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Siers heading for Franklin; replacement search begins

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski County School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers has resigned to take the job of superintendent in Franklin County.

The announcement was made last Friday in Pulaski County, at the same time Siers' hiring in Franklin County was being announced during a special called meeting there late Friday afternoon.

In Franklin County, Siers replaces Bernice Cobbs, who announced last year she would not seek a new contract after her current one ends, according to The

Franklin News Post.

Cobbs' contract ends June 30. She has served as Franklin County's Superintendent since 2020.

In making the move, Siers goes to a much larger school division. Franklin County has 14 schools and 6,533 students.

Siers first became superintendent in Pulaski County in August of 2016. He received a new four-year deal in early 2019 that was to run through June 30, 2022.

Then, in January of 2022, the board and Siers agreed to a third contract that would be in force from July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2026.

Rumors that a change at the top

of the Pulaski County school system was coming began surfacing weeks ago, prior to last Thursday's special called meeting of the school board.

Siers will begin his new position in Rocky Mount on July 1, 2023.

"The Pulaski County School Board has been informed of the resignation of Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers following his acceptance of an offer in another school division," Mrs. Beckie Cox, Chairwoman of the Pulaski County School Board said in a press release from the school board.

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Crewe retiring as Clerk of Court

Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk Maetta Crewe has formally announced her retirement in a statement to The Patriot.

"After 17 wonderful years serving the citizens of Pulaski County as Clerk of the Circuit Court and 39 years of service in the clerk's office, I have decided not to seek re-election and retire at the end of my term," Crewe stated.

"My retirement date will be January 1, 2024," she noted.

"I am extremely thankful for the trust you have placed in me, and it has been my pleasure to serve the citizens of this great county. I will always be thankful for your support. There comes a time, however, to allow someone else the privilege to serve and enjoy the best job in the world," Crewe said.

"Pulaski County is a wonderful place to live, and I intend to continue living here and serving in other ways. I plan to spend more time with my sons, grandchildren, husband, and friends.

"I will always be grateful for the privilege you have afforded me, and I will remain 'Pulaski Proud,'" Crewe said.

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Cullip seeks Cloyd seat on Board of Supervisors

Andy Cullip has formally announced he is a candidate for the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors from the Cloyd District.

"My goal is to work toward positive growth to help sustain the quality of life that we enjoy in our county," Cullip said in a statement this week.

A lifelong resident of Pulaski County, Cullip said he attended Pulaski County High School and has been married to his wife, Becky for 44 years.

The couple have three adult

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Hager announces run for Circuit Court Clerk

Terri Nicewander-Hager has officially announced her candidacy for Clerk of Court in Pulaski County.

"I am excited and proud to announce myself as a candidate for the Clerk of Court in Pulaski County," she said in a statement this week. "I have 21 years of direct hands-on experience in the Clerk of Court office and am passionate about my job and serving the citizens of Pulaski County."

She said in addition to being Chief Deputy Clerk, she is a

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Williams seeks Draper seat on School Board

Billy Williams has announced his candidacy for the Pulaski County School Board from the Draper District.

"It is with great honor that I am announcing my candidacy for the Draper District School Board seat," Williams stated in a prepared statement. "I completed the filing requirements at the end of March and I am excited for the opportunity to represent the parents/guardians, students, faculty and staff and all citizens of Pulaski County."

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"I call Pulaski County my Home ... I am a lifelong, multi-generation resident of Pulaski County, and proud graduate of the Pulaski County School System. My wife and I chose to stay in the area to raise our two wonderful daughters, both graduates of Pulaski County. This county has so much to offer us, and so much to be proud of. I hope to continue and expand this sense of pride in our county and school system," Williams said.

"I would first like to say there are some amazing people in my district and the county as a whole. While collecting signatures throughout the district, and discussing topics related to education in the schools, the messaging was loud and clear as to what people's expectations are for the school system," he said.

"The topics that we discussed were numerous, but there were common themes repeated consistently by both parents, guardians, citizens and teachers that they

want addressed," he said.

"Among these," he said, are:

- Discipline and order restored to the classroom. Accountability for actions that are detrimental to the learning environment. The goal will be to allow teachers to do what they do best....educate our children.
- The past two years have brought forth rules and policies that no one could have ever imagined in our school system. Parents and guardians repeatedly stated that their values, morals and belief systems must be respected by everyone in the school system. I will work with parents, teachers and administration to ensure that parents' rights are respected and there is transparency in the curriculum.
- Expand the opportunities of students in the areas of academic, vocational and trades. Not only expand course offerings, but create more opportunities for post graduate training and career ready students.
- Enhanced collaboration between parents and teachers. Create additional teacher provided resources available to parents/

guardians so they can have a role in supporting the educational development of their children.

- Continue to work with local law enforcement agencies to ensure that our schools are protected and secure.
- Recruit and retain the very best teachers, staff and administrators to create a culture where everyone is working towards excellence in all areas.

"My approach will be that of an open, honest and trustworthy board member. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve the Draper District and Pulaski County as a member of our School Board. I look forward to talking to you very soon and earn your vote on November 7, 2023," Williams said.

Hager

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mother, wife, and small-business owner.

"I've been a resident of Pulaski County my entire life," she adds.

"I promise that I will work for all citizens of our county, focusing on the needs of our community and working to ensure a non-partisan office serving you. One of my chief goals as Clerk would be to retain our open-door policy which makes personal interaction a priority," she said.

"I've already received tremendous support in my candidacy, but I believe the support of the current Clerk of Court Maetta H. Crewe speaks the loudest. We will be losing 39 1/2 years of experience and leadership when she retires in December, and the best way to move forward is to elect someone who has the experience and training in the office necessary for a smooth transition in January.

"I believe with over two decades experience working in the Clerk of Courts office, combined with my dedication to serving the citizens of Pulaski County, makes me the ideal candidate for this position. I will work tirelessly to ensure that the office runs smoothly and that the citizens of the county receive the highest level of customer service," she added.

"I humbly ask for your vote November 7, 2023 so that I can continue to serve the citizens of Pulaski County and ensure that the Clerk's office runs smoothly and efficiently. Thank you for your consideration and I hope to work for you in the future," she closed.

NOTICE

The Patriot has been notified by personnel from the Pulaski Post Office that someone has been placing copies of our newspaper in mailboxes along several streets in Pulaski and in the county.

The Patriot DID NOT place these papers in the mailboxes and does not condone the action.

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Cullip

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sons who he said also live and work in Pulaski County. They have six grandchildren.

Cullip is a retired employee of Volvo Heavy Truck where he worked for 31 years.

"I am a lifetime family farmer and also a licensed auctioneer," Cullip added. "I serve on the boards of several local organizations."

"On November 7th I ask for your support to help make Pulaski County the greatest place to live, work and raise a family," Cullip said.

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Community Foundation supports 81 with scholarships

BLACKSBURG - This spring, the Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) gave out \$141,066 in scholarships to 81 students living or studying in the New River Valley (NRV), including 20 who are first in their family to attend college. The CFNRV will celebrate with the scholarship recipients and their loved ones at a luncheon on May 7.

Since 2002, the CFNRV has awarded \$1,114,731 to 940 students pursuing a wide variety of majors and certifications. Many of these students are funded for multiple years throughout their higher education experiences. Funding for these scholarships comes from generous donors, including individuals, families, and businesses, all with a desire to support the continuing education of high school seniors, college students, and students attending trade or technical schools.

“My mother, June Wang, loved being a teacher at Blacksburg High School. Students were her top priority and she cared deeply about instilling in them a sense of global citizenship and community involvement,” said Xiao-Wei Wang, who, along with her family, established the June Liang Wang Scholarship Fund, which gave out two scholarships this year. “With thanks to community support and under the direction of the CFNRV, we are able to continue mom’s legacy through her memorial scholarship.”

Donors work with the CFNRV to set up a scholarship fund based on specific criteria such as where the student is attending school, their financial needs, or their career goals. When the fund is fully endowed, income generated from the investment can start awarding scholarships annually, with the goal of funding students for generations to come. Currently, the foundation has 50 scholarship funds.

The 2023 scholarship recipients include 50 high school seniors, with the greatest number of students coming from Blacksburg High School (11), Floyd County High School (10), Christiansburg High School (8), Eastern Montgomery High School (6), and



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Auburn High School (4.) Also receiving scholarships this year are 31 college students, with the most students coming from Virginia Tech (16) and New River Community College (6.)

“We received a record number of applications this year and I am proud to say that we were able to fund over half of them,” said Laura Pynn, who manages the CFNRV scholarship program. “It is very important to us to help students find a way to realize their dreams when, for so many, college seems so out of reach.”

A complete list of this year’s scholarship winners is below. Next year’s scholarship application cycle will open this October, with a deadline to apply in January 2024. Anyone interested in learning more about establishing a scholarship fund to support students in our region may contact the foundation at 540-381-8999 or cfnrv@cfnrv.org.

High School Students (50)

Auburn High School (4 students)
1. Rachel Brotherton, \$1,900 total from the W. F. Teel Scholarship Fund & the Laura J. Pynn Scholarship Fund
2. Dawson Richards, \$1,900 from

the Juanita Shelor Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund

3. Macaela Richmeier, \$1,900 total from the Juanita Shelor Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund & the Teel Family Scholarship Fund

4. Kira Samuel, \$1,900 from the Juanita Shelor Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund

Blacksburg High School (11)

1. Mercy Akanmu, \$1,800 from the June Liang Wang Scholarship Fund

2. Patrick Davis, \$1,000 from the Terry Helms Memorial Scholarship Fund

3. Mia Farley, \$840 from the Dana R. & Marilyn Spencer Scholarship Fund

4. Norah Griggs, \$1,065 from the Allan Mandelstamm Scholarship Fund

5. Nicholas Harvey, \$600 from the Dennis Stauffer Memorial Scholarship Fund

6. Suzie Kim, \$1,000 from the BHS National Honor Society Legacy Scholarship Fund

7. Maeve Rensberger, \$1,420 from the Auxiliary of Radford Community Hospital/CNRVMC Scholarship Fund

8. Mila Santsaver-Jones, \$1,500 from the Chris Dudley Scholarship Fund

9. Gabriel Syed, \$500 from the A. Phillips Meadows Leadership Fund

10. Sam Woolsey, \$1,800 from the

June Liang Wang Scholarship Fund
11. Edric Zhang, \$1,500 from the Jim Gwazdauskas Memorial Scholarship Fund

Christiansburg High School (8)

1. Emily Abbott, \$1,770 from the Adrienne Marie Rhudy Memorial Scholarship Fund

2. Carson Ballard, \$1,500 from the Doris Huff Elliott Business Excellence Scholarship Fund

3. Thaxton Henley, \$1,000 from the Eric E. Sutphin Memorial Scholarship Fund

4. Hayden Kyle, \$1,000 from the VFW Post 5311 Legacy Scholarship Fund

5. Taylor Rasmussen, \$2,000 from

the Josephine D. Shotts Memorial Scholarship Fund

6. Anna Rayne, \$1,000 from the Eric E. Sutphin Memorial Scholarship Fund

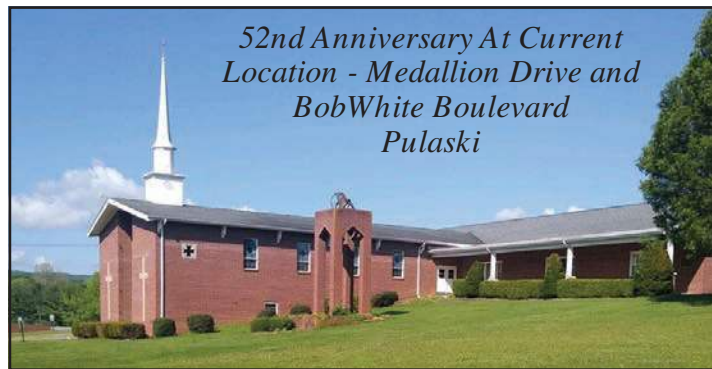
7. Faith Sarver, \$1,420 from the Auxiliary of Radford Community Hospital/CNRVMC Scholarship Fund

8. McKenna Spaulding, \$1,300 from the Marcus Allen Ford Memorial Scholarship Fund

Eastern Montgomery High School (6)

1. Logan Boone, \$700 from the Casey Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund

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MRS. ANGELA PARKER
Mrs. Angela Parker, 54, of Adel, Georgia formerly of Pulaski, Virginia passed away May 10, 2023 at her daughter's home. Mrs. Parker was born August 2, 1968 in Radford, Virginia. Being a military wife she lived in many different places before retiring to Grand Bay, Alabama then moving to Pulaski, Virginia after the passing of her husband. She was preceded in death by her husband, SGM Calvin Mark Parker, and her mother; Mary Elizabeth Nelson.

Mrs. Parker is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Tia and Ian O'Leary of Adel and Takoda Marquee Parker of Fairlawn, Virginia; two grandchildren, Marleigh Elizabeth O'Leary and Maddox Ian O'Leary of Adel; two step-daughters: Whitney Ann West of Auburn, New York and Kayla Marie Alberti (Steve) of Auburn, New York; and four step-grandchildren; her dad, Stanley Moore (Ernestine) of Radford, Virginia; three sisters: Kimberly Moore-Ortiz (Frankie) of Cabot, Arkansas, Katina Moore of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Crystal Carlson (Paul) of Tinley Park, Illinois; many nieces and nephews also survive.

Services for Mrs. Parker will be held at 1:30 PM, Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, Mississippi. Interment will follow.

