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#### Sunday

Sunny, with a high near 76.

Sunday Night - Mostly clear, with a low around 49.

# Final amended school budget gains approval

**Pulaski County Public Schools** 

The Pulaski County School Board met on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, to approve an amended budget that provides a 5% pay raise for all employees.

The increase was made pos-\$555,000 additional local funds provided by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, \$279,612 of additional state funding, \$504,283 in personnel cuts made by Pulaski County Public Schools, and covering the \$446,690 cost of Chromebook replacements from capital projects funding instead of

general operating funds. School Board Chair, Ms. Beckie Cox, stated "We are very thankful that the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors has made an additional \$555,000 available for the 2023-2024 school year. It allows us to offer our employees a well-deserved raise and should keep us competitive with neighboring school divisions. We greatly appreciate that they have made increasing school funding a budget priority this year.

The \$504,283 in personnel cuts being made by Pulaski County Public Schools in order to help fund the 5% raise are being ac-

Additional county, state funds; not filling vacant positions; covering Chromebook purchase through capital funds used to balance budget, give 5% sible through a combination of pay increases to school employees

complished through attrition and not a formal reduction in force process. Pulaski County Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Siers stated 'We can thankfully come up with the additional needed funds by not filling some of the positions that are vacant for next year and by reducing the number of teachers paid for teaching sections during their planning period at Pulaski County High School. We are very grateful for the additional state and local funding to make this raise possible but also hope folks realize that the School Board has had to make some incredibly tough cuts from our secondary programs in order to make it all work."

Positions being eliminated include one middle school assistant principal, one middle school math teacher, one middle school science teacher, one middle school social studies teacher, one middle school

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## Stafford seeking re-election in Cloyd

Chris Stafford has announced his re-election campaign for Pulaski County Board of Supervisors for the Cloyd District.

He was first elected in November 2022 in a special election to fill the remaining term of former Cloyd District Supervisor Joe Guthrie.

"Since being elected last year, I have dedicated myself to listening to the needs and concerns of the citizens of the Cloyd District," Stafford said. "I have worked very hard to assist citizens with their

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# Music and Merchants Festival coming this Saturday to Pulaski

By WILLIAM PAINE The Patriot

The Music and Merchants Festival, which is organized this year by the nonprofit Pulaski On Main, is set to take place starting at 3 p.m. this coming Saturday, May 20, 2023 in downtown Pulaski Virgin-

"Pulaski On Main promotes local businesses," explained Dylan Armes, Pulaski On Main's Executive Director. "We promote making the downtown a vibrant and exciting place to visit. That's really the

goal, which includes bringing businesses in and helping them once they get here. You can get a lot of new people coming to a festival like this and that's where bringing new people in starts."

Because of ongoing construction work on West Main Street between Washington and Jefferson Avenues, this year's Music and Merchants Festival will take place in the parking lot behind the Central Gym between Jefferson and Randolph Avenues.

This event is free of charge and will include booths set up by businesses including Mochi's Cafe (macarons and cookies) RM Designs (graphic apparel, tumblers, etc.) Artistic Kindling (wood carved art and veneers) and The Jewelry Source (necklaces, bracelets and earrings). Numerous other craft vendors are also expected to

Several nonprofit organizations will also maintain tables at the festival, including the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley, which is located just a few doors down the street from Pulaski On Main.

show for Saturday's festival.

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## Festival

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Naturally, music will fill the air for much of the Music and Merchants Festival with the Night Wingz Band starting their set at about four that afternoon. The Back Alley II Band is scheduled to start their performance at about 7 p.m. and play till about 9 that night.

Likely the most intriguing aspect of this year's Music and Merchants Festival will be the Fire Truck Pull, which is set to take place between the hours of five and seven Saturday evening. Twenty hardy individuals will compete to see who can pull a 25,000-pound firetruck the furthest distance down West Main Street between Jefferson and Randolph Avenues.

As in the past, a wide variety of food will be available on site, as will beer and wine.

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This Spring Dylan Armes graduated from Radford University with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in entrepreneurship. He was hired to be Executive Director of Pulaski On Main on Monday May 8 but comes in having some past experience with the non-

"I started as an intern and then worked as a program assistant here," Dylan recounted. "We didn't have a full-time director at the time, so while I was going through school, it was really just me and the board working to get everything done. Then they decided they liked me enough to give me the opportunity to be the Executive Director ... which I'm very thankful for."

