New River Trail officially opened in 1986 and today outdoor enthusiasts from around the world enjoy biking and hiking along this path as it follows the New River.

Back in 1881, the Foster Falls Mining and Manufacturing Company built a large stone furnace and in 1887, the company built the



William Paine/The Patriot

The Inn at Foster Falls corner view.

Foster Falls Hotel, which served as a meeting hall, post office, commissary and boarding house for its employees. That same year, the railroad built a “Dinky” rail bridge one-quarter mile upstream from Foster Falls, which connected to a hematite ore mine. By 1895, the

Village of Foster Falls had a general store, a distillery and upwards of 100 houses.

In 1916, the New River rose 32 feet above flood stage and washed the Dinky railroad bridge away. This spelled the end of the mining

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PCHS Red Cross Club making a difference

Pulaski County Public Schools

The Pulaski County High School Red Cross Club has been hard at work this year, hosting multiple events and participating in school activities. The most recent event was a blood drive, held at school, that saw students and staff members donating lifesaving blood for the American Red Cross.

The club is sponsored by Mrs. Tara Bird, who teaches Pharmacy Tech I and II as a part of the PCHS Career and Technical Education center's Health and Medical Sciences program. The club has two Co-Presidents who helped organize this and other events throughout the school year, Laiken Landreth and Shaylen Buckner.

While this is only the second year of sponsoring the Red Cross Club for Mrs. Bird, the school has had the club and annual blood drives since the beginning of PCHS.

The blood drive this week, which was operated by the club's elected officers and club members, was the second blood drive of the school year for PCHS. By hosting two blood drives, the PCHS Red Cross Club has qualified for a senior scholarship of \$250. Red Cross personnel handled the drawing of the blood while students handled registration and taking care of the waiting areas.

The two blood drives were created in honor of Nikolas Pakkidis, son of PCHS ITRT Kathy Pakkidis, who is now in remission after a battle with Ph+ Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. The club also created a banner for the Fall Homecoming Pep Rally, which earned first place.

The first blood drive, which took place November 10, collected 34 units and registered 28 first-time donors. The second blood drive, which took place April 24, collected an additional 25 units.



Together We Rise: Pulaski wants you ... or at least your ladders

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

Friends, Neighbors and lovers of quirky art installations – Lend us your ladders! The latest and no doubt the tallest art project ever attempted by members of the Fine Art Center for the New River Valley is scheduled to begin next week in Pulaski's Jackson Square.

Together We Rise: Pulaski is a temporary art installation that is dependent on community support and by that we mean community members who are willing to lend their ladders to the FAC for about a month.

Artist Charlie Brouwer will begin counting ladders and formulating his ideas beginning this Monday. Ladders will begin to rise skyward Tuesday starting at 3 p.m. when Charlie and his assistant Barry Keller will begin their work. Each of the subsequent days of next week, the artists will be at Jackson Park from 3 till 6 p.m. securing one ladder to the next using heavy duty zip ties.

Why not come down to Jackson Park and watch the magic happen?

The final ladder will be placed on the Together We Rise: Pulaski sculpture on the evening of Saturday May 6, with the project formal-

ly finishing at 6 p.m. The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce perform a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark this auspicious occasion and the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPeJAM) will add a musical element by playing a few songs.

Those wanting to add a ladder to the sculpture may do so between the hours of 3 and 6 from Tuesday May 2 till the following Saturday May 6. All ladders will be accepted ... even toy ladders.

Members of the Fine Art Center will be on hand to register and tag your ladder and add your name to the list of ladder lenders. This list of names will be featured prominently alongside the sculpture, which will remain up for the entire month of May.

Ladders will also be accepted at the Fine Arts Center for the NRV at 21 West Main Street in Pulaski from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Those interested in lending a ladder but need to have their ladder picked up are encouraged to visit the website or Facebook page of the Fine Art Center for the FAC or call (540) 980-7363 or (540) 577-5917.

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“Whether it be decisions affecting transportation routes, closing schools, conducting community training and drills or other disruptions to routines, consideration for protecting our children is the highest priority,” she said.

“We all wish that we lived in a time where risk of violence from within or outside the school community wasn’t a daily concern, but sadly, we don’t. Proactively this board stepped up and through the Sheriff’s Office assigns a dedicated, armed, and trained resource officer in every Pulaski County school every day. This is certainly a case of we wish you didn’t have to ... but we are so thankful you do.

“So, as I said, you are right. We have a lot of things to celebrate in Pulaski with respect to support and funding for public education infrastructure. We appreciate the respect towards teachers this board expressed at your last meeting,” Wilson said.

Wilson then made her request for the funding for the school system’s operational budget so as to provide school employees with the 7 percent pay increases.

She closed her remarks by noting how pleased she is that the county and school system have scheduled a meeting later in the week. According to Walters, School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers, School Board Chairman Becki Cox and Sweet were to meet.

“We want to continue to work positively with both boards as we work together to provide the best education for our students,” Wilson said.

In her remarks, Catelluccio said the children of the county are worth a 7 percent raise.

She noted that neither the school system or the PCEA came up with the 7 percent figure. “We are advocating for what Gov. Youngkin and the General Assembly have proposed,” she said, adding that 5 percent of the raise was decided and voted on last year as part of a two-year effort to get Virginia’s teacher pay closer to the national average.

She said the additional 2 percent had been proposed by Youngkin and is in both the House’s and Sen-

ate’s proposed budgets.

She stressed that if Pulaski County does not provide the required matching local money, we won’t receive the state money earmarked for raises.

Leaving taxpayer money on the table is not what anyone wants to see happen, she said.

Castelluccio also – “speaking for all the PCEA members and employees of the school system” thanked the supervisors for what they have done for the students and staff of the school system.

“We look forward to having more to celebrate with you all in the near future,” she said.

Another teacher spoke about this being the first year she is nervous about being able to pay all her bills.

Another teacher told the supervisors everyone she works with loves their jobs. She asked the supervisors to look over all the numbers and all the comparisons. “We don’t teach in Northern Virginia, but we are expected to be as good as those teachers,” she said.

E.W. Harless asked a hypothetical question about what would happen if the supervisors provide the additional money this year, but the state cuts its appropriation next year. Would the county be responsible for all the money for higher pay?

Sweet explained that the biggest threat to the county in the area of state funding for education is Average Daily Membership.

“That’s what drives funding from the state to the localities,” Sweet said. “If our ADM drops then so does our state funding. That’s something we really want to keep our eye on – how do we maintain enrollment. How do we keep students choosing Pulaski County Public Schools over home school, private school, over other jurisdictions. That’s the major threat.”

Sweet added that all the bad things happening around the world today matter and affect the economy, which in turn affects the state revenues and dictates what the state is able to fund for education.

“Sustainability is paramount in decision making,” Sweet said. “If you can fund the raise this year, it doesn’t mean that you can fund it next year. You need to make sure any decisions made on funding are sustainable over the longterm because these raises are compounding.”

Harless responded by saying Pulaski County has excellent teachers, but that this county cannot keep up with Montgomery County.

“We just can’t do it. There’s just no way,” he said.

“I’ve had to go back to eating baloney sandwiches myself, things have been that tough for everybody. I just want to make sure we don’t get in too deep. Do what you can with what you got,” Harless said.

Sarah Polcha noted that people come to the Pulaski County “because we make it a great place. Teachers come to the county because it’s a great place to live and a great place to teach.”

“We’re not competing against Montgomery, Radford and Wythe, we’re competing against Henrico, Chesterfield, Loudoun and Fairfax, she said, noting Radford University is graduating five special education teachers this year. “I need seven right now,” she said.

Polcha said what needs to be looked at is what is the economic impact of good teachers coming into the county.

“We are a good, good education system, but we can’t sustain if our teachers are leaving because they can’t sustain,” she said.

“I would ask you to consider that by creating a strong education system starting in Pre-K all the way to post grad, you’re laying the foundation for your economic devel-

opment. Companies will not come here if you have sub-par teachers.

“Let’s make the investment in the county and the children. Let’s move forward positively to find a way to solve this so we can keep our teachers and keep our kids in the county,” Polcha said.

In other public comments, Pastor Gary Hash addressed the board about his concerns over comments made during last November’s election.

“This has been on my heart for some time. Last year we had an incredibly unfortunate experience,” began Hash, recounting the race between his wife, Collette and incumbent Jeff Reeves for the Robinson District seat on the Board of Supervisors.

“We experienced nothing more than a smear campaign, launched on social media,” Hash charged. “It involved a number of misrepresentations, distortions and just flat out lies.”

He said in the campaign the narrative was created that he and his wife were socialists, communists and that narrative continued on up to the day of the election.

Hash said he has to watch how he responded to what happened because he and his wife represent a ministry and business, and his children and grandchildren live here.

He said social media has this “aura” and gives the impression

that you can say what you want without repercussions.

“That’s not true,” Hash said. “There is such a thing as slander.”

“That’s what my wife experienced. On the day of the election, we had people shouting at us all day long, calling us communists, socialists,” he continued.

“There were people on the board who leveraged influence on that,” Hash charged, adding election day last year culminated in a man coming up to him and threatening to assault him at the polls.

Angie Clevinger asked the board to look into ways – possibly a sign – that would aid drivers in exiting the middle school property on Route 11.

Chairman Laura Walters responded that the county has discussed repeatedly with VDOT about proposals to eliminate the problem. The proposals, Walters said, are getting more expensive by the minute and VDOT does not have money yet for them.

“Maybe a sign will help,” Clevinger suggested, and Walters agreed.

Massie Supervisor Mike Mooney noted that school bus drivers have the same concerns.

“We’ve got a plan, but it could be a while before we can make it happen,” Mooney said. “We need some change there, I agree.”



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MATTHEW SHAWN COOK

Matthew Shawn Cook, age 37 of Draper, Virginia passed away April 19, 2023. Matthew was born March 5, 1986 in Radford Virginia. "Matt" is the son of Living mother Brenda Lea Farmer— and is preceded in death by loving father Marvin Jessie Cook, a brother Luke Esley Cook, and was the beloved grandson to late Walter Edward Farmer and Frances Irene Sutphin. Matthew has two beautiful sons, Shawn and Austin Cook.

Matthew was a social butterfly and had a one of a kind personality, he was generous with people to a fault, and one of the most down to earth people you can come by. His uplifting spirit and high energy will be missed by all of his friends and family. After a courageous battle with unfortunate events and depression, Matthew decided that life on earth was unbearable. He will be remembered for the resilience to the cards he was dealt and the battle he did put up against his depression. His beautiful smile and silly sense of humor will live on in our memories.

Matthew will be cremated and the family will have a private ceremony amongst themselves once they have time to collect themselves up from this tragedy.

VINCENT (VINCE) LEE ALBERT

Vincent (Vince) Lee Albert of Chino Valley, AZ, formerly of Parrott, VA, born on June 28, 1958 to Nelson Albert and the late Pat Quesenberry passed away, at the age of 64, on Sunday April 9, 2023 in Prescott Valley, AZ after a very brief illness.

Vince was married to Robin (Ballard) Albert. He was preceded in death by his mother, Pat, his brother Victor (Vic) Albert and Grandparents Garland (Thelma and Virginia) Albert, Garfield (Golden) Moore.

Vince is survived by his loving wife Robin, his dad Nelson Albert and stepmother Pat Albert, sister Veronica/Missy (Luke) Benning, Nephew Steven (Risa) Katz-Albert, nieces Stephanie Albert, Ashleigh Benning, Kim Benning, and great nieces Elsbeth and Arrella. He also leaves behind sisters-in-laws RickyLynn (Joseph) Testen and Roxanne Olson.