Condolences may be expressed online at boonefunerals.com. Boone Funeral Home, Inc. is serving the Parker family.

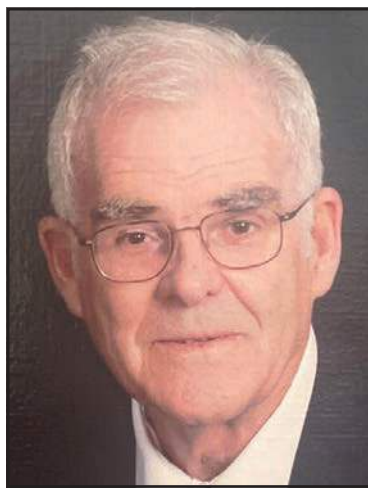
TANYA ANN PRICE

Tanya Ann Price, ae 55 of Pulaski, died Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at her residence. She was born on August 16, 1967, and was the daughter of the late Barbara Ann Quesenberry Price, and the late Richard Edison Price. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers; Brian Edward Price and Rickey Price.

She is survived by her son: Patrick Price of Radford; her daughter; Tamara Orren Arevalo of Hillsville; a brother; Terry Price of Fairlawn; and two grandchildren; Xander Erps and Ari Arevalo.

Per Tanya's request, she was cremated. There will be no public service, but the family will have a gathering to celebrate her life sometime in the near future.

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



MARVIN WAYNE NESTER
Marvin Wayne Nester, 76, of Radford, went to be with his Lord and Savior on May 8, 2023. He was the eldest son of the late Marvin and Elda Nester. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Radford for over 50 years, serving faithfully as a deacon, church treasurer, Sunday school teacher and Awana leader. Mr. Nester was an electrician, beginning his career with the family business, Star Electric. He also held positions at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant and Southern Air and retired from Volvo Trucks, New River Valley Plant. Mr. Nester enjoyed tennis, hiking, and traveling. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Donna Nester; his brother and sister-in-law Vander and Velma Nester of Christiansburg; and his niece, Tracy D'Souza of Roanoke.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Amy Nester and their son, Jack, of Salem; daughter and son-in-law, Lesley and Andy Morgan and their children, Andrew, Elijah and Olivia of Bridgeport, West Virginia; brothers and sisters-in-laws, Allen and Jill Nester of Scottsdale, AZ; and Tim and Joyce Nester of Radford; sister and brother-in-law Sonja and Dennis D'Souza of Roanoke; three sisters-in-laws and brothers-in-laws, Judy and Buddy Linkous of Roanoke; Karen and David West of Altavista; and Mary Ruth and Parks Schaefer of New Bern, NC; and other family and friends.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the compassionate and professional care Mr. Nester received recently at Friendship Health and Rehab Center South, the SICU and 6th floor of Lewis Gale Medical Center and Blue Ridge Cancer Care.

The family will receive friends Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Calvary Baptist Church, Radford, VA, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. Nester requested that contributions be made to the Calvary Baptist Church Mission Fund, 624 Sixth Street, Radford, VA 24141.

The Nester family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com



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CLARENCE THOMAS CHINAULT

Clarence Thomas Chinault, of Dublin passed away Sunday, May 7, 2023 at Radford Health and Rehab Center in Radford, Virginia after a prolonged illness.

He was born June 20, 1936 in Dublin. He was the son of the late Lawrence Roosevelt Chinault & Malissa Hattie Keister Chinault. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Susan Burcham Chinault, his brothers, Lawrence "Teddy" Roosevelt Chinault, Robert Kent Chinault, Sr., and sister, Evelyn Josephine Sutphin.

Clarence was a friend to all in Dublin and once served as the Grand Marshall of the Dublin Christmas Parade. He walked the streets of Dublin with a wave and greeting to all who passed. He served in the United States Army.

Family and friends who survive and cherish his memory are brother - Raymond Elwood Chinault, Dublin, beloved friend - R.F. Pruitt, Dublin, sisters-in-law - Bessie Burcham Tickle, Draper, Gerri Burcham Collins, Wytheville, Audie Wyatt Chinault, Pulaski and Evelyn M. East. Max Meadows, brother-in-law - James "Bob" Burcham, Jr. Dublin and several nieces and nephews.

Grave Side Services were conducted Thursday, May 11, 2023 at West End Cemetery Wytheville with Pastor Marvin Burcham officiating.

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

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



ROMMA "HARVEY" WADE, SR.

Romma "Harvey" Wade, Sr., age 84 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at his home. He will be remembered for faithfully serving the Lord Jesus Christ and his church that he loved. He always helped anyone in need. He had a God given ability to fix anything. Anytime that he was asked "how are you doing"? - his response was, "Very Blessed".

He faithfully served his country with the United States Army during the Korean War era. He worked many years in management at Burlington Industries, later named New River Textiles in Radford, Virginia. His hobby was restoring antique cars, especially his 1957 Chevrolet that won Senior Grand National. He was a Senior Master Judge.

He was preceded in death by his parents - Romma B. & Hettie Biggs Wade, wife - Shirley R. Wade, brother - Howard H. Wade, niece - Alice D. Wade and sister - Betty W. Price.

He is survived by his son - Romma Harvey Wade, Jr. & wife, Erin, daughter - Terri Wade Reese, special niece - Sandra Beasley, sister - Virginia Wade Leonard, grandchildren - Jessica Hoover and Matthew Ratcliffe, eight great grandchildren and many friends and special church family.

Memorial services were held Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Grace Baptist Church (552 Main Street, Dublin, VA 24084) with Pastor Doug Testerman officiating.

Donations in Harvey's memory may be made to the Grace Baptist Church Building Fund.

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

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



HOWARD GILMER SADLER

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"We are reminded how short life really is, and how we are just passing through. So, all the people you haven't told you love lately, tell them, and live your days like you mean it."

Hal Sutton

Howard Sadler passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on May 5, 2023, at the homeplace on the family farm in Pulaski, Virginia, with his wife and his dog by his side. Howard's family, friends and colleagues are deeply saddened by his sudden death.

Howard is survived by his loving and devoted wife of over 48 years, Su-Su O. Sadler; two daughters, Allison Sadler and Elizabeth Sadler; two granddaughters, Ariel and Caroline Wagner; a sister, Lila ("Sis") Foster (John) of Marblehead, Massachusetts; a sister-in-law, Betty N. Sadler of Pulaski, Virginia; a brother-in-law, Clark Owen (Emilie); nephews John E. ("Jay") Sadler, III (Suzan), Ned Foster (Angela), Sam Foster, and Richard Owen; and several great-nieces and nephews and cousins; as well as numerous friends and colleagues.

Howard was predeceased by his parents, John Edward Sadler, Sr. and Lila Gilmer Sadler; a brother, John E. Sadler, Jr.; and a niece, Emily Foster.

Howard had a huge heart and an ever-present smile. He was outgoing and never met a stranger. He was witty and clever, fearless and independent. He would have done anything for his family and friends. He would have acknowledged he was strong-willed and driven, yet so warm, engaging, charming, funny and fun-loving. Howard was always on the go, but in his quieter moments, he loved reading, flyfishing in Montana, working on the homeplace and spending time with his wife, and their family and friends. He was generous with his time and friendship, and loved to talk on his phone.

A graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, Howard Served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps, having actively served his country in Vietnam.

Howard's career in various corporate leadership positions included work at Sadler Mills and as Plant Manager, Operations and Special Projects Director, and Vice President of Operations for global firms such as Warner-Lambert, Pfizer and Volvo with assignments in such diverse locations as Puerto Rico, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia. In addition, Howard's entrepreneurial spirit resulted in the launch of several software de-

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Summer P-EBT payments coming

The School Nutrition Program in Pulaski County Schools has announced a one-time P-EBT payment to families during the summer.

In a letter to parents and guardians, program officials said the issuance will be a one-time payment of \$120.00 per eligible student.

Benefits will be issued beginning July 25, 2023 through September 30, 2023 until all issuances are complete.

All students who attended Pulaski County Public Schools in-person during the last month of the 2022-2023 school year are eligible for this

one-time payment. Students graduating at the end of the 2022-2023 school year are also eligible.

In order to ensure issuances are made correctly, officials asked parents and guardians to check the following items in their student's information before May 31, 2023:

- Parent/Guardian primary custodian name
- Mailing address
- Student name
- Student date of birth

If any changes need to be made to your student's information, parents and guardians should notify the school of enrollment.

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velopment and business consulting enterprises.

Upon returning to the New River Valley, Howard extended his career in residential, commercial and land sales as an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Townside in Blacksburg. Howard was first licensed in 1980 and was highly regarded by the real estate community and was honored by the New River Valley Association of REALTORS in 2020 with the Ethics in Action award. Not only was Howard recognized throughout his career with humanitarian awards and top producer success, he was singled out in 2022 for being such a strong foundation of support for all REALTORS that the Cornerstone Award was created to honor him.

Howard had a keen sense of responsibility to the Pulaski community including serving for many years on the Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals and frequently serving on Pulaski County Grand Juries, often as Foreman. He was a multi-generational member of the Pulaski Science Club and was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pulaski, and attended New Dublin Presbyterian Church.

Due to his unique family connections to the 1912 Hillsville Courthouse Tragedy, Howard conducted extensive research into the incident and presented his program, "The Last Witness – A Story of Friendship and Trust" throughout the region. His historical work contributed to the discovery of court documents central to the incident and their ultimate return to Carroll County on March 14, 2022, the 110th anniversary of the tragedy.

Funeral and Internment with full military honors will be at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery on May 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., with the Reverend Tupper Garden officiating. Those wishing to attend the service need to be at the cemetery by 2:40 p.m. A reception will be held afterwards at New Dublin Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to New Dublin Presbyterian Church, 5331 New Dublin Church Road, Dublin, Virginia, 24084, in Howard's memory.

Arrangements by Norris-Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski, Virginia.



FRED ALLEN "BOOBOO" HARDIN

Fred Allen "Booboo" Hardin, age 57 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Lewis Gale Hospital, Salem, Virginia

Born June 26, 1965 in Princeton, WV, he was the son of the late Benjamin Fred Hardin and Barbara Jeanette Kennedy Hardin. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Glory Faye Hardin; Son, Allen Hardin and Sister, Beverly McCroskey.

He was a past employee of Pulaski Furniture Company.

He is survived by

Children- Christopher Hardin, Ashley Hardin and Elijah Booth, Nickolas (Isis) Hardin, Emily Hardin, & Jacob Hardin- all of Pulaski.

Step- Daughter- Amanda Williams-Christiansburg

Grandchildren- Grace, Kinleigh, Kaithon, Madison and Kohliden

Brother—Charles "Chuck" (Michelle) Hardin- Princeton, WV

Sisters-Brenda McGrady- Pulaski & Rebecca (Kevin) Winkle-Dublin

Many Nieces and Nephews, Great Nieces and Nephews and many friends.

A visitation will be held Friday, May 12, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Dublin Church of God,

632 East Main Street, Dublin,

VA 24084

To sign Booboo's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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



BOBBY LEE NESTER

Bobby Lee Nester, 85, of Parrott, passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Bobby was a founding member of the Twin Community Fire Department and served for over 20 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil Lee and Margaret Albert Nester; grandson, Shaun Whittaker; great-granddaughter, Skylon Amos; and his two brothers.

Survivors include his loving wife of 67 years, Molly Jean Nester; sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby Edward Nester (Shirley), Chuck Nester (Michele), and Ricky Gravley (Diane); daughters and sons-in-law, Joan McCoy (Rusty) and Mary Cullop (Rocky); grandchildren, Ashley and Christopher; great-grandchildren, Bella and Matthew; sister, Lois Assad; family friend, Misty Smith; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Eddie Dalton and T. Michael Bond officiating. Interment will follow in Brown Cemetery in Belspring.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Twin Community Fire Department, P.O. Box 7, Parrott, VA, 24132.

The Nester family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com



WILLIAM THOMAS WOHLFORD III

William Thomas Wohlford III, age 93 of Pulaski, died Thursday, May 4, 2023 at his home in Pulaski. He was born August 22, 1929 in Dante, Russell County, VA. He was educated in the local Public-School grades 1-11 and graduated from Dante Central High School in June 1946. The summer of 1946 was spent picking slate for Clinchfield Coal Company and he was a section hand for Clinchfield Railroad—as a result he attended Shenandoah Junior College. He later transferred to Madison College where he graduated June 1949 with a B.S. in Chemistry and Education. He enlisted in the US Air Force July 1950 and was discharged as a Sergeant transferring to the Army's Chemical Corps in 1951. He served as an Instructor at the Military District of Washington's Chemical Biological and Radiological Defense School and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lt. in 1954. He served in the Army reserve until 1963. Bill was married February 13th 1952 to Mary Clare Dougherty of Pulaski. The family moved to New Jersey in 1957 where he pursued various occupations including 12 years as a teacher of Physics and Math in the Public High Schools of Williamstown and Pitman NJ. Graduate work was pursued at UVA, Fairleigh Dickinson, and Wake Forest University. The couple were convinced Quakers and among founders of the Friends School, Mullica Hill, NJ a 3K-12th Grade school. He was the first Chairman of the Board while she was the first Principal. They raised

4 daughters while living in NJ. They moved back to Pulaski in 1972 and shortly thereafter founded and operated Cove Mountain Goat Dairy in Wythe County VA, selling Grade A Pasteurized Goat Milk and Ice Cream in VA, WV and NC. In the early 1990s, he was awarded a Master Electrician status and opened an Electrical Upgrade and repair business in Pulaski and Wythe Counties. The Electrical business was operated successfully until it was closed November 2021. His wife Mary Clare died in 2012 and one daughter Elizabeth Garter died in 2020.