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which extends from Edgehill Drive to Calfee Center between 5th Street and the Maple Shade Plaza.

Armes also works as the Property Manager for West Main Development LLC, which owns several buildings on the same street that the company takes its name. He also acts as Property Manager for Kethanos Properties.

"We buy and renovate single family homes and then we rent them," said Armes about Kethanos. "We have about 16 units and they're all in the town of Pulaski."

Though originally from the Town of Dublin, Armes now lives on West Main Street in Pulaski only a few steps away from the Pulaski On Main offices.

"I love being able to walk to work," said Armes with a smile. "

Those involved in the Music and Merchants Festival will begin setting up their stalls at noon on Saturday. West Main Street between Randolph and Jefferson Avenues will be closed to traffic for most of the day.



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Pulaski On Main Dylan Armes is the new Executive Director for Pulaski On Main

William Paine/The Patriot

and was instrumental in organizing this year's Music and Merchants Festival. Shirts, like the one Armes in wearing, will be available at this Saturday's festival.

# Library group seeks new friends

The Friends of the Pulaski County Library System will hold a Meet and Greet Membership drive at the Pulaski County Library on Tuesday, May 23 from 4:00 to

Light refreshments will be served and membership applications will be available.

Covid and damage to the book sale room have put us behind in keeping up with our members and having book sales.

The board has still been working and has had a few successful book sales, honored library staff and worked on major cleanup of

the book sale room that was damaged by water. We hope every one will come

to this event to help us grow our membership and get back to doing what we do - supporting the Library System and literacy in our community.

We cannot successfully complete our mission without our members and volunteers. Your support, suggestions and ideas are much needed and appreciated as we look to get back to doing the work of the Friends.

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We look forward to seeing you there. If you can't attend and want to become a member, you may pick up an application at either Pulaski or Dublin Library. It is also available on the library website pclibs.org under "Friends of the Library".

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact Carol Smith at chsmith@pulaskicounty.org, 540-980-5217 or

# Stafford

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specific issues as they relate to county government, and I would be honored to continue to serve the citizens of the Cloyd District as their County Supervisor for another term."

A lifelong Pulaski County resident, Stafford grew up in Fairlawn and graduated from Pulaski County High School in 1986. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Virginia Tech and an MBA from Radford University. He is also a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserve, having served in the Seabees.

He lives in Fairlawn with his wife, Kim, and they enjoy following Pulaski County athletics and activities, Virginia Tech sports, and baseball.

"Pulaski County is a special place," said Stafford. "It's my home, and I want to continue making it a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

Stafford has worked in finance his entire career, the last 15 years for Pulaski County Public Schools. He first started as their Director of Finance and then was promoted to Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations in 2016. He recently announced his retirement from the school system effective June 30, 2023.



**Chris Stafford** 

"My campaign priorities remain what I have been focused on since first taking office - support for public safety, responsible local government, strong and safe schools, and community development," Stafford said.

Stafford currently serves on the Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board, the Board of Directors of the Western Virginia EMS Council, the NRV Metropolitan Planning Organization Board, the NRV Leading Lights Board, and the Randolph House Benevolent Foundation Board of Directors.

"I look forward to continue serving the citizens of the Cloyd District with integrity and I humbly ask for your vote on November 7, 2023. Thank you for your support," Stafford said.

# Budget

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English teacher, one high school science teacher, one high school math teacher, and one rotating nurse. PCHS has traditionally been able to increase course offerings by providing additional pay to teachers willing to teach during

their planning block. While this will still be the case, these offerings will need to be reduced by approximately 20-30% during the 2023-2024 school year. The results of these cuts will be

larger class sizes and fewer elective offerings including those in PCHS Career & Technical Education programs.

PCPS Director of Finance, Mor-

gan Sklar, informed the School Board that it might be possible to reinstate some of the cut positions after the Virginia General Assembly reconvenes this summer to finish their work on FY24 budget.

Pulaski County Public Schools will begin issuing teaching contracts that reflect the 5% raise within the next week.