Vince loved working on his lapidary hobby, helping others with theirs and spending time with Robin watching the hawks, hummingbirds and other wildlife in their yard or a good NASCAR race.



CLINTON LEON KEY

Clinton Leon Key, age 87 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, April 20, 2023 in the Montgomery Regional Hospital.

Born October 15, 1935 in Mount Airy, North Carolina, he was the son of the late Clint Edward Key and Virginia Bell Shelor Key. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Hazel Virginia and a brother at heart, Vernon Shelor and Great Granddaughter, Zoe Grace.

Clinton was a member of the Pulaski Church of God. He was a retired district manager with Senco Products. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

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His wife of 53 years— Emma Jean Pickurel Key-Pulaski
Children—
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Kathy Lynn (Tim) Dodson- Bassett

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Jonathan Hunter Hutchens
Kimberly (Michael) Foley
Gary (Emily) Dodson
Great Grandchildren— Drake, Brayden, Lilli, Ella, Oliver, Josiah, Judah and Mason

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 25, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Donald Jones and Pastor Travis Gore officiating.

Burial followed on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin with Military graveside rites

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CARL RUDY RASH

Carl Rudy Rash, 67, of Moneata, Virginia, formerly of Pulaski, passed away on February 10, 2023, at Carillion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was born in Pulaski, on October 6, 1955. He graduated from Pulaski High School in 1974 and received BS in Education and MS in Urban Planning degrees from the University of Virginia. His professional career included 10 years as Planning Director for the town of Christiansburg, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Frances Southern Rash, and his father, Paul Rudy Rash. He is survived by several cousins.

There will be no visitation. A graveside service and interment beside his mother was held on Monday, April 24 at the Newbern Cemetery, 5362 Howery Road, Dublin, Virginia 24084.

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



MARY JEAN LONG SONNER

Mary Jean Long Sonner, age 68 of Pulaski, died Friday, April 14, 2023 at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. She was born on February 14, 1955 in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Vivie Mae Johnson Long and the late Floyd McKinnley Long. Per Mary's request, she was cremated, and there will be no funeral service. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

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CYNDA "CINDY" HONAKER CARROLL

Cynda "Cindy" Honaker Carroll, age 100 of Swords Creek, Virginia went to be with the Lord Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at the home of her daughter. She was very well taken care of by her daughter, Madeline and her grandson, Jimmy who tried to give her anything and everything she asked for.

Born September 26, 1922 in (John's Creek) Kemper, Kentucky she was the daughter of the late Johnnie & Ollie Oliver Honaker. She was the seventh of ten children. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Hobert Bostic and Clifford Carroll, daughter, Josephine (Harley) Perkins, son, William Bostic, sisters and brothers, Mack, Rose, Ella, Fern, Quella, Nancy, Cynthia, Fannie and Troy, sons-in-law, Thomas "Tommy" Harless, Garland Richardson and daughter-in-law, Dora Ann (Ratcliff) Bostic.

She loved life and always wore a smile. She had that smile even when she was sleeping and wanted to be remembered for happy times, she loved music and had a variety of instruments.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Living during the great depression she had a lot of stories to tell. She lived through a lot of adversity and overcame them all. Her smile always told the story and she was the last surviving member of her family.

She lived in Kemper, Kentucky and married Hobert Bostic until she moved to Swords Creek, Virginia where she lived. She moved to Columbus, Ohio, then later to Graham, Kentucky. She lived in Grayson, Kentucky when she moved to Pulaski and the last year and two months she lived with her daughter (Madeline) and very special grandson (Jimmy) in Swords Creek who took very good care of her.

Cynda's motto was – "When you quit smiling, you get Old"

In her 100 years and 7 months she had many friends.

She is survived by her

Children - Madeline (Garland) Richardson - Swords Creek, VA, James Russell (Louise) Bostic - NC, Nancy Carol Harless - Pulaski
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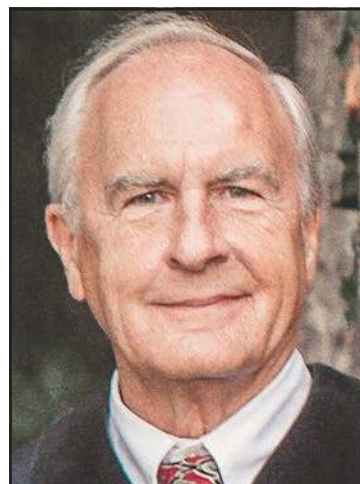
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Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM - Friday, April 28, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

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

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



REVEREND PRESTON ORR SARTELLE, JR.

Reverend Preston Orr Sartelle, Jr., age 82, of Wytheville passed away Friday, April 21, 2023. He was born in Richlands, VA but at an early age the family moved to Draper's Valley, Virginia where he was raised. This began Preston's long history with Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church and the Draper community. He grew up in the manse alongside his siblings as his father, Preston Orr Sartelle, Sr. served as pastor at Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church from 1942-1957. At that time the family moved to Bristol, Virginia where Preston, now a sophomore in high school, attended and graduated from Virginia High School. He attended Hampden-Sydney College for one year and then moved back to Bristol to marry his high school sweetheart, Mary Ellen Sproles. He attended and graduated from King College in Bristol, Tennessee.

Sensing a call to the ministry, Preston moved his little family to Atlanta, Georgia to attend Columbia Theological Seminary. After graduating from seminary, Preston served as a fulltime pastor to churches in Anderson, SC - Midway Presbyterian; Conway, SC - Kingston Presbyterian; Draper's Valley, VA - Draper's Valley Presbyterian. He retired from Draper's Valley to serve as a missionary to the deaf children in Granville, Jamaica at Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf (CCCC). Until recently he continued to preach as a regular supply at various churches throughout Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee, retiring from the ministry on December 26, 2021.

Preston is preceded in death by his father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. Preston Orr and Mary Ellen Sartelle, Sr., brother and nephew, Mike Sartelle and Nate Sartelle, brother-in-law, Dr. Cortez Cooper, sister-in-law, Janet Sartelle, and grandson, Samuel Steed.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Mary Ellen Sartelle; Son, Victor Orr Sartelle (Liza); Daughters, Mary Beth Sartelle Trinkle (Carmen); Cynthia Sartelle Hurst (Larry); and Julia Blake Sartelle Steed. Also, twelve grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Pat Cooper and Susan Jett (Calvin) and one brother, John Sartelle (Terry) and many nieces and nephews.

Preston was a man of the Gospel and a faithful herald of the King. He will be greatly missed.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15

A memorial service was held Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at the Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church, 2755 Old Baltimore Rd. Draper, VA 24324, conducted by Reverend John Sartelle, Reverend

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DOUGLAS DUVALL KIDD

Douglas Duvall Kidd age 82 of Pulaski passed away peacefully at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center on April 18, 2023. He was born October 20, 1940 in Draper, he was the son of the late Robert "Buck" Kidd and Juanita Kidd. In addition to the parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Margaret Conley Kidd and by two sisters and two brothers. He was a loving husband, dad, and grandfather.

He is survived by his daughter Tammy Kidd Turner and husband Greg of Wytheville and two stepsons Dane Cochran of Wytheville, and Bryan Shewsberry of Pulaski. Two stepdaughters Rhonda Homiak of Draper and Myra Albert of Pulaski. Two grandchildren Devin Turner of Hillsville and Caitlyn Turner of Wytheville, and seven step grandchildren Cody and Cole Shewsberry, Kelly Blankenship, Courtney Albert, Kara Albert, Billy and Bryce Shewsberry. And several beautiful great grandchildren Kolten, Wyatt, Crimson, Noah, Teagan, Raelyn, Marley, Riley, Tallyn, and Mila.

Per his request, he was cremated, and a private service will be held by his family.

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

Deaths

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Calvin Jett, and Reverend Roland Mathews. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf at 100 South Pine Street, Suite 283, Zeeland, MI 49464. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.grubbfuneralhome.com

Grubb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



SW Va. Veterans Cemetery Volunteers to host 2023 Memorial Day Ceremony

Remembering and honoring our veterans--that's the theme of the 2023 Memorial Day Ceremony hosted by the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, VA on 29 May, 11:00 am. The Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery currently provides the final resting place for over 2,300 veterans and eligible dependents.

In remembering and honoring our veterans, the ceremony will include music by Virginia's 29th Division Army Band, an opening and closing bagpipe musical tribute, wreath presentations by State Sena-

tors and Delegates, the Department of Veterans Services, local Mayors, the Executive Director of Regional Veterans Affairs, and representatives from the six military service components.

The guest speaker for this year's ceremony is retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (CMSAF) Rodney McKinley.

CMSAF McKinley served 31 years in the United States Air Force, culminating with his selection and assignment as the highest-ranking enlisted member in our Air Force.

The ceremony will also include

a keynote address by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. The ceremony will close with a 21-gun salute by the American Legion, Post 58 and taps by the 29th Division Army Band. Handheld U.S. flags, provided by the Woodmen Life Chapter 14, will be provided to those attending the event.

Handicap parking and buses will be readily available before and after the ceremony. The ceremony is open to the entire public and is a children friendly event. The cemetery is located at 5550 Bagging Plant Road in Dublin.

PC Tourism partners with PCHS to honor history, highlight attractions

Four phone booths, fashioned after Pulaski Furniture models to be used in new campaign

Pulaski County Tourism

Due to social media, visitor centers everywhere have been experiencing declining visitors. After COVID visitors were further diminished. In Pulaski we went from 10,000 visitors a year to just 500, we knew something needed to be done to highlight all the county has to offer.

We decided to make an ode to our past with Pulaski Furniture and their iconic phone booths. Partnering with Pulaski County High School's woodworking class taught by Christian Miller, Career and Technical Education Instructor, we were able to bring our ideas to life.

His classes have hand crafted four phone booths that are painted with our branded red. Inside will be a yellow book directory filled with QR codes for outdoor activities, hotels and restaurants in Pulaski County and the New River Valley. We are calling them Guiderys and they will be located in each sector of the Pulaski County community. Look for the Guiderys in the community at the end of May.

Pulaski County Tourism wanted to provide information while making it self-sustaining and easily accessible for community members and tourists.



Students in CTE Instructor Christian Miller work on one of four phone booths to be used in tourism effort.

Pulaski County Tourism photo

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ADDITIONAL OBITUARY



JANICE M BREEDLOVE

Janice M Breedlove, from Pulaski, Va. and living in Fort Mill, S.C. for the last several years, passed away very peacefully, on April 21, 2023.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Bacik and son-in-law, Jim Bacik, from Fort Mill S.C., her brother, Richard Morefield and wife Sarah Jane from Harrison, Ohio. Janice is also survived by loving nieces and nephews.

Janice lived a very active life while in Pulaski. She was a Homeroom Mother at Debbie's elementary schools, and a Girl Scout Leader for many years.

Janice was selected to be one of "Who's Who in Virginia Women" in the 1960's. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Pulaski for over 70 years, and a member of the choir for 50 years.

Janice will be remembered as a very kind, compassionate and loving person and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held for Janice on May 5, 2023 at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 292 Munn Road, Fort Mill, SC. Father John Giuliani will be presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that all donations be sent to First United Methodist Church, 135 4th St. NW, Pulaski Va. 24301.

Palmetto Funeral Home in Fort Mill, S.C. is handling arrangements.

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Protecting Girls in Sports

On April 20th, I voted to pass H.R. 734, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023, legislation to ensure that women and girls have a fair playing field in sports by guaranteeing that schools adhere to Title IX's recognition of biology and genetics of an individual at birth.