He is survived by three of his four daughters: Jayne Mitchell of Lake Oswego, Susan Wysor of Troutdale, and Anne Heck of Pulaski. He is proud to have Six Grandchildren and five Great Grandchildren.

The family is planning a memorial service in August 2023. In lieu of flowers donations are requested for New River Community College in Dublin VA to the scholarship fund in the name of Ernest and Beth Garter.

He died from complications due to cancer treated successfully since 2009 and more recent heart failure.

The family will forever be thankful to Heidi Klepin, MD and Ashlyn Duke Hedgecock at Wake Forest Baptist hospital.

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

VIRGINIA PEARL COOK JESSIE

Virginia Pearl Cook Jessie, age 91 of Pulaski went to be the Lord on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Born August 27, 1931 in Welch, West Virginia. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, William Calup Jessie. She was also preceded in death by her parents Fred Gandy Cook & Zella Lou Reedy Cook; a daughter – Sandra Jane Blankenship; brothers – Ira Cook, Fred "Jerry" Cook, Billy Cook and a sister – Leola Boschian.

She is survived by her Children – Roger Lee (Janice) Jessie – Pilot, VA, William Donald (Peggy) Jessie – Pulaski, VA; Teresa Jessie (John) Ososki – MI, Michael Jay Jessie – Wytheville, VA.

Nine Grandchildren
Numerous Great and Great, Great



Grandchildren

Many nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM – Friday, May 12, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Elder Don Singleton officiating. Interment will follow at 2:00 PM at the Greenhill Memorial Gardens in Claypool Hill, (Cedar Bluff) Virginia.

To sign Virginia's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com

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

Endorsement for Terri Nicewander-Hager for Circuit Court Clerk

It is my distinct pleasure to endorse Terri Nicewander-Hager as my successor in the Pulaski County Circuit Court's Office. Terri has worked in the office for 21 consecutive years. She is a Master Circuit Court Deputy Clerk, having completed extensive training through the Virginia Court Clerk's Association and the National Center of State Courts. Terri has experience in all areas of the office. She began her career in the front office area where she recorded land records, processed judgements, filed civil actions, issued marriage licenses, filed gun permit applications, and helped customers in a variety of ways. She has served in the criminal area where she was responsible for maintaining files, preparing sentencing/conviction orders, and assisting the judge in procedural issues. In addition, Terri has served in the civil area where she entered case information in the Case Management System and filed and indexed pleadings and orders in each civil case. She is presently serving as office manager and bookkeeper where she is responsible for entering financial information in the Financial Accounting System and processing all checks. Terri is the main contact in the office in the probate area of the office where she assists citizens with the complicated process of recording wills and settling the estates of their deceased loved ones. These are only some of the duties that Terri has performed and continues to provide to our citizens. These tasks are very difficult to perform and take years to master. To serve in these capacities requires extensive experience and training.

Terri has worked under my direct supervision and training for 12 years, knows how to perform the 800 plus duties mandated for clerks, and knows how to manage the office. She has proven that she is a well trained public servant who will continue to ensure that all the duties in the clerk's office will be performed efficiently and professionally. She will make certain that education and training of staff continue to be a priority in the office.

I urge you to vote for Terri Nicewander-Hager on November 7, 2023.

Terri is the only candidate who possesses the training, qualifications, certification, and expertise that the clerk's office requires. Her long-time experience and knowledge make her the ONLY choice for Clerk of Circuit Court.

Vote for Terri Nicewander-Hager on November 7, 2023, to ensure that your Circuit Court Clerk's Office will continue to run smoothly, efficiently, and professionally. Folks, experience counts and there is no substitute for experience.

VOTE TERRI-NICEWANDER HAGER FOR CLERK ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023.

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Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee activity of late

The week of April 24, I chaired two Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearings that are both timely and important to the wellbeing of the public.

As chair of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, I have made it a priority to examine all aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and how we can learn from it. My jurisdiction overlaps with that of the Select Committee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, and we are having



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

discussions on which hearings the committees will each hold.

So far this year, I've chaired hearings on the challenges to investigating the origins of pandemics and how to quickly identify the root cause of a disease outbreak. We also have taken a look at grant management by the National Institute of Health (NIH).

Following that theme, I recently chaired a hearing on biosafety practices at high-containmentment laboratories handling potentially dangerous pathogens. We also considered whether advancements in biotech have outpaced our country's existing biosafety guidelines and whether we are following these guidelines.

Our hearing reinforced what I suspected, that our existing oversight framework for risky research isn't working.

Our country's current biosafety guidance, the Potential Pandemic Pathogen Care and Oversight framework, issued in 2017, was intended to be implemented by all executive branch agencies. So far, only one agency has done so, which is Health and Human Services (HHS)

Unfortunately, HHS has left implementation up to the NIH. Given what we know about their lack of enforcement of biosafety guidelines relating to the research being done by grantee, EcoHealth Alliance, and subgrantee, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, into novel coronaviruses, it is clear that the NIH is currently neither inclined nor equipped to exercise oversight of the risky research it funds within the U.S. or abroad.

It is crazy to me that the Wuhan Institute of Virology appears to have conducted some high-risk coronavirus research at a biosafety level 2 lab when it should have been at a higher level 3 lab. And it did so with U.S. dollars.

Our current system relies on the same agency who issues a grant to a biosafety lab to also oversee the lab's safety standards. A recommendation by one of our witnesses was that, instead, we should have a separate entity overseeing those safety standards to ensure compliance. I agree with that witness.

According to another witness, our country is also in need of a better system to document accidents, or near accidents, in high-containment labs, for the scientific community to prevent their repetition.

Balancing safety with innovation must be of upmost importance. Its Congress' responsibility to better understand the benefits and risks with this type of research and how to better oversee it.

Antimicrobial Resistance

Ever since reading the book, *The Perfect Predator*, I've been interested in antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Written by Dr. Steffanie Strathdee, an infectious disease epidemiologist, and Associate Dean and professor at the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, the book details her search for a cure to her husband's multi-drug resistant bacterial infection, which he contracted while in Egypt on vacation.

I've since learned that the threat posed by AMR is very real in our country.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), at least 2.8 million people are infected with antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the United States each year, and more than 35,000 people die as a result.

During our hearing, we discussed the dangers of AMR and potential solutions. I spoke to our witnesses about the future of bacteriophage, or phage, therapy and how it can be used to combat AMR.

Phage therapy is the process of using viruses that kill or weaken bacteria by attacking the bacteria.

Prior to the discovery of antibiotics, phage therapy had the attention of researchers, but with the discovery of antibiotics that soon fell to the wayside. Now that some pathogens have become resistant to antibiotics, the scientific community is once again exploring the benefits of this therapy. However, I think as a nation we should be doing more.

More research needs to be done to understand where it is appropriate to use phage therapy, the best way to use phage therapy, such as duration and dosing, and whether phage resistance can develop over time.

I hope to have more hearings on these subjects in the near future, as there is still so much more to learn and more that Congress can do.

Founding Fathers' IQs

Several weeks ago, my husband posed the following question: Do you think the Founding Fathers had a higher IQ than our current legislators? It didn't take me long to jump on the computer and do some research on that one!

In 1905, two psychologists, Alfred Binet and Theodore Simon, were asked to design a test to help students struggling with learning in France and determine which children required more individualized attention. Their research formed the basis of the IQ test.

Did you know that the average IQ in the United States is 98 points, and with that average IQ, Americans rank 29th in the world-wide ranking. Ouch! However, the inhabitants of individual states have a higher average IQ with Massachusetts coming in at 104.3 and New Hampshire residents with 104.2.

The process of determining an IQ for the Founders was extremely interesting, although very detailed and precise. Since the Founders were long gone before IQ tests were first utilized, the

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researchers had to base their evaluations on the Founders' writings, use of vocabulary, extracting personality descriptions from reliable biographical sources, and then removing identifying information to produce anonymous biographical profiles. Then independent judges utilized the profiles to rate the first 45 Presidents on 300 descriptors and 100 developed adjectives, which boiled down to 14 distinct dimensions. Basically, they developed a consistent system of defining traits to assess the Presidents on Intellectual Brilliance.

Some of the assessments included the Big Five Factor Model, linking

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Not a dime's worth of difference

By CAL THOMAS
Tribune Content Agency

When he ran for president a second time in 1968 on the American Independent Party ticket, Alabama Governor George Wallace said, "There's not a dime's worth of difference between the Democrat and Republican parties."

Granted that Wallace, who had been a Democrat, was attempting to attract votes for that nascent party, but his statement may have found new life in Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, a former Democrat and now an Independent.

Appearing last Sunday on "Face the Nation", Sinema referenced the final speech her predecessor, Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) gave on the Senate floor in 2018 in which he lamented the partisanship that has overtaken Congress: "... he said that folks were more interested in ensuring that the other party lost or prevented the other party from getting a win. And then they were no longer focused on the much more inspiring and more meaningful work of bringing people together, people of good faith to actually solve problems and improve lives of the people that we serve in our country."

We have heard that lament before, but actually working together requires agreement on what the problems are and a willingness to actually solve them instead of bludgeoning members of the other party.

Sinema went a step further in explaining the extreme partisanship: "They've moved away from that center of working together and finding that common ground and they're going towards the fringes because that's where the money is, and that's where the attention is, and that's where the likes on Twitter are, and that's where you get the clicks and the accolades. And there's an incentive to continue to say things that are not true and not accurate."

Asked why she didn't switch to the Republican Party from the Democratic Party, Sinema laughed and said, "you don't go from one broken party to another."

Her solution is a familiar one that needs more adherents. Again referring to McCain's final Senate speech, she said: "...he spoke about the importance of getting rid of the uninspiring activities you see now of partisanship and restoring the inspiring activity of working together."

So how do we fix this in our country? It's not that difficult. "It's all of us choosing to behave with that same level of dignity, of respect for each other of honor, refusing to do that uninspiring activity of just trying to prevent the other from a win, and instead focusing on what can we do to bring our country together and demonstrate that we're serving them."


With Title 42 expiring Thursday, which is expected to bring in a new wave of migrants, Sinema blames not only the Biden administration for failing to come up with a plan, but also both political parties: "both parties have benefited for decades by not solving this challenge."

Perhaps that's why the fastest growing voter group is independents, though they usually end up voting for one party or the other on Election Day.

It's going to take more than one senator to make the case that our system of elections and government are broken. Returning to the guardrails provided in the Constitution would solve a lot of problems, but barring that unlikely occurrence, it is up to "We the people" to make changes by voting for candidates who are committed to actually addressing and solving the growing number of problems that confront us.

Otherwise, George Wallace will be seen as a prophet because there is increasingly not a dime's worth of difference between the two parties when it comes to doing what is best for the nation."

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

SAT era coming to an end

The long era of the dominance of the SAT in college admissions is coming to an end.

The test is increasingly being shelved not because it failed but because it succeeded in all the wrong ways.

According to a survey from an anti-testing outfit, more than 80% of four-year colleges won't require standardized tests for admissions this coming fall. Many have made the tests optional, and some won't consider them at all. In a swath of academia, the pandemic expedient of dropping the tests has seamlessly transitioned to a permanent change.

If this isn't a leap forward for fairness or rationality, it is another ringing victory for the equity of "diversity, equity, and inclusion" fame. With homework now on the chopping block for not being equitable enough -- kids with involved parents tend to actually do their homework -- it shouldn't be a surprise that the SAT is being shown the door.

(If only there were some time-honored arrangement to have two adults wholly devoted to the well-being of one or more children regardless of their race or income and providing support, discipline, and moral instruction.)

The SAT, with its signature four-option multiple-choice answers, isn't perfect. As a mass-administered, easy-to-grade, objective test, though, it's hard to beat.

Despite progressive denialism, it has been established that the SAT and ACT predict academic performance.

As the renegade academic Freddie deBoer points out, there is a correlation between family income and SAT scores, but it doesn't account for most of the divergence in scores.

TITLE: Nonetheless, other metrics that schools consider in the admissions process are just as susceptible, if not more, to socioeconomic factors.

As the writer and scientist Erik Hoel puts it, "On the one side there is the litany of activities, academic successes, and school pedigrees that make up the bulk of a good college application, and the massive amounts of wealth and parental involvement that implies from essentially diapers onwards, and, on the other side, there's a \$20 Kaplan SAT prep book and getting your butt in a chair to go through example problems."

MIT, which can't fool around thanks to its demanding math requirements, has bucked the trend toward minimizing or dumping the SAT. The dean of admissions explained in 2022 why the school was bringing back the SAT requirement after the pandemic: "Our ability to accurately predict student academic success at MIT is significantly improved by considering standardized testing -- especially in mathematics -- alongside other factors."