\*rescheduled from April\*

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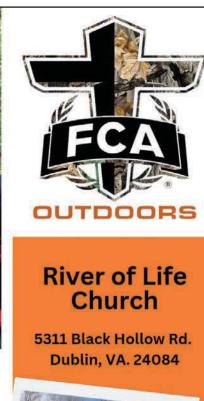
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# Area Obituaries

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HAROLD RAY SIMPKINS Harold Ray Simpkins, 75, of Snowville, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, May 12, 2023. Harold loved his family fiercely and worked tirelessly throughout his entire life to provide for them. He served as a heavy-equipment operator for most of his life. Harold worked at Sisson and Ryan Quarry in Shawsville for over 35 years where he made many lifelong friends. While working that full time, labor intensive job, he also continued to run the Simpkins family farm at home. The hard work on the farm was a "labor of love". He often said that he was born in the corner bedroom of the small family farm house and thought that it was appropriate to spend his life tending that farm as a legacy for his children and grandchildren. The most memorable times of Harold's life were spent on the farm surrounded by his loving family, watching his treasured grandchildren enjoy the land where he had grown up. Harold's wish was to be quietly laid to rest on the hill overlooking the farm and his family. He was preceded in death by his son, Ray

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Verily Flinchum Simpkins; daughter and son-inlaw, Sarah and Joseph Gillenwater; daughter-in-law, Genetta Owens Simpkins, precious grandchildren, Isaac, Noah and Adah Gillenwater, and Anna and Emma Simpkins; sister-in-law, Carol S. Ratcliff; sister, Violet S. Sowers; nephews, Dwayne and Tim Simpkins; and many other family members and special friends. Harold was a beloved husband and servant to Verily, an absolutely revered daddy to his namesake Ray Benjamin and his daddy's girl, Sarah Linell; a loving and caring father-in-law to Joseph and Genetta; and a truly worshipped "Dandad" to his prides and joy, Isaac, Anna, Noah, Adah and Emma. He leaves us all with a gaping hole in our hearts, but with the knowledge that he loved us with his whole being.

Benjamin Simpkins.

The family would like to thank all friends and neighbors for the calls, visits, and food.

Per his request, no public services will be held.

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

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**MCCORMICK** 

Christopher Scott McCormick, 54, of Radford, passed away on Monday, May 8, 2023. Christopher served in the Army Reserves as an Army MP, Civilian Police Officer, and he specialized in Army Safety. He previously served as a dedicated police officer for the City of Radford, as well as Virginia Tech. Christopher was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Gladys McCormick and Claude and Helen Matthews.

Survivors include his loving wife, Angel McCormick; son, Christopher Scott McCormick, II; his parents, Jim and Ann Mc-Cormick: brother and sister-inlaw, Bill and Denise McCormick; nieces, Haley, Mallory and Kendall McCormick; his wife's family; and numerous other family members and close friends.

A graveside service and celebration of life will be held in August of this year. Specifics will be announced as they become avail-

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Red Cross, PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839.

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



MILDRED "NANNY" DAVIS Mildred "Nanny" Davis, 91, of Pulaski, joined her husband in heaven at her home on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. She was born on January 19, 1932. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ranold L. Davis; son, Joel Davis; daughters, Janie Marunich and Melanie Davis; parents, Thomas Jefferson and Annie Banes Leeson; brothers, Vance Leeson, Garnett Leeson, and Harold Thomas Leeson; and sisters, Freida Leeson Nelson, Violet Leeson, and Aleen

Leeson Lyons. She is survived by her sons, Steve Davis, Rodney Davis, Sheldon Davis, and Justin Davis; grandchildren. Coltrane Marunich, Louie Marunich, Misty Carter, Felix Davis, Heather Davis, Blake Davis, Noah Davis, Jovanna Davis, and Joel Davis, Jr.; 12 great-grandchildren; 5 great great-grandchildren; and numerous other family members and

Per her request, a private family memorial service will be held at a

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



MCNEIL, JR.

Henry Robert "Hank" McNeil, Jr., age 80 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday morning May 9, 2023 at home, surrounded by some of his adoring family. He was a gentleman with a pinch of scoundrel, a scholar who never got a college degree, and an honest man with a knack for bluffing. He was a terrible singer and an even worse dancer, but he did not hesitate to take part in both activities. He was quick to give his friends "the business," but even quicker to lend support if a need arose. He loved NASCAR, the Cleveland Browns, country music and any activity in which a grandkid of his participated. He was a good husband, a great father and the best grandpa in recorded history.