Title IX was enacted as part of the Education Amendments of 1972 to prohibit sex-based discrimination in any school or any other education program that receives funding from the federal government.

This means that when it came to sports, schools were now required to provide equal participation opportunities, athletic scholarships, and benefits and services (facilities, equipment, transportation) for men and women.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Over the past few years, the left has pushed the notion that biological men that have begun transitioning to women are

the same as biological women and so they cannot be excluded from participating in women's sports. We must be inclusive of all, they say, no matter what.

But this trend only does a disservice to women and House Republicans have sought to protect their rights with H.R. 734. To me, this bill is not controversial. In fact, I am an original cosponsored of the bill.

This bill is about fairness. Women fought for years for equal opportunities in sports. Before Title IX, women's athletic scholarships were basically nonexistent. Now those scholarships and other opportunities are at risk again because they are being given to biological men in the name of inclusiveness.

But why should women have to sacrifice what they deserve?

This bill is also about safety and accepting the reality of biology and genetics. There is a reason there are separate men's sports and women's sports. The biological differences between men and women cannot be ignored.

Genetically, men have a clear advantage. For example, they have a higher ratio of muscle mass to body weight, which allows for greater acceleration and speed. They also have larger and longer bones to support more muscle. This is true in most cases even if they have begun transitioning to a woman.

Women athletes have already gotten competing against biological males. Just a few days prior to this column, a North Carolina high school volleyball player spoke at a press conference about suffering long-term physical and mental injuries when she was spiked by a ball in the face by a transgender athlete.

This bill does not even address the other issue of women in some places now being required to share their locker rooms with biological males.

Where does it end?

H.R. 734 is important legislation to protect woman and girls. Will the Senate agree? I don't know. Ask your Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner.

Academy Day

On May 6th, I am hosting my annual Service Academy Day in Wytheville. This event gives high school students, their parents, and any school staff interested a chance to learn more about the Service Academies and the military.

The event will feature representatives from each of the U.S. Service Academies – U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and U.S. Merchant Marine – the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, the Virginia Military Institute, and other Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs.

I encourage all students who may be interested in serving in our military to come on the 6th as attending of one of these institutions it is a fantastic way to both serve your country and further your education after high school.

I am also welcoming interested students and parents located in surrounding counties, outside of the Ninth District, to attend so they may also receive information. Though students must be nominated by their own Member of Congress or Senators to the Service Academies, I know that my event's location may be more convenient for folks in neighboring counties, such as those just over the state line in West Virginia and North Carolina.

For those students in the Ninth District who attend, my staff will also be available to answer questions regarding our process for congressional nominations.

Serving our country in the Armed Forces is an honorable calling. I hope to see you all there.

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

Power of Convergence

"Convergence is the zone where heaven and earth overlap. It describes the place where you are doing what God called you to do." Dr. Lance Wallnau

Have you ever wondered how the founding of the United States of America occurred? What were the influences that precluded the American Revolution and the Founding documents?

You will remember from your history lessons that on April 26, 1607 a landing party arrived at what would be known as Cape Henry, Virginia. Three days later, led by the Rev. Robert Hunt, one of their first acts was to plant a large oak cross, made in England and transported for the purpose of claiming the land for God; and to participate together in holy communion.

A search party was sent to find the location for their settlement, and on May 13th, the site to be known as Jamestown was chosen. Although several unsuccessful attempts to start colonies in America had failed, the Jamestown settlement was the first to survive.

One Nation Under God

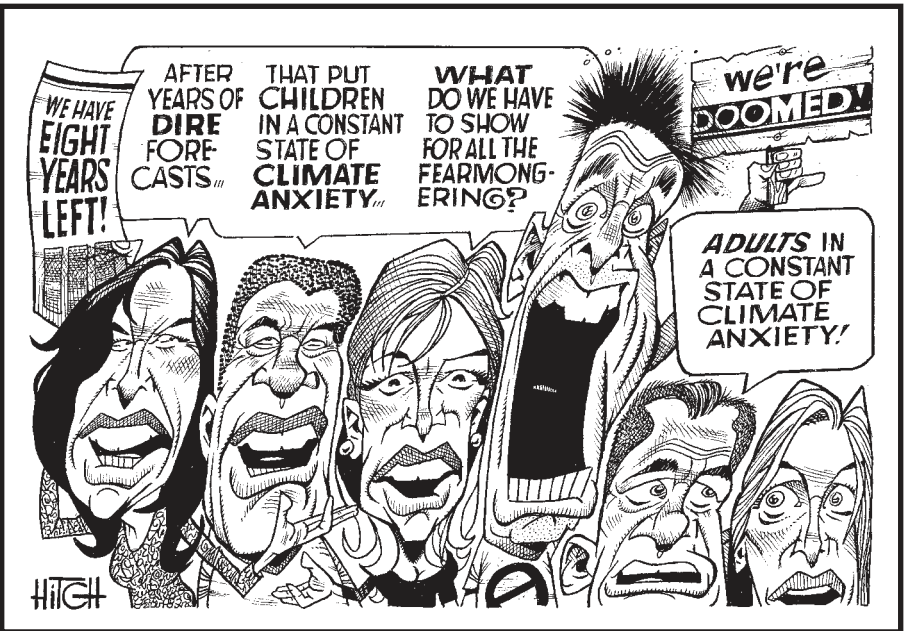
By Danielle Reid

On November 21, 1620 the English ship Mayflower arrived at Cape Cod, Massachusetts with 102 passengers ready to plant a new English colony in America. After scouting for the site to establish their colony, on December 18th, they decided on modern-day Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Before leaving the ship, they wrote and signed the Mayflower Compact, which was a Covenant made "in the presence of God" where they mutually and solemnly agreed to bind together in a "civil body politic" to enact "just and equal Laws for the good of the Colony."

In less than 200 words, they

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Israel at 75

BY CAL THOMAS
Tribune Content Agency

JERUSALEM – Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures. (Psalm 90:10)

The modern state of Israel has reached the average length of days prescribed by the Psalmist for humans and yet the nation endures in years and with ever-increasing strength. This despite, or perhaps because of, the numerous attempts to eradicate it from the region and enemies who have tried without success to exterminate the Jewish people.

In a land of miracles, the survival and prospering of the Jewish state may be among the most miraculous of all.

In 1948, the land was anything but appealing from a geological perspective. It was a dry, dusty and unappealing place except for Zionists whose vision never wavered. The planting of Eucalyptus trees began a series of developments that has transformed this tiny place into what Scripture metaphorically calls a land of "milk and honey."

What will happen in the next 75 years is anyone's guess. While The Abraham Accords, the series of joint normalization statements between Israel and the Arab states establishing diplomatic relations after many years, was a miraculous development of its own, Iran remains a major threat to Israel's existence as its development of a deliverable nuclear weapon moves ever-closer.

Appearing on "Face the Nation" last Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu struck an optimistic tone: "...everybody sees things above the surface, they don't see things below the surface. And the prime minister of Israel sees a lot of things below the surface. And I'm telling you now something that I said 10 years ago in the UN, I said, look, we're going to move into things you haven't seen in my lifetime. And that is Arab states will recognize that Israel is not their enemy, but their friend, even an indispensable friend, and we're going to have peace treaties and people pooh-poohed it."

Referencing the Abraham Accords, Netanyahu continued: "I'm telling you now with this (Israeli government) coalition, things that I see under the surface

that we are going to have, because of this view, this interest that Arab countries have to partner with Israel, I think you're going to be surprised and maybe sooner than you think."

There is still a strong anti-Netanyahu coalition here, but that is nothing new. The Israeli left as well as Democratic administrations and liberal Jews in the U.S. have been trying to depose "Bibi" before and during his two previous terms as prime minister. The latest effort includes charges of corruption he has denied and which sound trivial compared to more consequential matters.

Netanyahu has contributed to the strength and success of Israel perhaps more than any prime minister since Menachem Begin, who signed a peace treaty with Egypt and won the Nobel Peace Prize in tandem with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

While Israel's survival is not dependent on Netanyahu's political survival, his proclamation of the truth when it comes to the country's adversaries has been and will continue to be essential for years to come.

In 1948, President Harry Truman became the first world leader to officially recognize modern Israel when he issued this statement: "This Government has been informed that a Jewish state has been proclaimed in Palestine, and recognition has been requested by the provisional Government thereof. The United States recognizes the provision government as the de facto authority of the new State of Israel."

The return to the land has always been in the hearts of Jewish people everywhere. It is beautifully expressed in another biblical passage: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." (Psalm 137: 5-6)

Happy Anniversary to America's closest ally in the Middle East. May she long endure.

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

GOP can't run and hide on abortion

Politicians are motivated by many things, among them power, fame, idealism, greed -- and fear.

The last of these is not to be underestimated. It is a powerful, gut-level force that can strike the most loquacious politicians dumb and make the most attention-hungry suddenly shy. It can cause officeholders or candidates to reverse field on a long-held position almost instantaneously and abase themselves however seems necessary to get to safety.

Republicans at the national level, right now, are scared. You can hear it in their silence on the issue of abortion after a district judge in Texas struck down the Food and Drug Administration approval of the abortion pill mifepristone. That decision also came immediately after Republicans lost a key race for a Supreme Court seat in Wisconsin to a progressive jurist who ran, to a large extent, on abortion.

Much of what has happened since Dobbs is what you'd expect after a longstanding national legal regime on abortion is lifted and the states are given the freedom to decide their own policies. There has been a sorting out toward a new political and policy equilibrium, with red and blue states occupying different poles of the spectrum, and purple states up for grabs.

The good news for Republicans is that there are more restrictions on abortion in place than at any time in the last 50 years, and they still took a majority in the House in last year's midterms, if smaller than expected.

In Indiana and in much of the South, Republicans have passed sweeping abortion bans and paid no discernible political price for it.

But especially in Michigan and Wisconsin, the issue has been a debacle for the party, and it has suffered notable losses elsewhere.

One lesson should be that Republicans can't just run and hide on an issue that has been of defining importance to their base and that Democrats are going to hammer them on regardless of how they try to minimize it.

Another is that outside of the Deep South, complete bans can't be defended politically, and the traditional exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother are essential.

The Michigan and Wisconsin disasters stemmed from sweeping prohibitions that no one would have written in the post-Dobbs environment. Michigan had a 1931 law still on the books, and Wisconsin's dated from 1849.

Republicans should be pushing for restrictions that go as far as a state's voters are willing to accept, and no further. This will require keen political judgment and shrewd tactics, both of which are hard to muster in the midst of a panic.

The other obvious imperative for the GOP is to try to focus attention on the extremism of the Democratic maximalist position on abortion, which is

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Sklar named new finance chief for school system

Pulaski County Public Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools is pleased to welcome Mrs. Morgan Sklar to the position of Director of Finance, replacing Chris Stafford, who is retiring in June.

"I'm excited to be a part of Pulaski County Public Schools and am looking forward to supporting the current administration and School Board to the best of my ability," Sklar said. "I hope to be able to bring new ideas to the School Board while also continuing to manage the current policies and procedures in place."

Mrs. Sklar, a native of Botetourt County, was selected from a pool of exciting applicants based on her years of experience in the accounting field. She is a 2014 graduate of Liberty University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Before and during her time at Liberty University, Mrs. Sklar worked for two accounting firms.