The deeper problem with the SAT, of course, is that it doesn't produce the racial outcomes that the people who run institutions of higher education, especially

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3. Abigail Felty, \$1,000 from the Laura J. Pynn Scholarship Fund

4. Jenna Gadd, \$1,780 from the Epperly Family Fund

5. Lucas Jones, \$1,018 from the Warren Lloyd Holtzman Freedom Scholarship Fund

6. Madeline Mirolli, \$1,065 from the Marie Mandelstamm Scholarship Fund

Floyd County High School (10)

1. Avery Cantrell, \$1,000 from the Citizens Scholarship Fund

2. Melanie Gallimore, \$1,000 from the Larry Turman Memorial Scholarship Fund

3. Maria Garcia Diaz, \$3,000 total from the RBN Inc. Appreci-

ation Scholarship Fund & Amber D. Lutz Memorial Scholarship Fund

4. James Holt, \$1,100 from the Woodrow & Elma Turman Scholarship Fund

5. Vanessa Hylton, \$2,190 from the Earl Vest & Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund

6. Jessica Long, \$1,000 from the Williamsburg Consort Symphonic Band Scholarship Fund

7. Andrew Martin, \$2,190 from the Earl Vest & Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund

8. Carly Thompson, \$1,600 from the Mary Ann King Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund

9. Hallie Williams, \$500 Evelyn Rutrough Memorial Scholarship Fund

10. Victoria Wood, \$2,190 from the Earl Vest & Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund

Narrows High School (3)

1. Kaleah Handshoe, \$2,000 from the Josephine D. Shotts Me-

morial Scholarship Fund

2. Mya Robertson, \$1,000 from the Domermuth Scholarship Fund

3. Virginia Bowles, \$1,420 from the Auxiliary of Radford Community Hospital/CNRVMC Scholarship Fund

Pulaski County High School (3)

1. Sydney Farley, \$2,000 from the Jo Ann Slate Smith Scholarship Fund

2. Emilie Hall, \$2,000 from the Jo Ann Slate Smith Scholarship Fund

3. Zachary Parker, \$2,000 from the Simón-Flora-Grohs Scholarship Fund

Plus, one student each from:

- Cassidy Callister, Springhouse Community School, \$1,000 from the T. Scott Eaton Scholarship Fund
- Liam Gillock, Grayson County High School, \$1,180 from the Plummer Scholarship Fund
- Hollie Fletcher, Giles High

School, \$500 from the Virginia Whitaker Memorial Scholarship Fund

- Angie Lin, Radford High School, \$1,770 from the Adrienne Marie Rhudy Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dianna White, Galax High School, \$1,180 from the Plummer Scholarship Fund

University students (31)

Bridgewater College (2)

1. Logan Douthat, \$1,420 from the Auxiliary of Radford Community Hospital/CNRVMC Scholarship Fund

2. Jared Nichols, \$4,000 from the James E. & Kate H. Board Scholarship Fund

New River Community College (6)

1. Helen Beavers, \$1,250 from the Wings Fund

2. Jaycee Chaffin, \$2,190 from the Earl Vest & Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund

3. Kenzee Chaffin, \$2,190 from the Earl Vest & Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund

4. Gracenne Clinger, \$1,250 from the Wings Fund

5. Eliany Garcia-Bermudez, \$3,000 from the RBN Inc. Appreciation Scholarship Fund

6. Shuler Williams, \$500 from the Living4Bri Scholarship Fund

Virginia Tech (16)

1. Madison Blake, \$2,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

2. Ruthie Brown, \$2,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

3. Krista Carlton, \$2,000 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

4. Victoria Fedik, \$4,000 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

5. Ella Fitzgerald, \$3,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

6. Heidi Gomez, \$2,000 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

7. Jack Hammock, \$1,950 from the Lineweaver Family Scholarship Fund

8. Angelina Jannace, \$500 from the Lambda Horizon Scholarship

Fund

9. Alexandra Jones, \$2,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

10. Gage Kelly, \$1,950 from the Lineweaver Family Scholarship Fund

11. Suin Kim, \$2,000 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

12. Seferina Olivo, \$4,000 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

13. Megan Phan, \$2,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

14. Harbalbeen Rai, \$4,000 total from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund & the Adrienne Marie Rhudy Memorial Scholarship Fund

15. Morgan Ralph, \$2,500 from the VT Women’s Club Scholarship Fund

16. Hanna Santolla, \$1,720 from the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad Memorial Scholarship Fund

Plus, one each from:

- Sydney Fritz, Brown University, \$1,018 from the Warren Lloyd Holtzman Freedom Scholarship Fund
- Andrea Leng, Washington University in St. Louis, \$2,000 from the Benjamin Eiss Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Jaden Nichols, James Madison University, \$4,000 from the James E. & Kate H. Board Scholarship Fund
- Josep Ocampo, College of William and Mary, \$3,000 from the RBN Inc. Appreciation Scholarship Fund
- Cole Shepherd, Delta State University, \$1,065 from the Allan Mandelstamm Scholarship Fund
- Selna Shi, Virginia Commonwealth University, \$3,000 from the RBN Inc. Appreciation Scholarship Fund
- Brittle Williams, Radford University, \$1,065 from the Marie Mandelstamm Scholarship Fund

OPEN FORUM

Letter writer was ‘that kid’ in school

Editor’s Note: In recognition of this being National Teacher Appreciation Week, Joe Shannon of Poplar Camp – a driver for Pulaski Area Transit – submitted the following letter written by his daughter, Tonya Shannon Shore of Asheboro, N.C.

Tonya, who is now a teacher herself, writes about how one of her teachers had a profound impact on her life in elementary

school.

We thought her story is worth sharing.

‘That Kid’

I was not an easy student. I was hyper, very talkative, (hard to believe). I had a million questions, and wanted the answers as soon as I asked the question. School didn’t come easy to me, and I struggled. I had speech issues

and a learning disability. So here comes this bouncy little talkative, inquisitive 3rd grader who walks to the classroom of Mrs. Vera Bates and Peggy Anderson. I was happy that I got these teachers, but also very sad, as this would be my second time in the 3rd grade.

She was the teacher that was Pinterest before Pinterest was even a thing. She loved and believed in all of her students, she saw the good. She lookedpast what might have been shared with her about me “being that student.” I walked in her classroom a new person and felt that way leaving. She gave me chances that others did not, made me a member of the school’s OM team, and most importantly made me feel welcome as a student in her classroom. She never gave up on me or any of her students. She always had something positive to say about all of her students. We left her classroom feeling that we could do anything, be anything, because Mrs. Bates said we could.

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personality and intelligence by ranking five traits: Openess to experience, Conscientiousness, Extraversion, Agreeableness and Neuroticism (nervious vs. confident)

Can you really evaluate the brilliance of the men who constructed the greatest Constitutional-Republic in the world? The concepts of self-government that they developed were unheard of in their time.

These were the leaders who rigorously discussed and carefully thought out what kind of government we would have – rule by a king and aristocrats or by “we the people.” They addressed the question of whether the government exists for the benefit of the rulers or for the benefit of the people. They questioned where rights ultimately come from – do they come from God or from flawed individuals. How should the power to rule be invested – in

a strong central government or divided to prevent tyranny?

Here are the researchers’ results for the IQ’s of our first six Presidents: George Washington 140, John Adams 155, Thomas Jefferson 160, James Madison 160, James Monroe 138.6, John Quincy Adams 175. We can include Alexander Hamilton in the group as a Founding Father, although not a President, just because I found information about him. His estimated IQ is between 150 and 160.

So there you have it. Our Founders were exceptionally intellectually brilliant, well-read, Bible-believing men who, I am convinced, were brought together with a divine directive. And “we the people” are the blessed recipients of their efforts.

Just in case you are wondering what the estimated IQ is of our two most recent Presidents, here is what I have found: Donald Trump, 156. Joe Biden 115.

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elite ones, want.

The test that has been smeared as a tool of white supremacy is a conveyor belt for Asian Americans into top colleges in numbers that college administrators find embarrassing and inconvenient. So, they have an affirmation-action regime designed to keep those numbers down, and fine-tune the racial balance of their student bodies to their liking.

This is where the SAT is unwelcome in another way. As a measure of preparedness with hard numbers attached, it provides incontrovertible evidence of the racial bias against Asian Americans.

With a potential loss in the Supreme Court’s big affirmative action case looming, colleges and universities are already finding a way to finagle out of

the decision. Without the SAT, they can continue to get the racial results they want without as obvious a paper trail.

In Agatha Christie terms, the crime will no longer be carried out with a candlestick but small, untraceable doses of arsenic.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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Siers

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“The average tenure of a school superintendent is 3.5 years. The leadership of Dr. Siers for nearly seven years was during one of the most transformational and chaotic times in public education, allowing numerous improvements to Pulaski County Public Schools,” Cox said.

“With his guidance, we have a new middle school, improved special education programs, overhauled CTE programs for alignment with the needs of businesses and the labor market, and opened lines of communication with students, staff, and the community,” she continued. “Pulaski County Public Schools will see the improvements made by Dr. Siers for years to come.”

The release continued that during his tenure, he oversaw the bond referendum campaign and construction of Pulaski County Middle School, navigated the school division through the COVID pandemic in a way that allowed Pulaski County students to return to five days a week of in person instruction before any other school division in Southwest Virginia, and oversaw the development and implementation of a division-wide model for effective instruction which created higher standards and increased expectations about instructional delivery in all PCPS classrooms.

According to the release, Siers stated in his resignation letter to the Pulaski County School Board, “Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the children and families of Pulaski County for the past seven years. I think that everyone would agree that it has been a transformational period for our schools and there is no doubt that the work that we have done will make public education a positive experience for generations of Pulaski County’s children. You have been the gold standard for School Boards in Virginia. Every school division should have a fierce advocate

for its programs like Mr. (Tim) Hurst, a visionary problem solver like Ms. Cox, the support for teachers like that brought by Mr. (Bill) Benson, a promoter of positive solutions like Mrs. (Penny) Golden, and the desire to create a love for learning like Dr. (Paige) Cash.”

About his new position, Dr. Siers stated in the release, “I’m very happy that the Franklin County School Board has selected me to lead their school division for the foreseeable future. They have a great tradition of high academic achievement and strong community support for their schools. The Board has given me a few objectives to begin working on and I look forward to engaging with the Franklin County students, parents, community members, faculty and staff in order to meet these objectives”.

“Anyone who got to know Dr. Siers knew his love for children and education,” Mrs. Cox said. “Additionally, he knew the history of the area better than most lifelong citizens, having dedicated seven years to volunteering at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum. He was a constant presence in all schools and at school functions. The life of a great school superintendent such as Dr. Siers is engrossed in the life of the students, educators, and schools. We can only hope as a school board to find such dedication to fill the void. As we begin the superintendent search immediately, we know that another school division will prosper immensely with the enthusiasm and excellent direction of Dr. Kevin Siers.”

The Pulaski County School Board, according to the release, will immediately begin the process of finding a new Superintendent with the goal of having that person selected as quickly as possible.

Some, however, have a different idea on how to move forward in the search for a new school superintendent.

Sabrina Cox, a candidate for the school board from the Robinson District, said she was “surprised”

to hear of Siers’ resignation as he had two more years left on his contract.

“I wish him and his family well as they embark on their next chapter,” Cox said.

She added, however, his resignation “allows the opportunity to find the right person to move forward with Pulaski County teachers, parents and students.”

“It is my strong belief that this is a decision that should reside with the voters of this county considering every seat on this board is being contested. Appoint an interim and allow the voters to elect the board of their choosing to hire the next superintendent. The Virginia Code Section 22.1-60 allows for extensions well beyond November 2023. It states that ‘upon request, a school board SHALL be granted up to an ADDITIONAL 180 days within which to appoint a division superintendent,’” Cox said.

“Dr. Siers advocated at the school board meeting on May 9 that the board had 180 days and could apply for an additional 180 days. That statement can be heard on the recording of the meeting located on YouTube for the May 9, 2023 meeting at 2:41:45,” she added.

“This is a critical position in our county that affects virtually everyone in our county and this decision should reside with the voters of this county. I encourage the voters to contact the board members and express their desire for them to employ the above referenced code and apply for said extension,” Cox advised.

“It is also my view that we should allow more time for applications to be received so as to promote healthy competition and give the county its greatest chance at hiring the best. I do believe we all want a school system where teachers are supported, children are learning and parents are informed as well as a healthy and thriving community for all so I ask you to join me in this effort today. Let us look forward, let us put in work and let us do it with kindness and respect,” Cox urged.

Another school board candidate, Gina Paine from Ingles District, reminded of some of the more tumultuous days of Siers’ seven years in Pulaski County.

“For reasons unknown to the community, Superintendent Kevin Siers announced his resignation as of June 30, 2023. Although his relocation search began months ago, it is widely known that Siers’ tenure suffered a self-inflicted wound in 2021,” Paine said.

“This resulted from the exposure of emails written by Siers to individuals at the Virginia Department of Education wherein he referred to comments made by community members at school board meetings as akin to Klan rally

comments; implied that the Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office was intentionally creating a dangerous and hostile environment at school board meetings; denigrated members of the Board of Supervisors; dismissed our Faith community as irrelevant and a nuisance; and equated it all to being in a ‘war’ much like his tenure in Iraq,” Paine said.

“The PCPS Board and Siers claimed that these emails were ‘taken out of context’ and were willingly released in response to a FOIA request, even though they were somehow legally confidential communication (despite being written during the course of business, on the taxpayer dime, and not relative to any legal matter). None of Siers’ statements were out of context: I know, I submitted the FOIA that obtained these documents. I have the documents,” Paine added.

“Let’s not lose sight of this, however: throughout all of these revelations, the PCPS School Board backed their superintendent 100 percent. They never once disavowed his statements or sentiments about our community and citizens. They never distanced themselves from them. Following the revelation of these emails, this Board wrote and released a 5-page statement praising Siers and again, rationalizing and justifying the email release. Absent from that statement? An apology.