Born October 7, 1942 in Cleveland, Ohio he was the son of the late Henry Robert McNeil, Sr. & Rita Marie Busher McNeil. He worked for White Motors, now Volvo Trucks North America, for 45 years, and retired from the United States Army and retired from the Virginia Army National Guard. More recently, he was involved in the Virginia Defense Force, the American Legion, AMVETS, the Moose Club, the Lion's Club and many other service-based organizations. Though the loss of this singular fellow will be felt throughout his community, his boisterous laughter will live on in the heart of all that knew him.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years, Lynne Dawn Carver McNeil and his brother, Timothy McNeil.

Hank is survived by his children - Henry Robert "Scotty" & Tarabeth McNeil – Utah, Megan Mary & Chris Arnold – Pulaski, Theresa Anne McNeil – Pulaski, and down the Atlantic coast. Mary Regina & Rob Baron – Radford, Rita Marie McNeil and fian- sailplane and was very proud of cé Brian Fields II – Patrick County, Virginia, Tracy Ann Anello & Marcel Andreas Pitz - Wesley Chapel, Florida. Grandchildren -Shamus, Maggie and Sadie Mc-Neil; Erin, Clayton, Gwendolynne and Jonah Arnold; Anna, Christian, Layla and Maya Newcomb;

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**ROLF ALFRED** KOEHLER, MD.

Rolf Alfred Koehler, MD., age 95 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, April 30, 2023 at the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. Born August 20, 1927 in Hanover, Germany he was the son of the late Ernst Frederick & Dore Traenhart Koehler. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Ilse Marie Wald.

Rolf was born in Hannover, Germany. While still at the (Oberrealshule) High School in Worms, Germany at the age of 17 years, he was called in to the service for "Special Flight Training" but fortunately was not called into combat. After the war in 1944 he spent a few weeks in an American POW camp in Austria. He attended Johannes Guttenberg U. of Mainz Faculty of Medicine from 1948-1953 graduating Magna Cum Lauda. Two years were then spent as Civilian Medical Officer at the 7100 U.S. Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany. He had an Internship at Hackensack UMC Mountainside 1954-1955. He was Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at The Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio 1957-1960.

He started practicing Internal Medicine in The City of Fairfax until his total retirement in 2005. While in Fairfax he was designated Police Physician for the City of Fairfax Police Department, was co-founder and co-owner of Commonwealth Doctors Hospital in Fairfax, was physician for The Fairfax High School Football team, was a member of the Medical Society of Northern Virginia, was President of the Fairfax/Inova Hospital. Outside of medicine he was a member of The Commemorative Airforce and was pilot of a Stinson L-5 and flew many airshows up

He was owner of a Schweitzer the prestigious "Silver C" award from the International Soaring society. He was also pilot and owner of a single engine airplane and an Ultralight which he flew often while staying at his property in the Shenandoah Valley. He was an avid water and snow skier, loved

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#### JESSIE "JAY" ALBERT TURPIN

Jessie "Jay" Albert Turpin, 52, passed away on May 10, 2023. He was preceded in death by his father, William Ray Turpin, Sr.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Chance and Haelan Turpin; special daughter and her husband, Morgan and Chris Gee; grandchildren, Adalia Jo Turpin, Rylan Gee, and Payton Gee; mother, Thelma G. Turpin; brothers and sisters-in-law William Ray Jr. and Lisa Turpin, Ronald and Tina Turpin, Jeffrey and Cindy Turpin; sister and brotherin-law, Debra and Ricky Vaughn; special friend, Brenda Horton; wife, Angel Turpin; and numerous other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Power of Deliverance Holiness Church with Rev. Delores Caldwell offi-



ciating. Interment followed in the Thornspring Cemetery in Pulaski.

The Turpin family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Virginia.



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# **McNeil**

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Robyn, Collin, Seth, Mickey, James Baron and Francesca Mary Pitz, brother – Michael (Kathy) McNeil - Ohio.

A funeral Liturgy was held Thursday, May 18, 2023 at the St. Elias Maronite

Catholic Church, 4730 Cove Road, N.W. Roanoke, with Father George Zina officiating. Interment followed at St. Andrews Diocesan Cemetery, 3601 Salem Turnpike N.W. Roanoke, VA.