She began her journey into the field as an Accounting Clerk with Lanford Brothers Company, LLC, in Roanoke, serving with them from 2006-2010. In this position she collected and paid invoices, maintained equipment maintenance files and government required vehicle titles and tags, and prepared expense reports and used information to create charts to help management resolve issues.

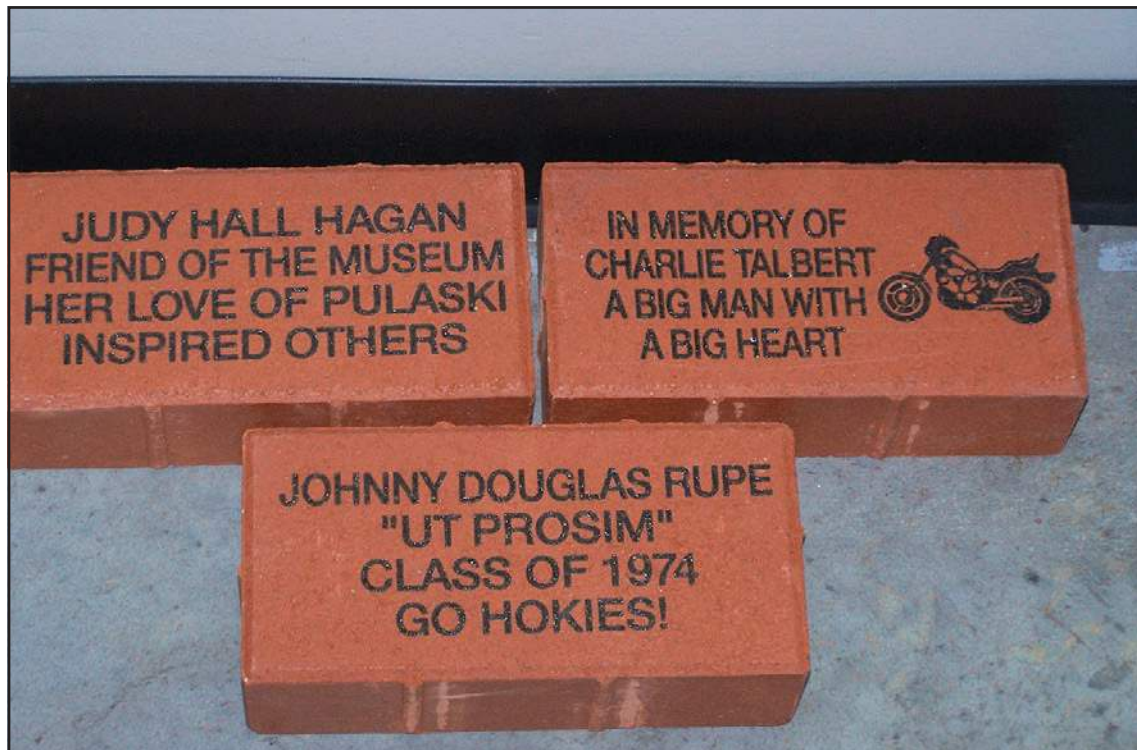
From 2012-2013, she served as a Manager with the Vintage Emporium in Roanoke. In that role she maintained their bookkeeping ledgers and records for tax purposes, ordered and priced quarterly inventory, and processed daily financial reports.

Most recently, from 2014 to present, Mrs. Sklar has served as a Senior



Accountant with the firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates in Blacksburg. In that role, she has been responsible for assisting in the audits of local governments, not-for-profits, and Authorities, Boards, and Commissions. She has prepared financial statements for the previously mentioned entities, verified balance sheets and income statement data by recalculating client ledgers, lead sheets, and listings. She was also responsible for training and managing several new hires during the past five years.

"We are very happy to have Morgan Sklar leading our finance team with Pulaski County Public Schools," Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent said. "She comes to us highly recommended and her extensive experience with auditing local government entities, including Pulaski County and Pulaski County Public Schools, means that she is already somewhat familiar with what is done well here and what areas might need to be improved upon. I'm confident that Pulaski County Public Schools will not miss a step in the coming years under her financial stewardship."



Ratcliffe Transportation Museum photo

Friends of the Ratcliffe Honor Three

The Friends of the Ratcliffe Transportation Museum recently purchased three bricks to honor the memory of these people who were supportive of the Ratcliffe with their time and donations. They will be placed in Brick Garden in front of the museum.

Nation

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expressed the idea of self-government for the first time in the New World, and helped to introduce our sacred principles of religious freedom, the rule of law and social and economic liberty. The culture that established America was solidly based on the Gospel and Biblical principles.

Another vital influence was the first Great Awakening, 1730s through 1770s, which was a revitalization of religious (Christian) piety throughout the colonies. Many of our Founding Fathers were either children or young adults during this time period and would have been affected by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Add to this era the phenomenal classical education that the Founders received, where they were trained in Greek and Latin poets, writers and philosophers, and you can see the beginning stages of collective intelligence; which is a contributor to convergence.

Collective intelligence, according to Pierre Levy, is more than shared knowledge across a community or group because not one person can know everything – instead, it becomes the sum of many minds. Essentially, it is the ability of communities to collaborate bits of their knowledge or expertise to make it a whole, essentially working together towards a

shared goal.

Collectively, the Founders read hundreds of books on philosophy, heroes of history, tyrants of freedom; and morality, civility and virtue, which were the foundations of Christianity. During their intense discussions while writing the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, they were utilizing convergent thinking – which is evaluating alternatives, summarizing key points, sorting ideas into categories and arriving at general conclusions.

They explored the reasons why some governments worked and why some did not. They discussed the condition of the human heart and why all power couldn't be invested in one person or group. And they prayed for God's direction. The genius of all their labor culminated in the government of the United States of America being established as something new and never heard of before - a Constitutional Republic.

I can't help believing that this group of men, this band of brothers, was brought together for this specific moment in time and place – as a divine convergence. All their education, religious influence, life philosophy and belief in God-given freedoms culminated in one reality touching another, interacting with another and transforming the world.

Consider the difference between divine convergence and man-made divergence, which is the tendency of group members to become less like the original group members over time. Man-made divergence could be the tendency of a group to embrace WOKE culture, dismissal of individual rights and God-given freedoms, promoting overwhelming government control of education, finances, media, communication and embracing anti-religious measures.

So, if divine convergence brought this nation into existence, what role will man-made convergence or "divergence" have on the nation?

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out of step with public opinion (Gallup finds that only 35% of people say abortion should be legal with no restrictions).

While the Republican record fighting ballot measures to guarantee access to abortion is dreadful in the post-Dobbs era -- they've lost everywhere -- they are going to have to do more of it. Emboldened Democrats are getting referenda on the ballot in a number of red states over the next two years. A signature battle will be a vote to write abortion rights into the state constitution in Ohio later this year. If opponents defeat the measure, it will be on the strength of arguments that the amendment will make parental consent laws

impossible and go further than the pre-Dobbs abortion regime.

Make no mistake: In many places, Republicans are simply seeking to neutralize the Democratic political advantage on the issue and fight to a draw. If this is unsatisfying and discomfiting, it's still better than the pre-Dobbs context when the politics were easier, but it was impossible to get any meaningful restrictions in place.

If there's one thing that should be clear, it's that fear -- no matter how natural or visceral -- is no substitute for careful thought and considered action.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Holy Cow

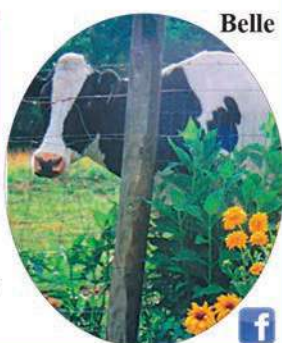
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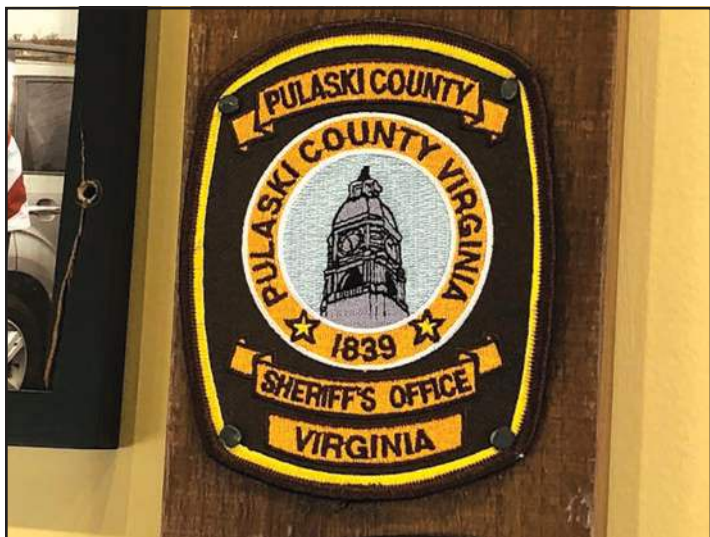
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Pulaski native pays tribute to local law enforcement through Mission BBQ display

Roger Gilmore grew up in Pulaski and wanted to honor local law enforcement here. "I frequently visit the local Mission BBQ (pictured above) at 12630 Stone Village Way in Midlothian, Va. (Richmond) where I live. All Mission BBQ stores honor first responders and military branches with photos, department patches, Army, Navy, Air Force football jerseys, helmets, etc.," Gilmore said. "You name it, they have it decorating the walls. "I purchased these two patches on eBay and they are nailed to the walls near the cash registers in the store. You can't miss 'em," he said. Thanks for Mission BBQ's support and the Pulaski County departments' support to the community," Gilmore said.



Morrison named nutrition director for school system

Pulaski County Public Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools is pleased to welcome Mrs. Jessica Morrison to the position of Director of School Nutrition. She will be taking over for Mrs. Ethelene Sadler, who is retiring in June. "I am so excited to be part of the PCPS team," Mrs. Morrison said. "I strongly believe, and studies show, that good nutrition greatly supports academic achievement. That's what the School Nutrition Program strives to do every day, and I'm excited to join the team."

"I'm confident Mrs. Morrison will be an excellent leader for the Pulaski County School Nutrition Program," Mrs. Sadler said. "Her priorities are in order of: providing good menus that meet the nutritional needs of students, and appreciation for the team of school Nutrition professionals that prepare and serve meals every school day."

Mrs. Morrison is a 2005 graduate of Fort Chiswell High School. Upon graduation, she attended Radford University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Language with a major in French, while also obtaining her Teacher Certification. From 2009 to 2012 she attended Wytheville Community College, obtaining an Associate of Applied Science in Business Management, graduating Summa Cum Laude. She was licensed as a Certified Dietary Manager through Auburn University in 2014.

Her work in nutrition services began with Pulaski County Public Schools in 2010, when she served as a School Nutrition Assistant Manager and Manager through August 2012. She next worked with the Virginia Department of Corrections as a Food Operations Supervisor at the Bland Correctional Center for a year.

She was then promoted to Food Operations Director and moved to the River North Correctional facility in Independence, Virginia, where she served from 2013-2021. From January 2021 until hired by PCPS, she has served as the Regional Food Operations Director



for the Virginia Department of Corrections Western Region.

Mrs. Morrison's duties in these positions have included food preparation, teaching and proctoring ServSafe classes, completing and maintaining food production records, teaching and proctoring Foundations of Restaurant Management via the National Restaurant Association, preparing and monitoring yearly budgets, ensuring compliance with health regulations and HACCP procedures, completing regular field visits to all facilities to review compliance with those same standards, developing and implementing training for employees, supervising large kitchen staffs at several locations, and much more.