“Furthermore, they doubled down in their protection of Kevin Siers by prematurely extending his contract in January 2022. At that time, Siers was under a contract that ran from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023. So, 18 months ahead of time, this Board renewed his contract to run from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026. Why do that? My guess is to intimidate any individuals thinking of running for school board. Any majority new board would be faced with buying out Siers’ contract at the tune of about \$400,000. Interesting that Siers resigned when he feasibly could have forced his firing by a new board and collected \$400,000 to leave. Despite that reality, he left willingly,” Paine said.

“Based on this board’s behavior the last two years, one has to ask themselves: Is the reason they never disavowed Siers’ statements or distanced themselves from them because the sentiment expressed by Kevin Siers in those infamous emails are echoed by these school board members,” Paine asked.

“Kevin Siers was a big fan of their behavior and performance, calling them the ‘gold standard of Virginia School Boards’ in his resignation statement.

“Kevin Siers is leaving. One down. Five to go,” Paine stated.

Tennessee man dies in Giles motorcycle crash

Virginia State Police is investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash in Giles County. The crash occurred May 5, 2023 at 8:30 p.m. on Route 460, approximately one mile west of Route 61.

A 2022 Kawasaki Ninja 650 was traveling west on Route 460. As it came into a curve, the rider lost control of the motorcycle and was thrown from it. The Kawasaki, meanwhile, ran off the right side of the highway and struck an embankment.

The operator, Michael S. Ruganis, 46, of Roan Mountain, Tenn., died at the scene. He was wearing a helmet.

The crash remains under investigation. Speed is being investigated as a factor in the crash.

Martin graduates from Bridgewater

BRIDGEWATER, VA -- Mary Martin of Pulaski, Va., graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in health and exercise science from Bridgewater College during the April 29, 2023, Commencement exercises.

Approximately 315 undergraduate and 25 graduate students from the Class of 2023 received degrees. Dr. David W. Bushman, president of Bridgewater College, conferred the degrees.

Rev. Dr. Robbie Miller ‘79, college chaplain, served as the Commencement speaker for 2023. In his address, “The Measure of Success,” he said, “The measure of success in our brief span of life-represented by that little ‘dash’ between the year we’re born and the year we die is not the money we earn or the things we accumulate or the degrees we acquire or the recognition we receive, but the love we share and the difference we make.”

Among the 313 undergraduate students in the Class of 2023, 159 earned bachelor of arts degrees and 154 earned bachelor of science degrees. Thirty-two members of the class graduated summa cum laude-the top academic honor which requires students to achieve at least a 3.9 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Forty graduates earned magna cum laude honors-a 3.7 or better average. Cum laude honors, requiring a 3.4 grade point average, were earned by 53 graduates.

Bridgewater College graduated students from four different master’s programs. Three students graduated with a master of science in psychology-mental health professions; three students graduated with a master of arts in digital media strategy; six students graduated with a master of science in athletic training; and 13 students graduated with a master of science in human resource management.



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Old Newbern Elementary now HQ for Trova

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

On the first Friday of May 2023, Trova Commercial Vehicles officially announced that the old Newbern Elementary School would serve as the company's new headquarters. County and state officials came to a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the occasion in this recently refurbished structure, which once served as an elementary school but in recent years had fallen into disrepair.

Bill Cunningham, who came as a representative for the Pulaski County Economic Authority (EDA), served as the emcee of the event. Both the EDA and the Pulaski County administration were deeply involved in making this relocation a reality.

"This is truly amazing and the start of something that's going to be absolutely fantastic for not only Pulaski County, but for the New River Valley," said Delegate Jason Ballard, as he took his turn on the microphone. "Trova is an innovator. It has the potential and will transform the commercial vehicle industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I have absolutely no doubt about that statement."

"Trova is Latin and it means, to find," stated Patrick Collignon, founder and CEO of Trova Commercial Vehicles. "It comes from the more famous statement Cerca trova. Seek and you will find ... and we will find solutions to help accelerate the market acceptance of zero emission commercial vehicles. That's our objective."

One of Trova's main priorities is developing the technology to replace the diesel engines on used medium range commercial trucks with electric motors. To that end, Trova developed a prototype electric truck that Pulaski County supervisors were given a chance to test drive. Chairwoman of the board, Laura Walters, talked about taking her turn behind the wheel.

"I'm unofficially going to claim the land speed record for electric trucks," said Walters with a laugh. "This was one of the most fun and exciting things I've done as a supervisor."

Walters then went on to mention the building's proximity to the historic Wilderness Road.

"That was the way out west and for many it represented a new beginning along with a new set of challenges. Trova is also embarking on new territories today, while moving forward with technologies



Trova founder and CEO Patrick Collignon cuts the ribbon for his company's new headquarters at the former home the Newbern Elementary School.

for tomorrow."

"We sent our boys to school here," said county supervisor Dirk Compton. "This building has been empty for a while now. The school board gave it to us and there was some damage to it. People were throwing rocks at windows and things like that and it was painful ... we were even contemplating just bulldozing it down. To have Trova come along and join with us on this was truly wonderful."

"If you're passionate about loving the environment, there's nothing better than reclaiming the property," said Collignon. "It's like replacing an old truck to make it a brand-new truck. One reason I chose the school was that I was fascinated by the view. It's an old school, so it has its constraints but it's like a marriage ... we found the right match. This is a perfect place for a design studio. A beautiful setting and still very close to interstate connectivity."

After the speeches, the red ribbon provided by the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce was cut and Collignon and his engineers made themselves available for questions.

Patrick Collignon worked many years as a top-level executive at Volvo trucks before founding Trova.

"The industry that I've worked in throughout my entire career is in the midst of its largest paradigm shift since Henry Ford invented

mass production," said Collignon. "I think everybody is aware that there will be a transition from traditional internal combustion engines

towards zero emission vehicles. Forget the environmental aspect, the story is going to be about wealth and I think at the end of the day, everybody here involved with economic development is going to be really happy seeing that the wealth happens here, not in Palo Alto, California or Texas."

Collignon admitted that if someone had told him ten years ago that electric trucks would be the future for commercial transportation, he would have rolled on the floor laughing ... but times have changed.

"Repowering is one of those new innovative market segments that had no reason to exist yesterday but now when you have a perfectly good truck and its diesel engine is coming to the end of life, we can provide a high voltage driveline architecture that we can put in that truck," said Collignon. "Now we can give that truck another 10 years of useful life at a significantly lower cost than if you have to buy a completely new electric commercial vehicle."

Engineers at Trova are also

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Wednesday, May 10, 2023, marks another big step in economic development for Pulaski County's growing tourism industry, as a long-time fixture in the County, the Motor Mile Speedway, officially changes its name and becomes the Pulaski County Motorsports Park.

Motorsports has changed over time, and so have many of the venues that host it. For the racers and race fans, that is exactly what has happened at the speedway in Fairlawn. The newly named Pulaski County Motorsports Park has raised the bar and is providing race fans the chance

of a lifetime to enjoy the best of the best drivers in NASCAR and IndyCar by hosting the Superstar Racing Experience, better known as the SRX Series.

Pulaski County, in partnership with the Rusty Wallace Racing Group, is pleased to further announce that on Thursday, July 27, 2023, THE THUNDER WILL BE IN THE MOUNTAINS OF PULASKI COUNTY, VIRGINIA!, as the Pulaski County Motorsports Park will be hosting the Superstar Racing Experience Series. This race will be carried live on ESPN's Thursday Night Thunder, with an anticipated

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"SRX could not have picked a better track in a better community to host the Superstars of Racing, as we are known for having one of the most entertaining short tracks in the country and some of the best race fans in the world", stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. "This new partnership marks our strong commitment to continue the long tradition of racing here in Pulaski County, and our desire to have our Motorsports Park become one of Virginia's prime tourism destinations as well as a world-

class outdoor sports and event venue."

Mark Ebert, President and CEO, Wallace Racing Group, shared that race fans will have the opportunity to see and experience the thrills of watching superstars of racing maneuver their cars at high speeds with some of the country's best stock car drivers competing. Included will be legendary names in racing like Tony Stewart, Ryan Newman, Bobby Labonte, Kyle Busch, and Marco Andretti, just to name a few. "We are excited to work closely with SRX and Pulaski County," conveyed Ebert. "The

SRX Race will be amazing but that's just the start, we are truly a motorsports park! We have go-karting, IHRA Drag Racing, a world class racing experience and more, the Pulaski County Motorsports Park and the NRV are truly a destination for race fans of all ages."

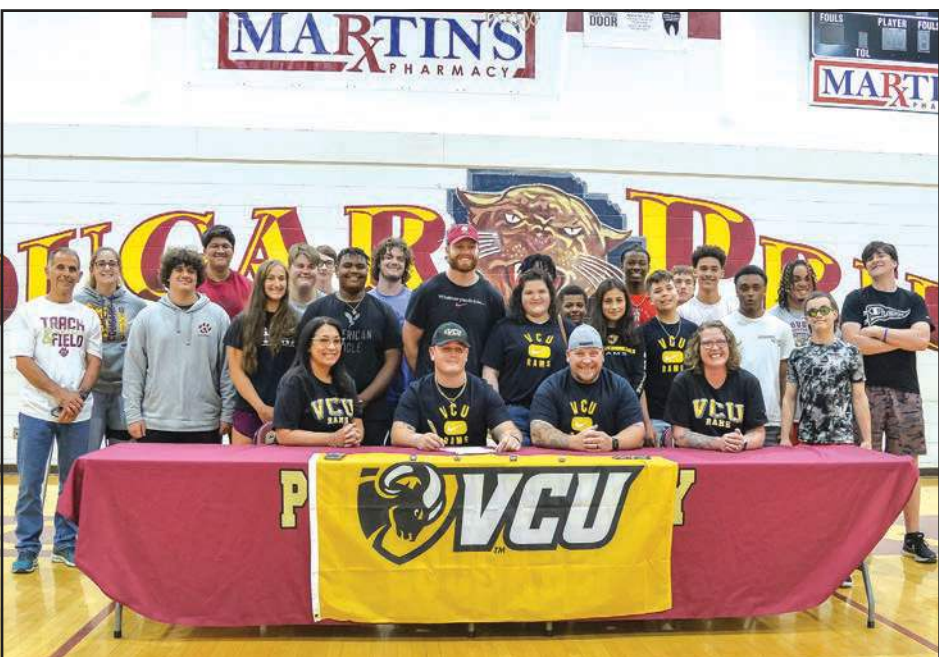
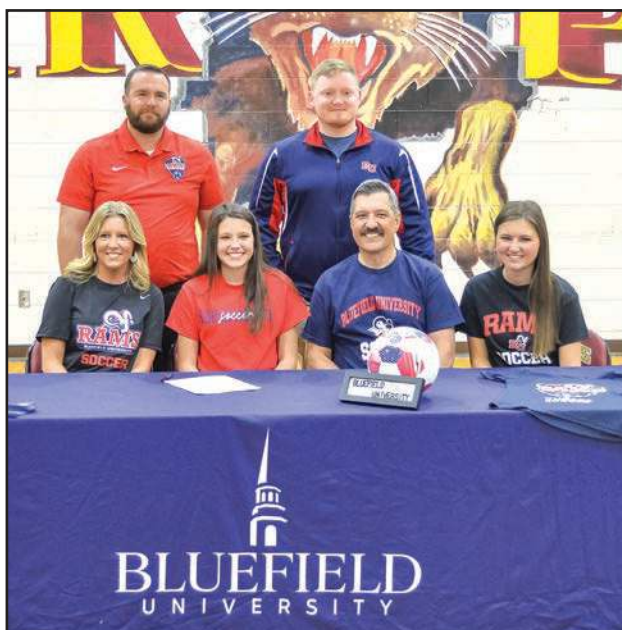
The Pulaski County Motorsports Park is home to the Rusty Wallace Racing Experience features a 1/8th mile IHRA sanctioned drag strip, a .416 NASCAR sanctioned paved oval track, and the recent addition of a go-kart track.



Four Cougars Sign With Colleges

A signing event last week at Pulaski County High School saw four student athletes sign to continue their educational and sports careers in college. Signing were (clockwise from top left) Blaine Reedy - Bluefield College - Baseball; Trey Hayden - Virginia Wesleyan - Track & Field; Diego Turner - VCU - Track & Field, and Sara Cox - Bluefield College - Soccer.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot



Cougars fall twice in softball

Patriot Staff Report

After putting three wins in a row together, the Pulaski County Cougars softball team has dropped two straight heading into Friday's regular season finale.

Last Friday, the Cougars fell hard to Blacksburg at home, 12-2. Then on Monday of this week, Pulaski County lost to Carroll County, 6-1 also at home.

Against Blacksburg, the Bruins jumped ahead early and never looked back, scoring 2 runs in the first, 3 in the second and 5 in the third before Pulaski County plated two runs in the fourth.

The game ended early after the fifth inning as Blacksburg added two more in the top of the fifth and then blanked the Cougars in the bottom half of the stanza.

The Cougars could manage only four hits, the big blow coming from Emily Webb whose homerun accounted for both Pulaski County scores.

Laken Grever took the loss in the circle, giving up 12 runs on 12 hits, but only 5 were earned as the Cougars committed 5 errors on the day.

Against Carroll County, the Cougars again were held to just four hits with Addison Puckett hitting one out for the lone PCHS run.

Carroll scored one run in the first, added two more in the fourth and capped off their scoring with a big three-run sixth to take the win.

Grever got the loss for the

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Yard Sale: Draper Valley Golf Course, May 18 - 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Rain or shine.