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

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

## Koehler

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boating, hiking, fishing and hunting in his early years. Later he just fed all the animals. After retirement on beautiful Claytor Lake with his wife Julia "Judy," his black Lab Kallie and four cats, he volunteered for several years at the Free Clinic in Pulaski, Virginia and cared for an Amish Community in White Gate, Virginia.

Rolf is survived by his

Wife - Julia Ann (Rodgers) Koehler - Pulaski

Children - Ernst Frederick Koehler – (Lake Norman, NC)

Stepchildren - Shawn Patrick Dunlap – (Radford), Dana (Kevin) Dunlap - (Salem), Daniel R. Dunlap PH. D, Blacksburg

Grandchildren - Elizabeth Koehler (Denver, CO), Eric Koehler (Charlotte, NC)

Step Grandchildren - Victoria Dunlap (Danville, CA), Kaela Dunlap (Front Royal, VA), Cole Dunlap (Blacksburg)

Brother - Klaus Koehler - Ger-

Sister - Heidi Marie (Helmut) Schafer, PhD - Germany

Brother-in-law - Alfred Wald -Germany

Many nieces and nephews in Germany

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM – Saturday, May 20,2023 in the Bower Funeral Home-Chap-

The family will receive friends on Saturday one hour prior to service time.

He had been diagnosed with Temporal "Giant Cell" Arteritis and passed away in The New River Valley Medical Center. He will be missed by so many. We request that donations be offered in lieu of flowers to: Angels of Assisi in Roanoke, Virginia, SPCA in Pulaski County, Virginia, the Frederick County Humane Society (1804 Virgil H. Goode Highway, Rocky Mount, Virginia 24151 or St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

To sign Rolf's online guestbook,

visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for

the family.

The Patriot

Representatives from the five tourist offices of the New River Valley gathered at the newly renamed Pulaski County Motorsports Park (formerly known as the Motor Mile Speedway) to make a joint announcement relating to the future of tourism in this

Pulaski County Administrator Jonathan Sweet opened the event noting that in the year 2022, \$25.2 billion was spent on tourism in the state of Virginia. Of that amount, 383 million dollars were spent in the New River Valley region.

Sweet introduced Governor Glenn Younkin, who appeared in a pre-recorded video wherein he promoted the importance of Virginia tourism and noted that this was the 40th Anniversary of National Tourism Week.

Giles County Tourism Director Cora Gnegy acted as emcee for the gathering and promoted the central theme of the meeting, which was the newly emphasized spirit of collaboration and promotion between tourist bureaus in the

Kathleen Armstrong of the New River Valley Regional Commission announced that the New River Water Trail will now be extended

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#### ADDITIONAL **OBITUARIES**

JAMES LARRY **UMBERGER** 

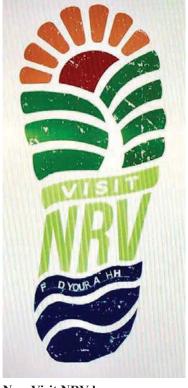
James Larry Umberger, 85, of Dublin passed away Thursday Night, May 11, 2023, at the side of his loving wife, Lilly C. Umberger. James was born on October 22, 1937 in Wythe County to the late James Kelly and Elizabeth Offond Umberger. Mr Umberger also served in the United States Marine Corp.

Surviving is his wife, Lilly C. Umberger, and sisters-in-law, Peggy Friend of Pulaski and Katherine McDaniel of Hardyville, SC. Also, surviving are nieces, Tamara Harrison of Hiwassee and Rebecca Archer of Staunton, VA. Nephews, Gary Allen Friend (Robin) of Pulaski, Carlos Kelly Friend (Lisa) of Newbern, Gary Archer (Robin) of Blue Ridge, VA, and Christopher Saul of Hardyville, SC.

Also left to cherish his memory are special friends, Stephen & Judy Albert of Pulaski as well as several great nieces and nephews.