Mrs. Morrison is a Registered ServSafe instructor and proctor, a Registered Certified Dietary Manager, and Registered Foundations of Restaurant Management instructor and proctor.

"While we will certainly miss Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. Morrison comes into the position with a wealth of knowledge and experience," Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent of Pulaski County Public Schools said. "She has already begun working with our staff and has fit right in. Having the opportunity to work with Mrs. Sadler before she begins her retirement has been a tremendous opportunity to ensure a smooth transition. We're excited to see the things Mrs. Morrison will bring to our team."


Old Favorites




Vocal and Instrumental Music of the Blue Ridge

Join Ricky Cox, Keith Webb, and Willard Gayheart at Pulaski Library for a discussion on Appalachian Music. They will provide demonstrations of traditional folk instruments including fiddle, banjo, and guitar, along with ballads and lyrical folk songs from the 19th and 20th Centuries.

The program will run for 90 minutes.

Saturday, April 29th @ 11:00 am







PHS Class of '70 hosting grads at River Turtles game

Graduates of Pulaski High School from the late 1960's and early 1970s are invited to join the Class of 70 at Calfee Park on Friday night June 9th for a River Turtles game.

The game kicks off the 53rd Class Reunion weekend for the Class of 70. The planning committee urges anyone who attended PHS in the years surrounding 1970 to join the fun, fellowship, and reminiscing.

Tickets for the game are \$10 and may be purchased by contacting Maetta Hendrick Crewe, Class of '70 Reunion, 45 3rd St. NW Suite 101, Pulaski Va. 24301. The deadline for registration is May 10th.

Hope to see you there!

Cruise-in Madness

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Pulaski County May closings, meetings

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

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

• Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Special Called Meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors to Discuss Fire and Emergency Services Studies, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 5:30 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Monday, May 8, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session, Executive Training Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 3 p.m., (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, May 9, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board

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

• Tuesday, May 9, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting & Budget Work Session, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

• Tuesday, May 16, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 6:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions and the interpretation of the County's Zoning Ordinances.

• Monday, May 22, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk,

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

• Tuesday, May 23, 2023, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6:30 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7351 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Village Oaks Plaza, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-633-5146). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

• Monday, May 29, 2023, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

Intuitive Eating

By Jodi-Lee Sample
Virginia Tech Dietetic Intern
Virginia Cooperative Extension

Intuitive Eating and Exercise
With warm weather and summer quickly approaching, so are unrealistic fad diets and unsustainable exercise habits. Fad diets and dieting are a disappointment to all people who have continued to try them and have failed time after time. Ditch dieting and extreme exercise programs this year and adopt healthy eating and physical activity behaviors. Eating and exercising with sustainability in mind is essential to nourish our bodies during every phase and season of life.

A non-dieting approach that is realistic and sustainable is known as intuitive eating. Intuitive eating focuses on healthy behavior goals and building a better relationship with food and your body. Intuitive eating relies on your internal body cues. Your stomach growling is an example of an internal cue that indicates that you are physically hungry. So, stop fasting until noon for unrealistic weight loss goals, and let your body tell you when

you are hungry, not the clock. Or next time you are craving a donut, eat a donut. Trying to ignore a craving often leads to dissatisfaction and overeating once you finally permit yourself to eat the food you “shouldn’t” have. Intuitive eating focuses on the idea that our bodies are intuitive and know what food we need, how much of it, and when we need it. So, reject diet culture messaging and trust your body’s hunger and fullness cues to make food decisions that are both satisfying and nourishing to you and your body.

But what about intuitive exercise? Intuitive exercise focuses on the same fundamental elements as intuitive eating. Intuitive exercise emphasizes self-care and enjoyment versus self-control and obligation. Instead of doing the latest fitness trends on social media or going to the gym to close your exercise rings, focus on movement that makes you feel good. Movement and exercise look different for everyone, so find ways that you enjoy moving your body. Focus on how exercise makes your body feel energized, distressed, or happy rather than calories burned.

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Anthony can be reached at (540) 980-7753 or assessor@pulaskicounty.org.

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operations at Foster Falls and in 1919, the hotel was sold for \$1 to the Abingdon Presbytery and converted to a girl's school.

Following the Great Depression, the old hotel served as an orphanage for girls. A two-story brick building, which still stands today, was built on the grounds to house orphaned boys.

In 1962, the orphanage moved to Wytheville and the structure was abandoned. In 1940, a fire destroyed the third floor and second floor balcony and the old hotel fell further into disrepair.

"We used to come down here when I was younger," said Bob Byrd who came to Sunday's Open House. "It wasn't just run down, there was mice running everywhere. There was hay stored in what's now the parlor."

Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) acquired the property in 1995 and the Village of Foster Falls was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

According to Doug Covington of the DCR, major renovations on the building and its grounds began in 2013. The original roofline, complete with a cupola and dormers were recreated using old photographs. Another aspect of the renovation included rebuilding the two-story wraparound wooden porches. These exterior renovations were completed by the end of 2014.

Interior renovations began in the summer of 2019. The Department of Historic Resources helped make sure the interior restoration was period correct for a 19th Century era structure, though most all of the interior was gutted in the renovation process.

"There were existing partitions that we worked with and that's why each of the rooms is a different size and configuration," Covington explained. "But essentially all of the plumbing, mechanical, electrical and the commercial kitchen are all brand new."

The interior restoration of the structure was completed earlier this year at a cost of approximately \$5 million and so, after more than six decades of disuse, this late 19th Century era building is ready to receive the public.

The Inn at Foster Falls is boutique hotel with of 10 guest rooms, each with its own full bathroom, something not available when it was built more than a century ago.

After a competitive bidding process, the DCR chose New River Retreat to be the concessionaire of the Inn at Foster Falls. Under this arrangement, New River Retreat will operate and maintain the hotel and its grounds and give a percentage of the proceeds to the DCR.

New River Retreat is a property management company offering vacation lodgings primarily along the New River and Claytor Lake. Bill and Debbie Gardner founded New River Retreat in 2002 and years later, the couple acquired

and renovated the Draper Mercantile building in Draper. This serves as the base for the Thee Draper Village company which, in addition to the Mercantile, is comprised of the Draper Blooms Tea Garden, the Curious Quill, the Village Chapel and soon the Conery, which will serve ice cream and coffee.

In addition, through Thee Draper Village, the Gardners are donating office space to the New River Conservancy, a non-profit dedicated to keeping the New River as healthy and clean as possible.

Every guest room includes a refrigerator, a microwave, cable TV, a safe, an iron with an ironing board and a coffee pot (with coffee included). The guest rooms are each named after towns near Foster Falls and each of these rooms contains a wall mounting that gives a short history of these nearby locations.

The first floor features a modern commercial kitchen, a large lobby area, which can be partitioned as needed, and a cozy parlor equipped with two gas fireplaces. The interior walls of the Inn feature art and photography produced mostly by local talent. Rocking chairs line the long wooden porches that wrap around the front and side of the Inn.

Guests at the Inn at Foster Falls are provided a "Southern Style" continental breakfast and homemade desserts are served every afternoon at 3 p.m. Guests may also purchase snacks and sandwiches from a fully stocked pantry. For an additional charge, guests may pre-order their dinners and have them delivered to the Inn at Foster Falls because, as of now, evening meals will not be prepared on site. The guests will be provided with nearby dining options, however.

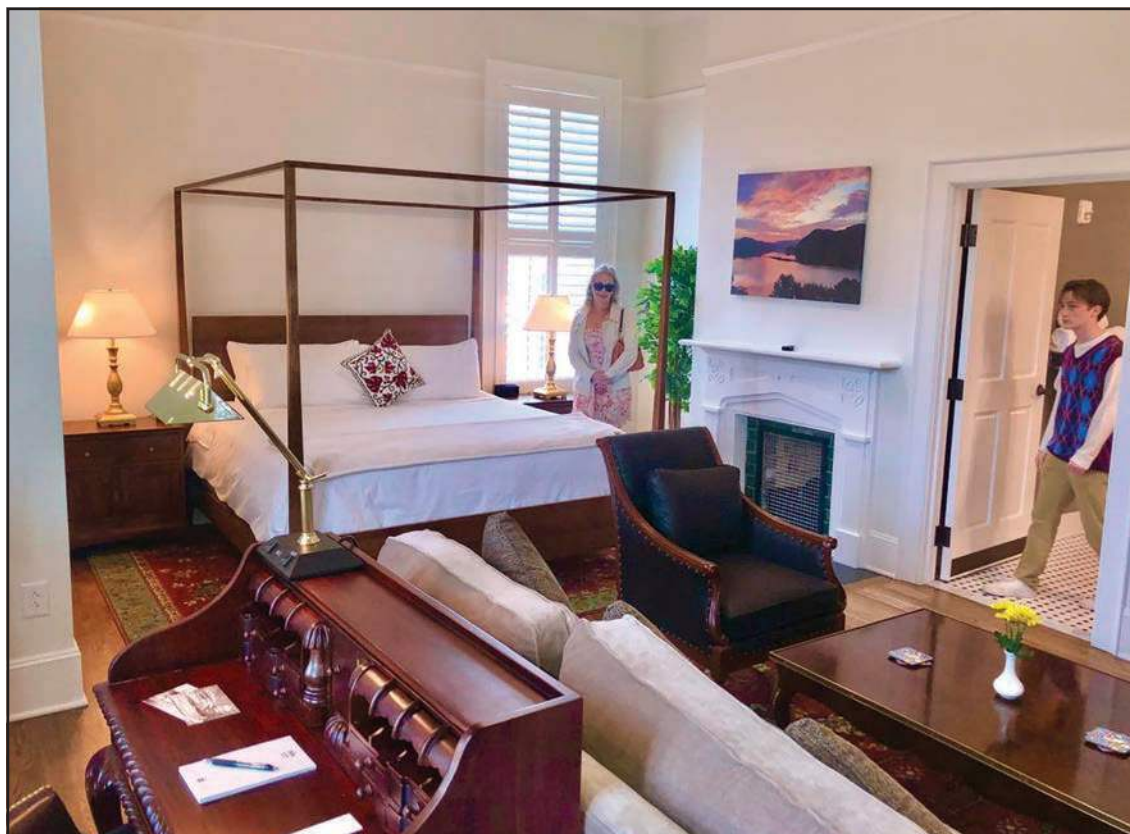
As an added convenience, the concierge at the Inn will inform guests about outdoor activities and make reservations for bike or kayak rentals as needed.

The interior of the Inn at Foster Falls is both warm and welcoming and the front porches are just a stone's throw from the New River, the old Foster Falls train depot and the New River Trail.

"We're already seeing lots of reservations and we just started," said Debbie Gardner. "Reservations will come from advanced bookings mostly but we're getting some bikers who come off the Trail. We're not used to getting bikers off the trail but we are getting some now."

The renovation of this once abandoned and now marvelously restored piece of Appalachian history provides yet another reason for visitors to come and enjoy the New River Valley.

“The New River Retreat started 21 years ago, when most of the comments were not positive toward tourism because a lot of local people didn’t feel that there was a lot to do here,” said Debbie Gardner. “Twenty-one years later, we’re very proud to take on this project amongst all of our other vacation homes, and it constantly keeps us excited and appreciative of the area because we hear so many good comments from the guests. Once they know this area, our guests continue to want to come back.”



William Paine/The Patriot

The Galax Room / Honeymoon Suite is described as “the ultimate experience of comfort and style” at the Inn at Foster Falls. This room features two gas fireplaces and a king size bed.