Yard Sale: Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 at 323 S. Washington Avenue, Pulaski. Kitchen items, bathroom rugs, towels, blankets, men's and women's clothing, bikes and more. Cancel if rain.

Yard Sale: 4661 Shelburne Road, Snowville. Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Thornspring Methodist Church Women will be having a yard sale on Friday, May 12th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. There will be a hot dog sale, pinto beans & cornbread sale, & bake sale on Saturday, May 13th only, along with the yard sale. Everyone is welcome.

Garage Sale: Saturday, May 13, 8 a.m. to ? Beside Hiwassee Fire House, Hiwassee.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL23000199-00
Pulaski County Circuit Court
45 Third Street, NW, Ste. 101, Pulaski, VA 24301

TINA WADE V. EDWARD KEITH WADE

The object of this suit is: OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that EDWARD KEITH WADE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 13, 2023.

MAY 1, 2023

Maetta Crewe, Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice of Unsafe Building

Property: 209 South Washington Ave., Pulaski, Virginia 24301

Tax Parcel: 072-022-0137-0003

Dear Property Owner(s):

Notice is being issued pursuant to Town of Pulaski Code Sec. 38-161-Dangerous Structures. That an unsafe, derelict, and dilapidated structure exists on the aforementioned property, which constitutes a public health hazard and a safety hazard, a nuisance to the community, and blight. The Property Owner is hereby notified and required to commence repair immediately or complete demolition of the building by June 1, 2023. If no action is taken, The Town of Pulaski will demolish the structure. The cost of the demolition and other valid administrative costs pursuant to Town of Pulaski Ordinances (See Chapter 38 Environment) will be billed the owners. The failure to pay the costs will result in placement of a lien on the Property for the billed amount. The Property Owner has the right to appeal this matter in writing on or before May 31. If so appealed, the matter will be heard by Town Council at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, June 6th, 2023. A copy of the full text of the notice is available at the Code Enforcement Office at the Town of Pulaski.

Appeals: In addition to first class mail, a notice must be emailed and faxed to the Following prior to 5:00 pm EST, Wednesday May 31, 2023:
Carla E. Hodge, Town of Pulaski
Property Maintenance Official/Code Enforcement
Fax: 540-994-8699
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All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Town Manager or Clerk of Council, by Friday, May 19th.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Clerk of Council (540) 994-8602 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations. For individuals with visual or hearing impairment, contact Virginia Relay at 711 for assistance in reaching the town.

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Cougars hang on to beat Cave

By RODNEY YOUNG
The Patriot

Sometimes things seem to be easy and sometimes they’re not. Such was the game between the Pulaski County and Cave Spring baseball teams.

Up 9-4 going into the seventh inning, the Cougars had to hold on to win 9-8. Cave Spring scored four times and had the bases loaded with two outs. Owen Tozier came up and hit a hard ground ball to the Cougars’ shortstop and he threw out Tozier at first to end the game.

The Cougars (9-9), battling to make the Class 4 Region D playoffs had picked up a huge win behind sophomore pitcher Johnny Anderson. Anderson went six innings, scattered seven hits and allowed four runs of which three were earned. He struck out five and walked three. He also had a run and scored a run.

Nick Golden and Blaine Reedy

both had two hits, and three RBI. Ethan Tickle and Noah Long both had two apiece as both scored two runs.

Cave Spring was lead offensively by Jack Urgo and Kent Ray. Both Knight players had two RBI. Sam Skaff had two singles and a double.

Cameron Main took the loss as he tossed three innings, giving up four runs on six hits as he struck out four Cougar batters.

Pulaski County finished with 11 hits with seven of their nine batters getting at least one hit. Anderson picked up the mound win. Golden tossed the last inning as he walked two, surrendered three hits and four runs.

“We got some big hits today,” said Cougar head coach Greg Allen. “We have lacked that in some games this season. I thought Johnny (Anderson) pitched really well and this was a big win for us. We are battling for a regional playoff berth.”

The Cougars had gotten the lead in the second inning by crossing home plate three times to go up 4-3. With the game tied at four, the Cougars scored four runs in the fifth and one in the sixth to go ahead 9-4.

The Cougars are in the playoffs if they win both of their last two games. If they split it’s going to be really close, and if they lose both they probably won’t make

the playoffs.

CS - 0 3 0 1 0 0 4 - 8
PC - 1 3 0 0 4 1 X - 9

CS - 8 runs - 10 hits - 1 error- 6 LOB
PC - 9 runs - 11 hits - 2 errors - 10 LOB

CS - LP - Main
PC - WP - Anderson

Blacksburg defeats PCHS in tennis

Results: Blacksburg defeated Pulaski County 9-0 at home on May 5

Singles:

- Aaron Bennett 0-6 0-6
- Mark Graham 0-6 0-6
- Eli Duke 0-6 0-6
- Ashton Paul 2-6 2-6
- Ethan Worley 1-6 1-6
- Jackson RahLan 0-6 0-6

Doubles:

- Aaron/Eli 2-8
- Mark/Ashton 1-8

3. Ethan/Austin 0-8

Coach Chad Graham’s Comments

For Senior Night at Blacksburg, we gave them the gift of not playing #1 Camden Hite (who was recovering from dental surgery). Kudus to #4

Ashton Paul and #5 Ethan Worley in stealing some games while playing a higher seed than usual against a great team. We are also encouraged that junior #8 Austin Sink made his PCHS debut.

NASCAR at Darlington for Throwback Weekend

From NASCAR

The NASCAR Cup Series is on a blast to the past this weekend at Darlington Raceway, as NASCAR legends of today and yesteryear come together to celebrate Throwback Weekend and the series competes in the 13th race of the 2023 season, the Goodyear 400 on Sunday, May 14 at 3 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Many of the drivers will be paying tribute to the past this weekend with special paint schemes on their cars. For a full detailed list of the paint schemes and cars participating, plus the opportunity to vote on your favorite paint scheme, select this link and visit NASCAR.com’s 2023 Throwback Weekend Gallery.

In addition, to cars on-track having a distinctive look with their paint schemes this weekend, the FOX Sports booth will have some special guests join Mike Joy and Clint Bowyer to call portions of the Goodyear 400. NASCAR Hall of Famer ‘The King’ Richard Petty and his son former driver Kyle Petty will be first up bringing their vast knowledge of the series. The Pettys will be in the booth during Stage 1 of the race, followed by retired driver Carl Edwards, who was recently named to NASCAR’s 75 Greatest Drivers list, during the second stage and NASCAR Hall of Famer ‘Awesome Bill from Dawsonville’, Bill Elliott, will close out the race in the final stage.

All three of the four special guests in the FOX Sports booth this weekend have won at Darlington Raceway in the NASCAR Cup Series, led by Bill Elliott with five victories (1985 sweep, 1988, 1992, 1994), then Richard Petty with three (1966, 1967 sweep) and Carl Edwards has one (2015).

Historic Darlington Raceway a perfect stage for Throwback Weekend

The industry and fans alike all agree Darlington Raceway is the perfect stage for Throwback Weekend.

The historic 1.366-mile egg-shaped paved oval, known as Darlington Raceway, has hosted 123 NASCAR Cup Series races dating back to 1950. The raceway was originally built as a 1.25-mile paved superspeedway in 1949-1950 and hosted the first 500-mile race in NASCAR history, and the first on asphalt on September 4, 1950. A total of 75 cars competed in the inaugural event and Curtis Turner won the pole at 82.034 mph. The race was won by Johnny Mantz (Plymouth, 75.250 mph), and took 6 hours, 38 minutes, and 40 seconds to complete.

Since then, Darlington Raceway has undergone some changes through the years. In 1953, the track was re-measured to 1.375 miles. Then in 1970, the track was re-configured to 1.366 miles following the spring race of that season. The track was repaved in 1995 and then again prior to the 2008 season. Over the years the historic facility has become known amongst its competitors as ‘the track too tough to tame.’

In total, the 123 NASCAR Cup Series races have produced 52 different pole winners and 52 different race winners. Six of the 52 NASCAR Cup Series Busch Light pole winners at Darlington Raceway are active this weekend.

Softball

Continued from Page B1

Cougars going the distance. She allowed 10 hits and 6 runs, but only one was earned as PCHS committed eight errors on the day.

Pulaski County (9-9) is scheduled to take on Salem on the road Friday (5/12) in the final regular season game for coach Jeff Linkous’ team.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS	
Notice is hereby given that the Pulaski County Public Service Authority will hold a public hearing on Tuesday June 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. , in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, on the proposed revision of water, sewer and refuse 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 are included below:	
➤ Note: In all current and proposed water and sewer scenarios below the monthly bill is calculated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Base Rate + (Gallons Used X Usage Rate +1,000)	
➤ Water <ul style="list-style-type: none">Current (Effective July 1, 2022) <u>Base Rate (\$/mo):</u> Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo)..... \$ 13.19 Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo) \$ 77.56 Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo) \$ 155.14 <u>Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):</u> up to 50,000 gal \$ 6.21 50,000 to 100,000 gal \$ 5.82 over 100,000 gal \$ 5.42Proposed (Effective July 1, 2023) <u>Base Rate (\$/mo):</u> Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo)..... \$ 13.85 Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo) \$ 81.44 Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo) \$ 162.90 <u>Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):</u> up to 50,000 gal \$ 6.52 50,000 to 100,000 gal \$ 6.11 over 100,000 gal \$ 5.69	
➤ Sewer <ul style="list-style-type: none">Current (Effective July 1, 2022) <u>Base Rate (\$/mo):</u> Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo)..... \$ 15.52 Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo) \$ 111.91 Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo) \$ 232.69 <u>Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):</u> up to 50,000 gal \$ 8.91 50,000 to 100,000 gal \$ 8.54 over 100,000 gal \$ 8.13Proposed (Effective July 1, 2023) <u>Base Rate (\$/mo):</u> Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo)..... \$ 16.30 Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo) \$ 117.51 Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo) \$ 244.32 <u>Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):</u> up to 50,000 gal \$ 9.36 50,000 to 100,000 gal \$ 8.97 over 100,000 gal \$ 8.54	
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<u>Commercial</u> Water.....\$2,400.00 Sewer.....\$2,400.00	
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Boucher donates collection of papers to Tech libraries

From Virginia Tech

Close to four decades of records documenting political history and progress in Southwest Virginia now reside in the University Libraries’ Special Collections and University Archives at Virginia Tech. The collection features 76 boxes including 6,111 folders and 72 awards spanning Rick Boucher’s political career.

Boucher was a member of the Virginia Senate for seven years before being elected U.S. representative for Virginia’s 9th Congressional District in 1982, a position he held until 2011. With 28 years of service, he is the longest-serving representative in the history of the 9th District.

He gifted his collection to the University Libraries at Virginia Tech to make it available to all who wish to learn from it. Special Collections and University Archives Project Archivist Bess Pittman arranged and described items in the collection to create a detailed finding aid and other access tools for researchers.

“The collection reflects Rick Boucher’s professional work, including correspondence, numerous handwritten presentations he delivered in committees and on the House floor, hundreds of photos, awards, memos from his office, newsletters, brochures, pamphlets, campaign materials – basically everything that came in during his work as a congressman and state legislator,” said Pittman.

Throughout his political career, Boucher worked with many universities and colleges. But when it came time to gift his materials, he chose Virginia Tech.

“I had a long association with Virginia Tech, working actively with four Virginia Tech presidents. It was the largest institution of higher learning in my district and its largest employer, and I wanted my papers to go there given how respected the institution is. The university’s acclaimed technical expertise appealed to me because a lot of this collection now has the capability of being made digitally accessible by anyone who has internet access,” Boucher said.

At this point, a small digital exhibit provides online researchers a sampling of just over 200 items from the collection. Archivists are now working to add more digital content from the collection to the site. Pittman was responsible for organizing all of the materials into one cohesive collection, a process that took nearly a year. She believes the expansive collection contains information that will prove invaluable for historians, students, and researchers.

“It offers some really amazing insights into the work that goes into governing a region. The primary focus is the 9th District, but you can see the ripples into the broader work that Boucher was involved in,” she said.

Specifically, Pittman noted how instrumental Boucher was in the commercialization of the internet. He was the lead author of the 1992 legislation that, when signed by President George H.W. Bush, for the first time allowed commercial content on the internet, enabling money to be made online and

ushering in the world of electronic commerce and revolutionizing the global economy. After Boucher’s legislation was signed into law, electronic commerce was born in the United States and then spread to the rest of the world. Given its centrality to today’s economy, we can hardly imagine a time when it did not exist.

“The internet really has had such a profound impact on global society,” Pittman said. “It would have been impossible to know at the time exactly how world-changing this technology would be, and yet, he decided the time for a new digital era had arrived. His impact in making electronic commerce a reality cannot be overstated.”

Among the papers are materials reflecting Boucher’s deep involvement in the major legislation shaping telecommunications policy over a quarter of a century, including the Communications Act of 1996 of which he was a sponsor. The collection also reflects Boucher’s work as the lead author of the legislation creating Virginia’s first national forest wilderness areas and his papers and handwritten presentations from President Bill Clinton’s impeachment, during which he was selected by House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt to take the lead in the Judiciary Committee and on the House floor as a primary sponsor of the Democratic censure motion as an alternative to impeachment.

Boucher’s work as a subcommittee chair fashioning comprehensive legislation to control greenhouse emissions as a response to the challenge of climate change also is reflected in numerous handwritten presentations he made as the legislation advanced.

In the collection are extensive files from the time that as a state senator he carried to passage comprehensive legislation reforming the state’s criminal sexual assault laws and the state’s drug laws.