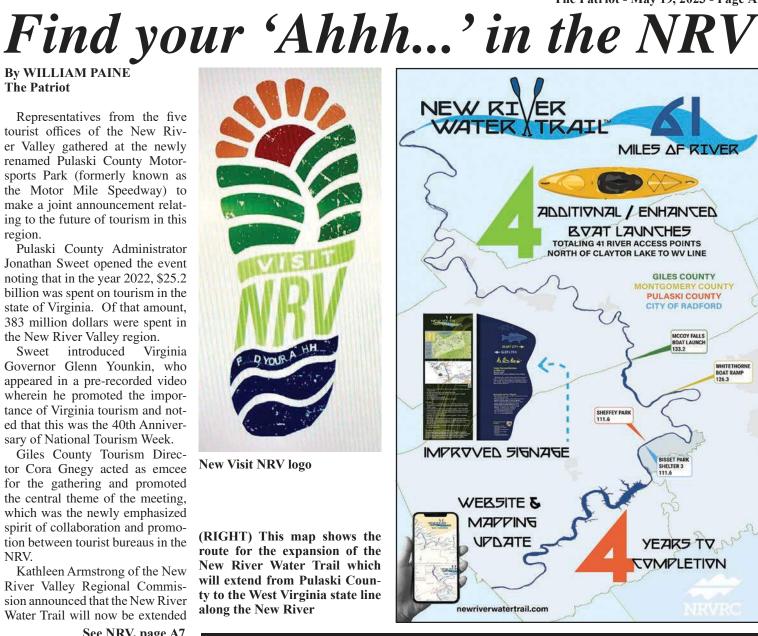
A graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the West End Cemetery in Wytheville Virginia with Jim Linkous offici-

The Umberger Family is being cared for by the staff of Norris Stevens Funeral Services located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com



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(RIGHT) This map shows the route for the expansion of the New River Water Trail which will extend from Pulaski County to the West Virginia state line along the New River



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# **OPINION**

# Secure the Border

I voted in favor of H.R.2, the Secure the Border Act, which has passed the U.S. House of Representatives. House Republicans put forth this legislation in response to the catastrophic situation at our southern border.

For years, our nation has experienced massive surges of migrants at our southern border. Experiencing such surges, the Trump Administration implemented a robust immigration plan to stem the flow of illegal migrants. This plan included construction of a border wall, more resources for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), tough detention and deportation policies for those crossing illegally, and a "Remain in Mexico" policy for immigrants seeking asylum, etc.

In his first 100 days after taking office, President Biden signed a series of Executive Orders reversing these pol-



# Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

icies.

In the twoplus years since, our southern border has become a humanitarian

Since Presi-

dent Biden took office, there have been over five million illegal crossings at the southern border.

Both human and drug smuggling have increased dramatically. It is reported that Mexican cartels are now making \$13 billion a year smuggling illegal immigrants into the U.S.

Drug trafficking – specifically fentanyl – has flourished with Biden's new policies. Cartels have adroitly managed to send in a wave of migrants to one border location, forcing border agents there to handle and process the illegal immigrants, thus leaving large sections of the border unattended and allowing the cartels to smuggle drugs in unimpeded.

In 2022, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency seized over 379 million doses of fentanyl, enough to kill every American. And those are just the shipments of fentanyl the DEA stopped. There is no sign of the cartels slowing down the flood of illegal drugs.

Our open borders have also led to an historic number of unaccompanied minors living in our country, many being exploited and abused.

I chaired a recent Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing where we discussed U.S. Health and Human Services' failure to competently manage the record number of unaccompanied minors in the care of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).

Due to ORR prioritizing fast tracking the release of unaccompanied children to sponsors instead of taking the time and effort to thoroughly vet those sponsors, there have been many reports of these children being forced to illegally work full time in slaughterhouses, or as roofers, or other dangerous and inappropriate professions, instead of being enrolled in school.

And as if these problems aren't alarming enough, the House passage of H.R.2 comes as the Biden administration ends Title 42, which under certain circumstances allows for expedited removal of illegal immigrants.

This policy, which was put in place in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, has allowed U.S. officials to expel illegal immigrants more than 2.8 million times.

The Biden administration expects an explosion of new migrants at the southern border with the end of Title 42. In response, 1,500 active-duty soldiers are going to the southern border to assist CBP with processing, along with U.S. Secret Service agents and U.S. Marshals.

Our policies are in desperate need of reform.

H.R.2 will end the Biden Administration's flawed policy of catch and release, force the Biden Administration to restart the construction of the border wall, deploy needed technology to increase security to both the southern and northern borders, and provide funding to increase the number of border patrol agents.