Parlor with guests at Sunday's Open House – This room features two gas fireplaces



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Tyler Cannoy

Cannoy out as PCHS hoops coach

By RODNEY YOUNG
For The Patriot

Pulaski County Cougar boys basketball will be looking for a new head coach. Tyler Cannoy has been told that the administration has decided to go in a different direction.

Coach Cannoy just finished his fourth season as the Cougar head coach. He finishes with a 38-53 overall record. In his four years the Cougars advanced to the River Ridge District Tournament. They made the region in one of his four years.

The Cougars had a really bad season this past year going 6-17. It was a trying and disappointing season for sure. A closer look at this past season saw their top two players getting hurt and missing their first eight games resulting in eight losses. The team was young and had many junior varsity players for the first time on the varsity level.

They had a couple of players quit during the season, and a cou-

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Lady Cougars Honored



Pulaski County Public Schools

The Pulaski County Girls Basketball Team was honored recently by the School Board for their highly successful season. The Lady Cougars were River Ridge District Regular Season Champions, River Ridge District Tournament Champions, Class 4 Region D Champions and VHSL Class 4 State Runner Up. The Lady Cougars include: Morgan Vest, Andi Ratcliff, Reese Nolen, Paige Huff, Jaden Lawson, Tori Vest, Keslyn Secrist, Hannah Keefer, Destiney Duncan and Kenzlee Jones. They were led by Head Coach: Scott Ratcliff (Region 4D Coach of the Year), Assistant Coaches: Chris Castle, Rick Secrist and Jennifer Ratcliff.



Wrestling Program Honored

The Pulaski County School Board honored this school year's Cougar wrestling program at a recent board meeting. Included were: Molly Keller - Region Champion, State Champion; Evan Alger - Region Champion, State Runner-Up; Xavier Ramsey - State Qualifier; Gavin Warner - State Qualifier; Coach: Bobby Alger; Assistant Coach: Joseph Jacupzyk.

Pulaski County Public Schools

Cougars fall to Cave

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski County Cougars took one on the chin Monday in softball, falling to Cave Spring at home, 8-4.

The Knights took an early 1-0 in their half of the first inning and would never trail in the contest.

They added two more runs in the third inning, and put the game away with a big four-run fifth.

Emily Webb was the offensive start for the Cougars, going 2 for 3 in the game – hitting a homerun, scoring two runs and knocking in two.

Sydney Phibbs went 2 for 3 and

knocked in a run, with both hits being doubles.

Madolyn Legg went 1 for 3 with a homerun.

Gabby Alley got the Cougars' other hit.

Laken Greever went the 7-inning distance, allowing 10 hits and 8 runs, but only 5 were earned. She struck out four and walked two.

The loss evened the Cougars' season record at 6-6.

Pulaski County was scheduled to entertain Patrick Henry on Thursday at 5 p.m.

On Monday, the Cougars host George Wythe at the 5 p.m. and travel to Hidden Valley on Tuesday.

PCHS offering physicals May 3

Pulaski County High School, in conjunction with LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, will again be providing sports physicals to Pulaski County Public School students who will be enrolled in the 6th through 12th grades during the 2023-2024 school year.

The physicals will take place at PCHS in the Career and Technical Education Building on Wednesday, May 3 beginning at 3:20 pm. The cost will be \$10 dollars and students should arrive with their Virginia High School League physical form (pages 1, 2 and 4) completed and signed by both student AND parent/guardian.

Parents, please be aware that to participate in school sports during the 23-24 school year, student physicals MUST BE DATED May 1, 2023 OR AFTER.

Physical forms are available in the front offices of Pulaski County High School and Pulaski County Middle School, or can be printed at vhs.org. In an attempt to expedite this process, the start time for current PCHS students is 3:20 pm. Current middle school students should arrive no earlier than 4:15 pm to prevent overcrowding and congestion.

NASCAR moves on to Dover

From NASCAR

After a wild Talladega Super-speedway race last Sunday that saw Richard Childress Racing's Kyle Busch grab his second victory of the 2023 season, the NASCAR Cup Series heads to Dover Motor Speedway for this Sunday's Würth 400 at 2 p.m. ET on FS1, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio at the always unique 'Monster Mile'.

Aptly nicknamed the Monster Mile, Dover Motor Speedway is a one-mile concrete paved oval located in Dover, Delaware. Dover Motor Speedway, originally known as Dover Downs International Speedway, has hosted 104 NASCAR Cup Series races dating back to the inaugural event on July 6, 1969.

The first Dover Cup Series race was won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty driving a Petty Enterprises Ford (115.772 mph, 02:35:28). Petty actually won the first two Cup events at the track (1969, 1970).

In total, the 104 NASCAR Cup Series races at Dover Motor Speedway have produced 43 different pole winners and 39 different race winners. NASCAR Hall of Famer David Pearson leads the Cup Series in poles at Dover Motor Speedway with six (1969, 1973 sweep, 1974, 1975, 1981). Joe Gibbs Racing's Denny Hamlin leads all active series drivers in poles at Dover with four (2012, 2013, 2015, 2019).

Legacy Motor Club's Jimmie

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Community-Wide Yard Sale: Robinson Tract Community will hold its Community-Wide Yard Sale Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Vendors will be set up at the Robinson Tract Community Center or at homes throughout the community. For information call 864-421-5279.

Heron's Landing Community-Wide Yard Sale Fairlawn, May 6, 7a.m.-2p.m. Both entrances: River Course and Heron's Landing Drive. Rain date May 13.

Yard Sale and Food Sale: Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. noon at Barren Springs Holiness Church at 818 Gardner Road, Barren Springs. Various household items and clothes. Cheeseburgers, hot-dogs, macaroni and potato salad, desserts and drinks. For information call 540-980-7514.

Yard Sale: Little Creek First Annual Community-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Directions: I-77 Exit 47, turn right, travel east on Route 619 Little Creek Highway.

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Planning Commission Public Hearing

The Planning Commission of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold public hearings on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW for the following:

1. Final review of the update to the proposed Town Comprehensive Plan.
2. A request from Town Council for rezoning for property located at 2460 Lee Hwy, [tax parcel(s) 063-25-25A] from the R-1, Single-Family Residential District, to R-O.

Residents are invited to attend. All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests who do not wish to attend in person, should submit their remarks to Mikel Haskins, Economic Developer, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to Mhaskins@pulaskitown.org.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 994-8600 prior to the above meeting date. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.

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Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the applications as listed below:

1. Petition by Lynn Bopp White, Variance to Article 4.7C, Minimum Lot Size in Low Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski VA 24301 Tax Map # 063-001-0000-0008, 8A Robinson District.
2. Petition by Monique M. Hartley, Variance to Article 4.3.C, Setback Requirement for Long Term Camping in Agriculture Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 3745 Case Knife Road Pulaski, VA 24301 24141 Tax Map # 080-001-0000-0057, Robinson District.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL FAIRLAWN SEWER AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Fairlawn Sewer Authority will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6 p.m., in the New River Room of the Pulaski County Innovation Center, 6580 Valley Center Drive, Fairlawn, Virginia, on the proposed revision of sewer rates at which hearing owners, tenants and occupants of property to be served or served by the Authority and all others interested will have an opportunity to be heard.

A copy of the current and proposed rate schedules is included below:

Current (Effective July 1, 2022)

Base Rate (\$/mo.):

Residential \$24.00

Commercial \$25.30

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons)

Residential \$2.00 (first 1,000 gallons inclusive in the base rate)

Commercial \$5.00

Proposed (Effective July 1, 2023)

Base Rate(\$/mo.)

Residential \$24.00 (unchanged)

Commercial \$25.30 (unchanged)

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons)

Residential \$3.00 (first 1,000 gallons inclusive in the base rate)

Commercial \$6.00

Included with this rate revision will be consolidated and revised connection fees, service deposits, and penalty structures. These revisions will be effective July 1, 2023.

Current: residential connection fee is \$500 minimum, Commercial connection fee is \$500 minimum.

Future: residential and commercial connection fees are to be flat fees. Residential \$1,000 and commercial \$1,500.

Current: accounts that have been terminated due to non-payment of invoices are charged \$50.00 to reestablish service

Future: one time reconnection charge is \$50.00, second occurrence of reconnection will be charged \$100.00, a third occurrence will be charged \$150.00

Current Renters of residential properties are required to pay a \$75.00 deposit, commercial renters are required to pay a \$100.00 deposit.

Future all application for sewer service will require that these deposits are paid prior to beginning service.

Current late payment penalty residential fee is \$2.00. Commercial penalty is 10%. Returned check or insufficient fees \$15.00.

Future late payment penalty residential fee to be 10%. Commercial penalty to be 15%. Returned check or insufficient fees \$25.00.

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ACC places seven among the top 30 in latest LEARFIELD

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference has seven schools among the top 30 and ties for the most among all conferences with 11 among the top 50 of the updated LEARFIELD Directors’ Cup Division I Standings, which were published Thursday following the conclusion of all NCAA winter sports seasons.

Sixth-place North Carolina leads the ACC contingent, followed by No. 8 NC State and No. 12 Virginia. Notre Dame holds 17th place, followed by No. 21 Louisville, No. 24 Duke and No. 26 Pitt.

Virginia was buoyed by a third straight NCAA title in women’s swimming and diving, and Notre

Dame captured the national title in fencing for the third year in a row.

With NC State claiming women’s cross country, North Carolina field hockey and Syracuse men’s soccer during the fall, the ACC leads all conferences with a total of five NCAA championships during the 2022-23 academic year. Overall, the 12 NCAA titles by the ACC in the last two academic years are also the most of any conference.

“We continue to be extremely

Cannoy

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ple that wouldn’t show up for practice. As noted, it was a very trying and disappointing season.

The team’s schedule was very difficult, including Class 1 George Wythe, Class 2 Radford, Class 5 Patrick Henry, all of which ended up playing for state titles. Cave Spring, Carroll County, Graham, Hidden Valley, Princeton (WVa) and James River all made the play-offs in their classifications.

So, the Cougars were playing with a young, inexperienced squad against that kind of schedule. Then the two best players miss the first eight games? The record then speaks for itself.

In this sports writer’s opinion, whoever the county gets as the team’s next head coach will have lots of work to do.

The coach needs to be able to coach the players and his team!

The school drops from Class 4 to Class 3 next school year. They will still be playing in the same River Ridge District, however. Patrick Henry, Cave Spring, Blacksburg, Salem, Christiansburg and Hidden Valley are still on the schedule. The big difference will come at play-off time. Then the Cougars will be looking at Cave Spring, a state champion, Northside, Lord Botetourt, William Byrd and Abingdon, etc.

The talent needs to get better for the new coach, because the schedule is still very tough.

On a personal note: Here’s wishing Coach Tyler Cannoy the very best!

proud of the tremendous accomplishments of our student-athletes and programs,” said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. “It has been an amazing fall and winter for the ACC, and we are excited to watch our student-athletes and teams compete for spring championships in the months ahead.”

Florida State holds 35th place in the current LEARFIELD standings, followed by No. 37 Syracuse, No. 43 Virginia Tech and No. 50 Miami.

The final LEARFIELD Directors’ Cup Division I standings will be updated and published in June, following the conclusion of spring sports.

The LEARFIELD Directors’ Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each institu-

tion’s finish in NCAA Championships.

Complete standings and the

scoring structure can be found on NACDA’s website at www.directorscup.org.