A lot of hard work goes into archiving a collection of this size, but for Pittman, it’s all worth it.

“An archive exists as a way to transmit the voices of the past through history and into the future. Without repositories like this, we lose so much of our cultural context. We lose so many of those voices. By preserving them, we allow people to gain the wisdom of the past, and we can do research about the people and places that made us who we are.”

Boucher hopes that this collection can influence others to be involved in public service and advance ideas that promote positive change.

“Public service was very important to my family,” Boucher said. “I learned at an early age from my bi-partisan parents that it’s one of the best ways for a person to make a meaningful contribution to society. I hope that people accessing this collection get a sense of what active involvement on behalf of a region and a country can be, and what can be achieved if a person applies time and attention in the public sphere for the benefit of others.”

Researchers interested in Boucher’s collection should explore the detailed finding aid to help target material of interest. Because of the large volume, the collection is housed at an offsite facility which requires notice for retrieval.



Photo by Chase Parker for Virginia Tech
The collection includes papers, photographs, and artifacts spanning former Congressman Rick Boucher’s political career.



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Together We Rise: Pulaski ladder sculpture opens

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

A ribbon cutting ceremony, hosted by the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, formally marked the completion of the Together We Rise: Pulaski ladder sculpture in Pulaski's Jackson Park.

The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley invited artist Charlie Brouwer to construct the ladder sculpture and he, in turn, enlisted the help of fellow artist Barry Keller to help him complete the task.

Members of the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPeJAM) began the occasion on a musical note, as students and instructors played traditional Appalachian tunes before the ribbon was cut.

Bill Cunningham, President of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, acted as Master of Ceremonies for the event. Cunningham jokingly informed the crowd that Town Manager Darlene Burcham had issued a building permit for the ladder sculpture and so it was 'entirely up to code.' This, along with a remark about how County Supervisor Laura Walters had ordered perfect weather conditions for the ceremony, elicited chuckles from the crowd on this decidedly upbeat occasion.

Other notable individuals who were present include Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins, town council member Jeremy Clark, Pulaski County Supervisor Jeff Reeves, Dublin town council member Debbie Lyons and Pulaski County School Board member Paige Cash.

The Fine Art Center for the N.R.V. Executive Director Becky Lattuca thanked the Town of Pulaski for 'allowing us to use the park because it wouldn't fit inside the Fine Art Center.' Lattuca then made a point of thanking AARP Blacksburg and Thrivent Financial for their financial backing for the project.

Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins had this to say.

"When we're working together ... when we're all together, we



Fine Art Center board members and community leaders mark the completion of the Together We Rise: Pulaski ladder sculpture with a ribbon cutting ceremony. From left: Nikki Pynn, John Ross, Scotia Marshall, William Paine, Terrie Sternberg, Adam Hall, Jeff Reeves, Becky Lattuca, Charlie Brouwer, Molly Keller, Bill Cunningham and Shannon Collins.



GRAPeJAM students and instructors entertained the crowd before and after the ribbon was cut for Pulaski's latest ladder sculpture.

make something better. One ladder will fall over but you put us all together and we can do miracles. We can make so much more out of this community and I love this community and I love you all for

coming out. This is family, we're all family. We've just got to work together and just keep pushing. People don't like certain things. That's okay. They may not but we're gonna keep going. We're

gonna keep pushing and we're gonna keep making it better."

Collins then added this note.

"I hope that no one has anything very high in their house right now because there's no lad-

ders in any houses around here. I bought two new ones just in case but thank you all for lending your ladders and thank you for being here today. And thank you, Charlie. Without your vision. We wouldn't have this."

Next, County Supervisor and member of the F.A.C. board, Jeff Reeves took his turn at the microphone.

"What this symbolizes to me is when we come together, we can be stronger, more resilient, and reach higher places ... What I would like to do today is challenge everybody here, that when you see this, that each of us would think about what we can do as individuals to make our community stronger and better. Whether it's volunteering with Daily Bread or Go Pulaski or Friends of Peak Creek or your local church or becoming a volunteer fire fighter ... whatever it is. Let this help remind us, what we can and should be doing."

"I saw a sign today that said, 'Bloom where you're planted,'" Reeves continued. "Well, we're planted in Pulaski County, so let's bloom here and make this a much prettier and happier place to live."

Charlie Brouwer, who first conceived the ladder sculpture idea more than a decade ago, had his say.

"A long time ago, when I was a little kid, we borrowed a ladder from someone down the street to do something. Now that I'm an adult, I think back on that and it occurs to me that, people trusted each other when they were doing that. That's what trust means because somebody allows you to take something because you know they're going to bring it back. Then I started wondering if you could expand that to a whole community."

"After doing this for many years, I found that this idea of trust is there with every community. We want to trust each other and if we give each other opportunities to do that, something like this can happen. Without that it won't happen."

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Food Dehydration Methods

By **Andrea Haubner**
Va. Cooperative Extension

Dehydrating, or drying, foods is one of the oldest methods of food preservation. Jerky, fruit leather, or dried fruit make tasty, convenient snacks. Those that camp, hike, or backpack use dried vegetables to add to meals like soup. They are also very lightweight which makes them easy to carry with you. Bacte-

Ladders

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Brouwer’s 15th ladder project to date. He built what he believed would be his final ladder sculpture 6 years ago. Brouwer decided that Issues with his health, particularly involving his eyesight, would prevent him from taking on any more projects but he eventually changed his mind. “Becky Lattuca had asked me if I could do a project like that in Pulaski and I said no, I can’t,” Brouwer explained. “I can only teach a group of people and if they’ve got the hutzpah, they could do it. I found that Pulaski was the perfect place to do it. What I really got out of this project is that sense that this idea could be passed on and other people could take it and do it themselves. So, to see that happen, as an artist and as an old man, was really a great gift.”

With that, Brouwer attached the last ladder to the structure. This was the ladder that Barry Keller used to fasten the 200 plus ladders that make up the Together We Rise: Pulaski sculpture. Keller, who ‘did all the serious climbing for the sculpture’ was not in attendance for Saturday’s

ria, mold, and yeast need water to grow so the dehydrating process takes the moisture out of the food which prevents spoilage of the food over time. Overall, three things are needed to successfully dry foods at home: heat, dry air, Foods can be dehydrated using the following methods –

1. Electric, or food dehydrators produce the best quality dried foods in comparison with the other methods. They take less

time and are more energy efficient than other methods. They contain a heat source, ventilation system, and trays.

2. Oven drying is cost-efficient in the beginning, but overtime is expensive due to the energy required to dehydrate food. It also typically takes 2-3 hours longer than an electric dehydrator. If you do use your oven to dehydrate food, be sure to keep your oven door propped open at least 4 inches and place a fan outside the oven door to help circulate air.

3. Microwave drying is great for small amounts of herbs or vegetables, but is not for most other foods because it tastes overcooked.

4. Sun drying requires very specific environmental conditions to be safe and successful. The tem-

perature outside needs to be 85 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, humidity less than 20%, and insect control. This method is only recommended for fruit. Food dried in the sun takes about 3-4 days to dry. Additionally, foods dried in an environment with a relative humidity higher than 20% tend to mold. This method is typically only practiced in southwestern states.

For additional information regarding dehydrating foods, you can use the following sources –

- Your local Extension office or any other state’s Extension Service.
- The National Center for Home Food Preservation books or website.
- Any source from the USDA.



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Radford Photo Club winners named

Lucy Gilmore of Radford won the theme, Graffiti, at the Radford Photo Club April meeting with a photo she took in a Blacksburg alley advising us to “Love each other.”

Joyce Sims of Radford won the open theme category with a photo of a Pileated Woodpecker she spotted in Riverview Park in west Radford

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. The next meeting is Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. Gene Dalton, photo journalist retired from the Roanoke Times.

The agenda will also include discussion of upcoming shows and other future events. The photo challenge for May is Cars.

If you have questions, email Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or mborgarelli@gmail.com

Is the Threat of De-Dollarization Real?

Dear Dave,
I’m hearing more and more about “de-dollarization” and how several countries are moving away from the U.S. dollar as their basis of international trade. Will this affect the strength of the dollar, and should I be concerned about how I’m saving and investing because of this?

Zack


Dear Zack,
First and foremost, I care enough about you to say you may be spending way too much time on the internet, buddy. You’re drifting into the realm of conspiracy theories here, so let’s slow down and take a look at some facts.

China, Brazil and Russia are the three main players in all this. They already don’t use the U.S. dollar as their basis of international trade—all three have their own currency, and there’s a conversion rate between all those currencies and the U.S. dollar. Those three countries, along with some of the oil-producing countries from the Middle East they’re trying to get on board with the idea, are talking about developing one currency they all use. In international trade, that currency would be converted back and forth to dollars—much like what Europe did with the euro. Which, by the way, really hasn’t worked out so well.

Are those countries going to be able to devalue the dollar by doing that? No. Why? Because while those countries take up a lot of land mass, they don’t take up a lot of the gross domestic product (GDP) of the world. The United States still represents the vast majority of the world’s GDP. Sure, China’s big in that regard. But Russia doesn’t bring much to the table, and Brazil is barely scraping by in a failed economy. Plus, they’re tiny as far as economics are concerned. I mean, Texas probably has a larger GDP than Brazil.

In other words, they just don’t have the muscle to take down the dollar mathematically speaking. Now, if they do manage to put this idea together, it still won’t end in “de-dollarization.” The dollar will not be done away with. Even if they create their own currency, they’re still going to have to trade with the 800-pound gorilla, which is America. And they’re going to have to trade with us in dollars.

Am I worried about this, Zack?



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Not one bit. And you shouldn’t be either.

— Dave

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

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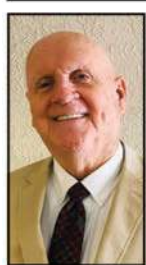
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2 Cor. 5:17 through 21. “There-fore if any man be in Christ, He is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become NEW. And all things are of God, Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are Ambassadors for Christ, as though God did be-seech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God, in him. ”

One of the great benefits of sal-vation is that God makes us into NEW Creatures in Christ Jesus. He changes our lives completely. In our sinful state we were acting like children of the devil. After we were born again, we became the children of God. We were slaves to sin, but now after we’ve given our hearts to God, we have been set free from sin. Before we were full of pride and anger, but now we have been made meek and humble. Formerly we had our portion in this life only, but now after being saved, we have God as our Portion.

Having God as our portion is having God as our passion. God is now our enjoyment. God is now our peace and our happi-ness. Once we have God as our portion, we don’t need anything else.

Only the power of God can change us and transform us from the vile creatures that we were before, into a New Creations in Christ Jesus. No power on the earth can do that. But the awe-some power of God can made the transformation in a matter of sec-onds. It happens when we invite Jesus into our hearts to stay.

When we were born again, all things became NEW.

God does a new thing in our lives. We can’t make ourselves into new creatures but God can. We can’t reconcile ourselves to God, but God can reconcile us unto Himself.

He has given us the ministry of reconciliation. He had given us the gospel to use in the ministry of reconciliation, called here the Word of Reconciliation. It says that God was IN Jesus Christ, reconciling the world unto Him-self. Through all the terrors and trepidations of the cross, God the Father was working in and through God the Son, reconciling the world to Himself.

Then it says, not imputing their trespasses unto them. This was not, as one man said, God giving a get out of hell free card. Man’s sins are not imputed to him be-cause they were imputed to Jesus on the cross and paid in full.

The justice for our sins was de-manded, but Jesus satisfied that demand completely by taking our sins upon Himself and dying for them on the cross. What Jesus died to forgive, cannot and will not be again imputed to us.

Another benefit of salvation is, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit when we are born again. Eph. 1: 11-14. “In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will. That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed,

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Don Shelor 540.674.5128 email: dublinumc@gmail.com Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School: 10:00 am</p> <p>Max Creek Baptist Church 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.</p> <p>Pulaski Church of God 1621 Bob White Boulevard Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor Donald Jones 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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Pulaski Christian Church, Inc. 4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301 www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/ Rev. 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Deacon William Yagel Service: 10:30AM Sundays Email: office@graceradford.org http://www.graceradford.org Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church Morning Prayer services at 8:00am and 10:30am (live stream of service available)</p>
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ye were SEALED with that Spirit of Promise. Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchaser possession, unto the praise of His glory.”

When we get saved, God writes His Name upon us. He places His seal upon us to identify us as one of His dear children.

In the Day of Judgment that seal will signify that we are God’s children, and not subject to the judgment. For our sins have already been judged at Calvary and forgiven. We are sealed, the bible says, until the redemption of our bodies. Our souls have already been re-deemed, but our earthly bodies won’t be redeemed until they are resurrected or raptured, and then our total redemption will be complete.

The earnest of our inheritance is God’s promise and His pledge to keep us in His grip, and in His family, until the time when both body and soul are redeemed and glorified in the Kingdom of God.

The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people.

One of the greatest benefits of being a Christian, is that we have been given the Holy Spirit of God, to indwell us.

God has sealed us with His Spirit and has placed the Holy Spirit in our hearts. It is God’s deposit: The word deposit is another word for a down payment. We have been given the Holy Spirit as a down payment for the fullness of what God will do. The Holy Spirit is a pledge of greater things to come.

Finally, another great benefit from God to those who are saved is that we, who were dead in sin and trespasses, now have been given brand new lives in Christ Jesus. We have been given life in all of its positive form. New life. Abundant Life. And Eternal Life.

“Blessed be the Lord Who daily loadeth us with Benefits, even the God of our salvation” Psalms 68:19.