The legislation will also strengthen current law aiming to protect unaccompanied children from human trafficking by requiring HHS to provide the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with biographical information regarding the sponsors or family members to whom the minors are released and mandates that DHS follow up with the sponsors.

Unaccompanied minors who have experienced severe forms of trafficking or who claim a credible fear of persecution will receive a hearing before an immigration judge within 14 days and the legislation allows DHS to hold an unaccompanied minor for up to 30 days to ensure a speedy judicial process.

H.R.2 also aims to streamline our asylum process by specifying that asylum must be sought at a port of entry and increases the credible fear standard.

It also makes illegal aliens ineligible for asylum if they have moved through through a safe third country without applying for protection there and allows DHS to remove aliens seeking asylum to safe third countries where they would have access to a full and fair asylum process.

The Senate should work with us to finalize an effective immigration package to begin stemming the flow of illegal immigrants and reform our broken immigration process.

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

# Most Important U.S. Patent

Most Important U.S. Patent
Article I, Section 8 of the United
State Constitution enumerates the powers delegated to the legislature. Clause
8 of Article I, Section 8 addresses the right of authors and inventors to secure the use of their invention for a limited time. This would allow the inventor to maintain exclusive use of their invention and to recoup expenses accrued during the process of inventing of their item. It is referred to as the Intellectual Clause.

It states: The Congress shall have Power... To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.

Although individual states granted patents, there wasn't a national system for inventors seeking protection of their intellectual property. James Madison noted that it was expensive and often difficult for an inventor to secure patents in every state, rather than having one central national patent office.

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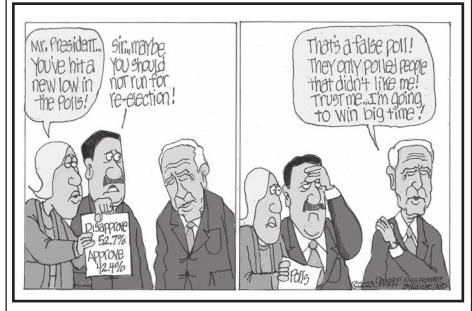
By Danielle Reid

On July 31, 1790 the U.S. Patent office officially opened and issued the first patent to Vermont resident, Samuel Hopkins, for a process of making potash, an ingredient used in fertilization. President George Washington signed this first patent.

Unfortunately, the system wasn't quite refined and prior to 1836, the U.S. Patent Office issued 9,957 patents before they started using a numbering system to keep track of them. The only way to access a patent was by the name of the person requesting the patent and the date of the patent.

An unfortunate fire on December 15, 1790 destroyed all the patent re-

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# Biden vs. Coolidge at Howard

By CAL THOMAS Tribune Content Agency

President Biden delivered the commencement address last weekend at Howard University, a historically Black college in Washington, D.C., from which many students have gone on to great success.

The president told the graduates the biggest threat to America is "white supremacy." Not China, Russia, the debt, or the open border? Nope. White supremacy.

Commencement speeches are supposed to be congratulatory, encouraging and optimistic. Instead, President Biden's speech sounded like he was warning about an America 100 years ago that featured a rise in the Ku Klux Klan and the lynching of Black people.

Contrast this downer of an address with what another president said nearly a century ago.

Calvin Coolidge, our 30th president, addressed Howard graduation on June 6, 1924. He titled it "The Progress of a People." His remarks were the opposite of Mr. Biden's. Possibly realizing some were still alive who remembered Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and some graduates may have known relatives who were slaves, Coolidge praised what he called "the Negro race" for their achievements out of difficult circumstances. He said, "the progress of the colored people on this continent is one of the marvels of modern history."

He called Howard "a great university, a sort of educational laboratory for the production of intellectual and spiritual leadership among a people whose history ... is one of the striking evidences of our civilization."

Coolidge praised "the accomplishments of the colored people in the United States in the brief historic period since they were brought here from the restrictions of their native continent..." He called those accomplishments "one of the marvels of modern history."

while acknowledging the "painful and difficult experience ... of Negro slavery in America, of civil war and emancipation," Coolidge noted the "rapid advancement of the American colored people both materially and spiritually...".

Coolidge credited Black men with helping to win World War I and suggested victory might not have come without their participation.