Cougars lose in tennis

Christiansburg defeated Pulaski County, 8-1

Singles:

1. Camden Hite 2-6 1-6
2. Aaron Bennet 0-6 0-6
3. Mark Graham 0-6 1-6
4. Eli Duke 0-6 0-6
4. Ashton Paul 0-6 1-6
5. Ethan Worley 6-4 6-2

Doubles:

1. Camden/Mark 3-8
2. Aaron/Eli 0-8
3. Ashton/Jackson 6-8

Coach: Chad Graham

Coach’s Comments

Our second match against Christiansburg had a bright spot in that #6 Ethan Worley (freshman) came up with a dominant win.

This was his third singles win of the season and the match was long. Everyone had fun playing the exciting and challenging sport of tennis.

Though we haven’t won much this year, Pulaski County varsity tennis athletes will have had a positive experience by gaining a skill that they should be able to use for exercise and recreation for decades to come.

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Busch Wins At Talladega

Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet, and Alex Bowman, driver of the #48 Ally Chevrolet, lead the field during the NASCAR Cup Series GEICO 500 at Talladega Superspeedway on April 23, 2023 in Talladega, Alabama. Kyle Busch claimed the victory. (Photo by Sean Gardner/Getty Images)

Dover

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Johnson holds the NASCAR Cup Series record for the most wins at Dover Motor Speedway with 11 victories (2002 sweep, 2005 Playoffs, 2009 sweep, 2010 Playoffs, Spring of 2012, 2013 Playoffs, Spring of 2014, Spring of 2015, and Spring of 2017). Three drivers are tied for the most wins among active competitors at Dover Motor Speedway – Kevin Harvick, Mar-

tin Truex Jr. and Kyle Busch – each have three wins.

Of the 39 different NASCAR Cup Series winners at Dover Motor Speedway, eight are active this weekend.

This weekend’s Würth 400 will be 400 laps (400 miles) and will be broken up into three stages. The

first stage will be 120 laps, the second stage will be 130 laps and the final stage will be 150 laps.

All the NASCAR Cup Series on-track action begins on Saturday, April 29 with practice from 10:30 a.m. ET directly followed by Busch Light Pole Qualifying at 11 a.m. ET. You can find practice on FS2 and qualifying will be televised on FS1.

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Dublin Town Council approves sale of property

By DAVID QUESENBERRY
The Patriot

The Dublin Town Council at its monthly meeting on April 20th, approved the sale of the former Town Shop on Bagging Plant Road to Pulaski County.

During the public hearing on the proposed sale, Town Attorney Sam Campbell said that a resolution had been prepared for the sale of the property at a value of not less than \$275,000.

Sale of the property would be on an “as is” basis and would be subject to the County’s zoning classifications and regulations, which would be applied to future uses by the new owners.

The resolution further authorized the Town Manager to execute the contract of sale and the deed following review by the Town Attorney.

There being no comments received during the public hearing, a motion to approve the sale of the property was made by Councilwoman Debbie Lyons, seconded by Councilman Steve Crigger and approved by unanimous vote of the Council.

Council also approved a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute leases and renew or extend existing leases for any Town owned property.

Campbell said that the Town had various properties that were not being used for municipal governmental functions that, according to the state code, could be leased to public or private individuals or entities.

The resolution would be an “on-going resolution” in that the power granted to the Town Manager concerning leases would remain in effect until amended by Council. Before any lease agreements were entered into by the Town Manager under the resolution, they must be submitted to the Town Attorney for review and comment.

During the public hearing on the resolution, Councilwoman Edith Hampton asked if similar resolutions or processes were used with previous leases. Campbell responded yes, but that copies of previous documents were not available. He added that the current resolution would have the effect of ratifying previous leases while giving the Town Manager authority to execute future leases.

Following the end of the public hearing, a motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilwoman Hampton, seconded by Councilman Crigger and approved by unanimous vote of the Council.

Concerning the public hearings for the adoption of the budget, Campbell informed Council that the public hearing on the Fiscal 2023-2024 budget would be at the May 18th Council meeting with the vote on the budget following at the June 15th Council meeting.

Town Manager Tye Kirkner reviewed some of the changes that would be in the upcoming budget. He said there would not be any ARPA revenues in the upcoming budget. ARPA funds would be used, but these funds were the balance of previous funds not spent. He was working with staff on how these funds would be accounted for in the new budget.

Additional funding he said, might be available from both revolving funds.

Kirkner said that increased costs were primarily due to aggressive employee retention efforts and increases in energy costs for fuel, natural gas and electricity. He felt that the budget would be sufficient to meet these increased needs.

A future report on the anticipated status of Town reserves would be made to Council at the next meeting. Following a review of budget figures, he suggested that the proposed budget was in good shape.

Concerning the current budget, Kirkner provided documents to Council which showed favorable balances for the General Fund and the Enterprise Fund. Under the General Fund as of March 31, 2023, revenues were 4 percent below estimates with expenditures 12 percent below estimates. The Enterprise Fund showed revenues at 12 percent above estimates with expenditures at 5 percent below estimates.

Council also received updates on other issues and concerns from the Town Manager.

Concerning mandated testing and surveys for lead and copper in utility lines, Kirkner told Council this held the potential to be exceptionally costly to the Town.

By mid-2024, the Town would be expected to have surveyed all 2600 water customers as to whether there is lead, copper or galvanized pipes present in water systems. Kirkner said he was working with CHA on a \$220,000 grant to help establish the required spreadsheet of data for the customer survey.

The new regulations required the Town to determine the type of pipes on both the Town’s side and the customer’s side of the line. In addition, the Town would be responsible for pipe replacement even on the customer’s side of the line. Any problem areas or issues would require a difficult notification process which he felt would lead to further testing at the Town’s expense.

Kirkner said the regulation was a result of lead problems in other places. While the Town had not experienced a problem, it would still have to prove that it didn’t. As part of the preparation for the survey, the Town had offered a location for the Virginia Department of Health to conduct training on the new Lead-Copper Rule.

Council also considered a proposal about using cameras to increase public safety. Kirkner said that given the interaction between law enforcement agencies in the area and various incidents in the community that an increase in camera monitoring was proving necessary.

He recommended that the Town apply for a \$10,000 grant that would pay for the installation of two cam-

eras in areas thought to be the most likely for traffic coming into the Town. The funding would provide for the installation and first year of payment for the cameras. There would be an operating maintenance cost of \$6,000 for both cameras.

Kirkner further recommended that the second year of payments (\$6,000) be put into the budget which would give time to see how the system worked. He told Council that the Town could share and receive information from surrounding local police agencies, state agencies and out of state agencies that used the same system.

Tentative locations for placement of the cameras was under discussion. If the results were not what was expected, the Town could opt out of the program.

Following discussion, Councilman Crigger moved to participate in the camera grant program. His

motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hampton and approved by unanimous vote of Council.

Council received updates on opportunities for the Camrett garage project and the Town’s Industrial Park. Kirkner noted that a tour of the industrial park was held prior to the Council meeting to give members an idea of the changes needed. He said he was excited for the changes and the potential that the changes held for the Town.

Funding for the garage project came from ARPA funds and from the Town’s success at managing costs and having access to new General Fund revenues such as the Cigarette Tax and the Franchise Tax. The budget he said was strong and would be a good budget for the coming year.

With respect to the Industrial Park, work was continuing on two initial \$50,000 grants and a


\$500,000 brownfield grant. If the grants were received it would open up more opportunities for Camrett and other areas of the Industrial Park.

Two persons were recognized for their service to the community.

Mayor Skeens extended thanks to Councilman Dallas Cox for his long, steadfast service to the Salvation Army and his support for their programs in the community.

Kirkner recognized Officer Emily Doney for her service to the community at several functions including the Vietnam Day Observance at NRCC, Easter Egg Hunt at Jackson Park, and a Prevent Child Abuse event.

Kirkner said Officer Doney was typical of the officers in the Dublin Police Department who were some of the best socially caring members of a police department that could be hoped for.



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Teach Me Your Word O Lord
Terry McCraw

Posture for Prayer

What is the proper posture for prayer? Do we kneel? Do we stand? Do we lift up hands and our eyes unto God in Heaven? Do we fall prostrate on the floor or the ground? The answer is, there are many physical postures that are proper when we pray. It's not our physical posture that's important to God, but the posture of our hearts. All of our prayers should be prayed fervently and from the heart.

That being said, It's very important to get comfortable when we pray, for if we are in an uncomfortable physical position when we pray, more than likely our prayers will be prematurely cut short due to discomfort, cramps, numbness, etc. I heard of one man who said the most fervent prayer that he ever prayed, he was upside down when he prayed it. It was the day he fell headfirst into the well.

Many like to kneel before God. To reverently and humbly bow their heads when approaching the throne of grace. Daniel kneeled down and prayed at his window, facing his homeland Judah, three times a day.

Abraham, David, Aaron, Joshua and Moses fell upon their faces at times when they prayed. In the upper room, the 120 were SITTING while they prayed and the Holy Ghost was poured out upon them.

Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 2:8, "I will therefore that men pray EVERYWHERE, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." Lifting up holy hands among other things signifies that we are reverencing and honoring God.

Lifting up our eyes as we pray signifies that we are acknowledging that our help comes from above. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psalm 121: 1, 2. Our help from God is only a prayer away.

The bible tells us to pray without ceasing. That simply means we should never cease to pray. We may not always be in a situation where we can get down on our knees and pray to our God in heaven, but we can always have a prayer in our heart.

We pray corporal prayers in Church, but prayer should not be limited to a Church Service or a prayer meeting. We should pray in Church and in other places as well. Sometimes, I pray while I am out in the woods hunting; and sometimes I pray when I am out in my boat fishing; sometimes I pray at home; sometimes I pray while I am at work; and I am persuaded that God always hears my prayers no matter where I am when I am praying.

Prayer is not dependent on the posture of our bodies. We can bow our heads. We can raise our hands. We can fall prostrate on the ground or floor; we can kneel; we can lift up our hands and eyes to the Lord; or we can sit and pray silently.

We need to assume a posture of reverence to God when we pray. God cares about what comes out of our sincere hearts as we pray. He wants us to focus on Him and Him alone when we pray. He wants us to humble ourselves down as we seek His face.

Cindy S. Kasper of Our Daily Bread says, "The highest form of prayer comes from the depths of a humble heart." Our hearts, when we pray, ought to be bowed in total submission to God.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."

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

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

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

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

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

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Pastor: Ginny Tompkins
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

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Dublin, VA 24084
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Pastor Justin Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
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Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
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Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
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Belspring, VA 24058
Pastor Darrell Linkous
Service Times:
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
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4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
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Joe Ratcliff, Associate Pastor
Service Times:
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;
Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
Website: www.heritagechurch.net
Facebook.com/
HeritageChurchDublinVA

First Missionary Baptist Church
7318 Manns Drive
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbc1872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
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Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Draper, VA 24324
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer
& Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Phone - 540-994-9015
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
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trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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www.trinitypulaski.org

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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Meetings 5:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and
Children's Classes 7:00 p.m.

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)
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Hiwassee, VA 24347
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Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
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Office: 540-633-3761
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Sunday School: 10:00 am

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3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
www.maxcreek.org
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince
Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

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

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

Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.
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Worship 7 p.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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ies on him, because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6, 7

Certainly we should pray to God in Church, howbeit it, we can’t always be in Church. There are times when we just need to steal away somewhere to pray.

“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” Matthew 6:6.

That simply means for us to choose a place to pray where we can be alone with God. When we are alone with God, we can become more intimate, honest and forthright with God, knowing that only God is listening to us when we pray.

A prayer closet can be any place where we can pray privately and pour out our whole hearts to Him.