“We are surrounded by God’s Benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.” John Calvin.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of 2 Revelation (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From John 20, which person’s last recorded words in scripture were, “My Lord and my God”? Samson, Matthew, Thomas, David

3. Paul was shipwrecked on what island while on his way to Rome to face charges? Arvard, Cos, Melita, Samos

4. Which Psalm begins, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want”? 1, 11, 23, 50

5. Who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament? Peter, Abraham, Luke, Moses

6. What’s the longest book of the New Testament? Luke, John, Acts, Romans

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Thomas, 3) Melita (Malta), 4) 23, 5) Moses, 6) Luke

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www.firstchristianpulaski.org
Pastor: Timothy Moore
Men’s Sunday School:10 am
Worship: 11 am

Aldersgate United Methodist
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Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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540-674-4308
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 25:19-20

See how **numerous are** my **enemies** and **how fiercely they hate** me! **Guard** my **life and rescue** me; do **not let** me be **put** to **shame, for I take refuge** in **you**.

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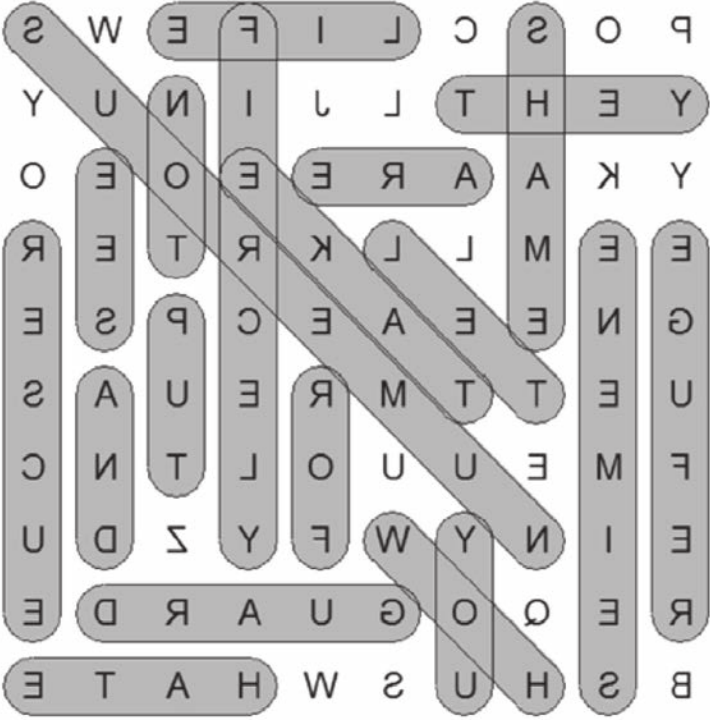
Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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God knows our need for rest and relaxation

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

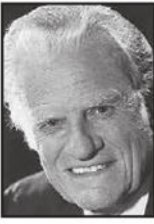
Q: My husband and I are retiring and he plans to play golf and rest. I want to do something worthwhile. Is it wrong to spend retirement years enjoying all the things we couldn’t do when we were busy working and raising our children? – R.Y.

A: God knows our need for rest and relaxation. The writer of Ecclesiastes said, “Enjoy the good of all his labor — it is the gift of God” (3:13). After a grueling period of ministry, Jesus urged His disciples to go with him to a quiet

place and get some rest (see Mark 6:31).

But if our only goal during retirement years is to have a good time, we may well have fallen into the trap of empty, meaningless activity. God entrusts to us each day to use for His glory. This is true for working years, and is equally true for retirement years.

What, then, is the key to a successful retirement? Retirement isn’t something that just happens if we live long enough; it’s a gift from God. Understanding this helps us have a more fulfilling



My
Answer

Billy Graham

approach to this season of life.

As Christians, we should never retire from doing the work of the Lord. The Bible says, “That those who live should not live for themselves, but for Him who died for them” (2 Corinthians 5:15). God knows how each per-

son is gifted. He knows each person’s needs and limitations and He brings opportunities to serve Him in various ways. If we don’t seek God’s will for how to spend retirement, we can drift aimlessly along, assuming our usefulness is over and running after every whim, to squeeze as much enjoyment out of remaining years of life. “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” (1 Peter 4:10).

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

Amber Waves

OK, MOM, I DID ALL THE CHORES ON YOUR LIST.

I THINK IT'S TIME TO NEGOTIATE AN ALLOWANCE.

OK, BUT REMEMBER THAT A HARD DAY'S NIGHT IS ITS OWN REWARD.

SO IS TEN BUCKS AND AN EXTRA HOUR OF TV!

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT FOR VEGANS...

"DARBY'S: WE GOT THE BEETS!"

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

YOU CERTAINLY ARE A MAN OF YOUR WORD.

I AM??

YES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR WORD IS "LAZY."

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

WHASSA MATTER, STRIFE?

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT? YOU HAD SUPPER... YOUR WATER BOWLS FULL.

WANNA GO OUT, HUH?

OKAY—I'LL GO OPEN THE DOOR FOR YOU.

C'MON.

OKAY STRIFE—OUT YOU GO!

STRIPE?

OLIVE

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

OLIVE, I NEVER ASKED WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED TO SUZIE'S HUSBAND?

WELL, MOTOR WAS A BIKER AND HE LIKED TO DO STUNTS. HE TRIED TO PULL ONE CALLED "JUMPING THE SHARK" ONE DAY.

WELL, THE SHARK SURE LIKED IT!

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I'M SO EXCITED TO WATCH THIS SERIES. I GUESS THE FIRST 3 HOURS ARE SLOW, BUT THEN THE ROMANCE GRADUALLY BEGINS.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals O

SVJ JXFIDXGQ SXHGIUTHE
SOIKOIU XU HXK T CTNI FQ
KYUNIQ KX DI JYMMYCIHK?
FXTJK MIUKVTHCQ!

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Awake
AVEIL

Daze
SPROUT

Thrust
HOVES

Among
ADMITS

TODAY'S WORD

ACROSS

- Standard
- Like custard
- Jubilation
- Candle count
- Crib cry
- Verdi opera
- "Yellow" band
- Zorro's marks
- Teeny bit
- Lincoln's coin
- Long-limbed
- Wild guess
- "How sweet —!"
- "Light My Fire" band
- Rock's Brian
- Berth places
- Quick swim
- "Jump" band
- Greek cheese
- Always
- Gourmand
- Task
- Vivacity
- Sci-fi prefix
- "Jeremy" band
- Privy to
- Robust
- Mine yield
- Honey bunch?
- Historic Scott
- Evergreen type

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DOWN

- Lobbying org.
- Previously
- Seminary
- Void
- Fancy party
- "Today" rival, briefly
- "Rah!"
- Garden pavilion
- Property claim
- Genesis garden
- Relaxed
- Feet, slangily
- Cushions
- Schreiber of "Ray Donovan"
- Sicilian volcano
- Transparent
- Seabird
- Scrabble piece
- Schiller poem used by Beethoven
- Ceremony
- Mast
- Macadamize
- Marsh birds
- Flunk
- Goofed
- First bed
- Sharpen
- Slender
- woodwind
- Hay bundle
- Third degree?
- Corn serving
- Exist
- Kitten's cry

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Least Favorite U.S. States,

according to Americans

- Alabama
- Mississippi
- New Jersey
- Arkansas
- Iowa
- Indiana
- South Dakota
- Missouri
- Kentucky
- Kansas

Source: YouGov

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which animated movie includes the line, "Fish are friends, not food"?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the "Sesame Street" Muppet who lives in a trashcan?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest country geographically in Africa?
- ANATOMY: What is complete heterochromia?
- U.S. STATES: Which two states don't recognize Daylight Savings Time?
- LITERATURE: Which best-selling novel (1989) is set in Clanton, Mississippi?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the national dish of Spain?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of leopards called?
- HISTORY: Which two Greek city-states fought the Peloponnesian War?
- AD SLOGANS: Which company once urged customers to "reach out and touch someone" by telephone?

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WORD LADDERS

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

ELATE

STIRS

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Answers

- "Finding Nemo" (Bruce the Shark).
- Oscar the Grouch.
- Algeria.
- When someone's eyes are two different colors.
- Hawaii and Arizona.
- "A Time to Kill," by John Grisham.
- Paelia.
- A leap of leopards.
- Sparta and Athens.
- AT&T.

W	E	Y	E	D	R	E	S	E	E	B
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Solution time: 26 mins.

King Crossword — Answers

Americanisms

"When someone asks you where you come from, the answer is your mother."

— Anna Quindlen

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Cryptoquip

Was somebody wondering whether or not I like my turkey to be succulent? Most certainly!

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PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

May 13

Vendor Craft Event

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

Free Hot Dog Supper

Bread of Life / Assembly of God on Robinson Tract Rd will have a Free Hot dog supper, Saturday May 13 th starting at 4:00pm. Public Invited.

One Stop Spring Shoppe

One Stop Spring Shoppe will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at New River Valley Fairgrounds. Come out and join us for the One Stop Spring Shoppe! We are so excited to be hosting another craft show. This will be an inside and outside event with over 100 crafters and vendors. There will also be a variety of food and drinks available. We can't wait to see everyone and hope you can come out and join us!

May 17

No Agenda Lunch

The Pulaski Democratic Committee No Agenda Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 17, at Compadres Mexican Restaurant. These have been fun. Join the party. For more information, email pulaskicountyvademocrats@gmail.com. Learn more at www.facebook.com/pulaskivadems.

May 18

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, May 18, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are also invited to this meeting. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or

540-239-9864.

May 20

Strawberry Festival

Pulaski First Church of the Brethren is having a Strawberry Festival Saturday May 20, from 4-7. The church is located at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind the DMV. We will have Pancake plate dinner with strawberry or plain pancakes, eggs and sausage for \$5.00 and Hotdogs plate dinner with mac/cheese either potato salad or coleslaw. Will have strawberry pies, bread, cookies, sundaes and milkshakes. Come and enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Raising funds for our Back to Bash and other community events.

May 21

Cecil's Chapel Speaker Series May 21, Speaker Series - Jenny Whitlow will provide the sermon. She is a wonderful speaker. Worship service at 9am. Cecil's Chapel Church, 5801 Cecil's Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA FB @cecilschapel

Revival and Renewal

Mt. View United Methodist Church invites you to 2 days of revival and renewal, Sunday and Monday, May 21 and 22. Sunday, May 21, will be filled with fellowship and worship. At 11AM, the church will host singer David Goodman. David is an outstanding singer and musician who will present songs of faith. David's father, Rev. Terry Goodman is a former pastor at Mt. View. At 5:30 PM, the congregation will host a dinner followed by worship at 7PM. The service will begin with special singing by Kim Duncan and Kristin Bentley. Pastor and evangelist, Tucker LaForce will bring the evening message. Pastor LaForce grew up in the Mt. View United Methodist Church and now serves at Diamond Hill Baptist Church in Moneta, VA. On Monday, May 22, worship will begin at 7PM with special singing followed by another mes-

sage from Pastor LaForce. The church is located at 6648 Wilderness Road, Dublin, VA 24084. For additional information, please message us on Facebook. All are welcome to this time of revival.

May 28

Cecil's Chapel Speaker Series

May 28, Speaker Series - WV Delegate Mike Honaker will provide the sermon. A breakfast reception to follow. Worship service at 9am. Cecil's Chapel Church, 5801 Cecil's Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA FB@cecilschapel

June 11

Klopman Mills Reunion Attention All former employees of Klopman Mills Plant a division of Burlington Industries in Newbern, are planning a reunion June 11 at the Dublin Lions Club. Everyone is asked to bring two covered dishes. Drinks will be provided. Doors open at 10 a.m., lunch is at 1 p.m.

June 17

King/Davis Family Descendants Picnic/potluck

June 17th at Randolph Park 2pm-10pm will eat 4pm The King/Davis Family would like to invite any descendants of John Nye King, Martha Taylor, Harrison White, Mary Mahala King, Hirim Newton Davis, Elizabeth Farmer, Charles Lee Parsell, Martha Jane Davis, Emmett Milton Davis or Robert Jackson King from the Little Creek/Pulaski/Brookmont area to attend. Family from North Dakota, Roanoke, Salem and the local area will be there. Contact Jack King from Pulaski at 540-994-5552 for more information.

Aug. 4-5

Class Reunion Members of the Pulaski High School Class of 1973 will hold their 50th class reunion on Aug. 4 and 5, 2023. The event will be held at Thornspring Country

Club and Event Center in Pulaski. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. Invites will go out later, but right now we need to determine the number interested in attending. Please email us at efsouthern@gmail.com to let us know if you plan to attend and provide your up to date address. You can write us at Class of '73 Reunion, P.O. Box 242, Pulaski, VA 24301. Also, join us on Facebook at "PHS Class of 1973 (Pulaski, VA)" Hope to hear from you soon!

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

Hiwassee Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds

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

Lifestyles Changes

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

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step program where people gain freedom, healing and accountability for life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups.

Group Meeting at 6:15pm every Thursday at Valley Harvest Ministries, 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

Veteran photojournalist to speak at Radford Photo Club

Photojournalist Gene Dalton will be the speaker at the Radford Photo Club meeting on Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library.

Dalton, who captured news and life in Southwest Virginia for the Roanoke Times for almost 30 years, will present a program on his photojournalism and taking a photo that tells a story. Some of his photos are on his Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/gene.dalton.771/photos_by

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

Learn more by searching for "Radford Photo Club" on Facebook.

If you have questions, email Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or mborgarelli@gmail.com

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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