How long should we pray? As long as it takes to get in touch with God and express in full, our deepest, untethered emotions, our heartfelt thanks, and especially our worship.

Can we pray for ourselves? Yes, most certainly. However our prayers should include intercessory supplications and petitions for others. Our prayers shouldn’t all be self-seeking.

Talking with God in prayer develops a deeper relationship with Him.

Prayer should include a time for us to listen and to allow God to speak to us. Our prayers shouldn’t be one sided.

Our prayers should always be prayed in accordance with the will of God. “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will He hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.” 1 John 5: 14, 15.

Our prayers should always be prayed in faith believing. As the old gospel song says, “Prayer is the key to heaven, but faith unlocks the door.”

“Sweet hour of prayer, Sweet hour of prayer.

The joys I feel, the bliss I share; Of those whose anxious spirits burn, With strong desires for Thy return.

With such I hasten to the place, Where God, my Savior, shows His face; And gladly take my station there, And wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.”

Prayer is our greatest power. Prayer changes things.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Simon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In a fit of anger, what did King Saul throw trying to kill David? Spear, Vase, Shield, Ax
3. From Exodus 1, what were the people of Israel forced to make? Blankets, Boats, Baskets, Bricks
4. Who was the deceptive future father-in-law of Jacob? Masa, Laban, Jehoram, Rehu
5. What did Shamgar use to kill six hundred Philistines? Sword, Stones, Mina, Ox goad
6. How many deacons were chosen to help the apostles? 4, 7, 11, 15

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Spear, 3) Bricks, 4) Laban, 5) Ox goad (Judges 3:31), 6) 7

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Men’s Sunday School: 10 am
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Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

Community Christian Church
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308
Pastor: Bill Neeley
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www.C3family.org; Facebook: Community Christian Church|Dublin, VA; email: triplecsecretary@gmail.com
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Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
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409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
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first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
Pastor:
Mary Ann Armbrister
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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Psalm 25:14-15

The LORD **confides** in **those who fear him**; he **makes** his **covenant known** to **them**. My **eyes are ever** on the **LORD**, **for only** he **will release** my **feet from the snare**.

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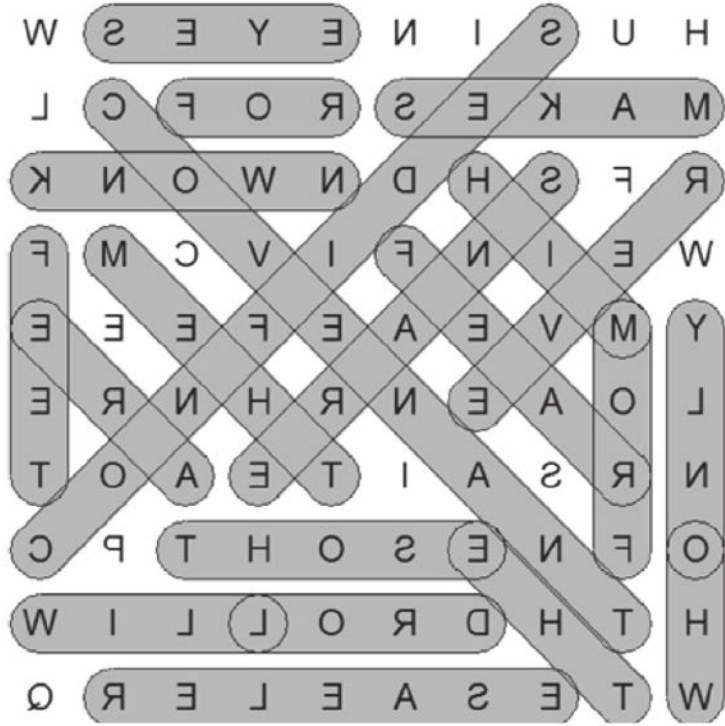
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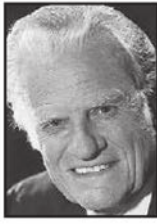
Q: I know that when I worry, I am not trusting God. But sometimes I feel that God is not even paying attention. To look at the future is frightening, especially when I see the world spinning out of control. – C.W.

A: Nothing we experience ever catches God by surprise or is too big for Him to help us handle. Even when our day seems dark, God never leaves us, nor does He allow anything to come our way that can destroy us.

When worries come, however,

it’s important to counter them with the Bible’s promises about God’s steadfast love. He loves us and, for believers, no matter what happens, He never abandons us. We know this because Jesus Christ demonstrated God’s love for us by giving His life to provide salvation to mankind. This doesn’t mean that things will never go wrong, or that we’ll be problem-free. Problems are inevitable. It’s part of life.

But we have a source of strength and power in Christ to help us get through these difficulties. We must put into prac-



My
Answer

Billy Graham

tice expressing a thankful heart, knowing that God is ever-present. Worries flee before a spirit of gratitude and when we commit our concerns to Him, He will hear and He will remind us that His strength is sufficient. “My grace is sufficient for you, for My

strength is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

People have always been beset by worry and the pressures of modern life. Many are filled with a thousand anxieties. When we only look at the situation in the world, it’s hard to overcome worries because the future is unknown to us. When we lift our eyes beyond our circumstances and learn instead to trust God — who does know the future — worry will not crowd its way in.

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

by Gary Kopervas

by Jeff Pickering

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The Spats

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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1 Chanteuse
Edith
5 Links org.
8 Too
12 Kotb of
"Today"
13 Filch
14 500 sheets
15 Rat- —
16 Eternally
18 Large gong
20 Try to hear
better, maybe
21 Author
Bagnold
23 Nabokov
novel
24 Symbol of
stability
28 La Scala solo
31 — tai (cock-
tail)
32 Van Gogh
venue
34 Mafia boss
35 Hostels
37 Vespers
39 Secret agent
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Brockovich
42 Ceremony
45 Slanted type
49 The whole
crowd
51 Actress Fisher
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degrees

DOWN

- 1 Excellent, in slang
- 2 Speck
- 3 Leading man?
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19 "Puppy Love"
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label
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cle
26 Genius
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cal

29 Charged bit
30 "Life of Pi"
director Lee
33 Tizzy
36 Gushes forth
38 Slowpokes
40 "Rah!"
42 Ms. McEntire
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you?"
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WORD LADDERS

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

HEARD

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Trivia

test

by Fifi
Rodrigue

1. **MOVIES:** Which movie gave actor Tom Hanks his first Oscar?
2. **SCIENCE:** Apollo astronauts reported that the Moon smelled like what substance?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** How many stars are on the Australian flag?
4. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president killed a man who insulted him in a duel?
5. **MUSIC:** Which pop group produced the hit song "God Only Knows"?
6. **TELEVISION:** "The Brady Bunch" features how many blended family members?
7. **LANGUAGE:** What is the official language of the United States?
8. **U.S. STATES:** What is the state capital of Rhode Island?
9. **ASTRONOMY:** Which is the only planet in our solar system that is not named after a god or goddess?
10. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is a cheese connoisseur called?

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- Answers
1. "Philadelphia"
2. Burnt gunpowder.
3. Six.
4. Andrew Jackson. In 1806 he shot and killed Charles Dickinson in a duel.
5. The Beach Boys.
6. Eight; six children and two parents.
7. None — the United States doesn't have an official language.
8. Providence.
9. Earth.
10. A trophile

Answers

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. After 2. Ample;
3. Lance; 4. Chase
Today's Word
TEACHER

— WORD LADDER —
Answer
HEARD, BEARD, BOARD,
BOATS, BOOTS, BOOTH

Americanisms

“Read a thousand books,
and your words will flow
like a river.”
— Lisa See

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answer
vine leather that has been
slightly mixed with metal to
give it more strength;
iron oxide.

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: HO CHI — TRAIL

Appalachian	Cattle	Mountain	Ski
Audit	Condensation	Oregon	Vapor
Blaze	Deer	Paper	Wagon
Campaign	Iditarod	Santa Fe	

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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.

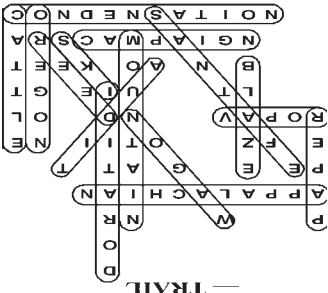
YJOGO KGO TL ZOUGOYZ YL
ZSUUOZZ. DY DZ YJO GOZSWY
LB EGOEKGKYDLT, JKGM RLGP,
KTM WOKGTDN BGLV BKDWSGO.

— ULWDT ELROWW

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success. It is the result
of preparation, hard work,
and learning from failure.
— Colin Powell

answer
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8			3				9	
		7			6			4
	5			2		7		
6		9			8			7
		1		5			3	
	4		2			6		
		2			9			5
1				3			2	
	9		4			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
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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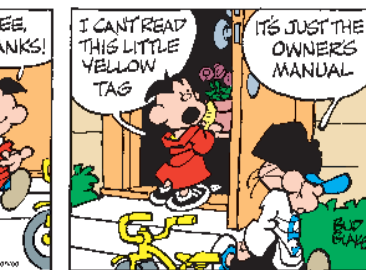
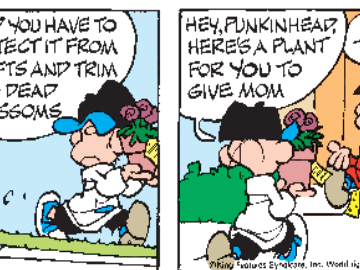
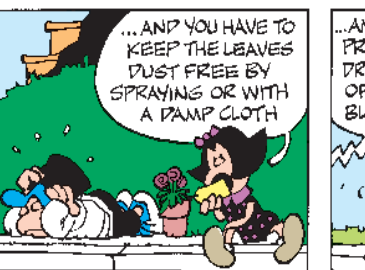
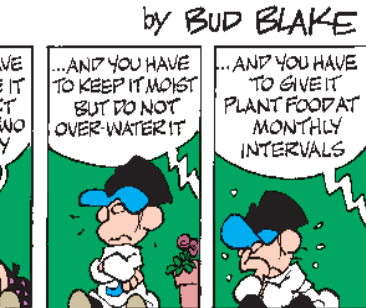
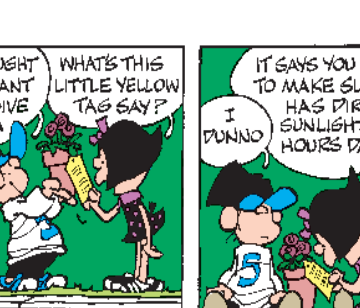
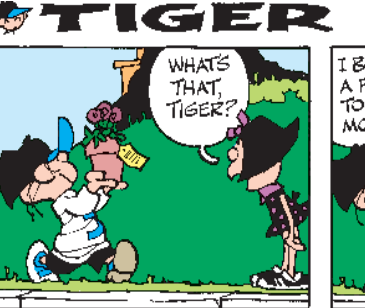
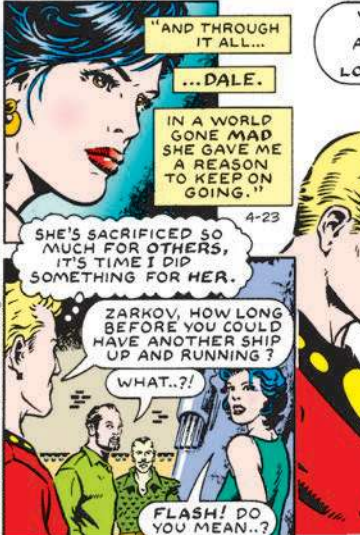
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