Sounding like a prophet, Coolidge said in the "history of the Negro race in America, we may find the evidence that the black man's probation on this continent was a necessary part in a great grand plan by which the race was to be saved to the world for a service which we are now able to vision and, even if yet somewhat dimly, to appreciate."

Keep in mind this was before the modern civil rights movement, which recognized Black people – indeed all people – are endowed by rights from their Creator and not given to them by government, although government's job is to protect those rights as we would come to see 40 years later when Congress began passing civil rights legislation over the opposition of Southern Democrats.

These two commencement addresses – one from Biden, the other from Coolidge – sound as if they could have been reversed. Biden's speech might have been more fitting in 1924 and Coolidge's in 2023. One was full of praise and optimism about the future and the value of African Americans; the other was depressing and invoked a false indictment of America from a president who ought to know better.

Pandering is what you do when you disrespect your audience. Recall Biden once telling another Black audience that Republicans "want to put you back in chains."

Coolidge concluded his commencement speech with this: "We cannot go out from this place and occasion without refreshment of faith and renewal of confidence that in every exigency our Negro fellow citizens will render the best and fullest measure of service whereof they are capable."

If you are a Black student graduating this year, which speech would you have preferred to hear?

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@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

# The absurd 14th Amendment debt option

The position of the White House on the debt limit may be shifting from, "President Joe Biden doesn't want to compromise," to "President Joe Biden doesn't have to compromise under the U.S. Constitution."

The heretofore fringe idea that Section 4 of the 14th Amendment empowers the president to keep borrowing and spending as usual even if the debt limit isn't extended is getting a respectful hearing.

Back in January, the U.S. reached the current debt limit of \$31.4 trillion, which -- surprise, surprise -- wasn't nearly enough. The Treasury Department has been using "extraordinary measures" to this point to avoid hitting the wall but will exhaust its running room around the beginning of June.

The looming deadline has concentrated the minds of the White House and its allies -- not on how to cut a deal, but how to find a fig leaf of legitimacy for Biden engaging in his most flagrant abuse of his authority to date. He'd simply ignore the debt limit as a supposedly unconstitutional infringement on his obligation to honor our

"Is the Debt Limit Constitutional?" read a New York Times headline last week. "Biden Aides Are Debating It."

A sign of the shifting ground is that left-wing legal scholar Laurence Tribe wrote an op-ed in The Times during the last big debt-limit showdown in 2011 saying that the 14th Amendment couldn't be used to ignore the debt limit ("A Ceiling We Can't Wish Away") and now has written another op-ed in The Times saying he's changed his mind.

Desperate times call for desperately motivated reasoning.

In an interview on "This Week with George Stephanopoulos," Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen repeatedly refused to say the 14th Amendment is off the table; at the same time, she said invoking it would cause a "constitutional crisis."

She's right about that, at least. It's a dead giveaway that the 14th Amendment option is a ridiculous contrivance that pretty much everyone in authority dismissed the idea until now.

Although the 14th Amendment as escape hatch was bandied about during the debt limit confrontation in 2011, the Obama administration ultimately dismissed it. "Like every previous secretary of the Treasury who has confronted the question," the Treasury Department general counsel wrote of his boss, Timothy Geithner, at the time. "Secretary Geithner has always viewed the debt limit as a binding legal constraint that can only be raised by Congress."

Indeed, the debt limit is not some innovation dreamed up by the House Freedom Caucus. It was first passed in 1917 as part of the Second Liberty Bond Act. This was hardly a congressional power grab. Before the advent of the debt limit, as Georgetown law professor Anita S. Krishnakumar points out, Congress authorized each bond issue, generally to fight wars and bolster

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to three additional counties in the NRV. The New River Water Trail currently extends 37 miles along the New River in Giles County but will soon include the riverside walk in Sheffey Park near the community of New River in Pulaski County. The New River Water Trail will eventually extend into Radford and Montgomery Counties and cover a distance of 61 miles in total. Four new boat launches will be created along the New River as part of the project, including one at Sheffey Park.

Construction of the trail will be funded by an Appalachian Regional Commission Power Grant, along with matching funds from each locality.

Representing Montgomery County tourism, David Rotenizer emphasized the natural, cultural and technologic heritage of the NRV region. According to Rotenizer, Pulaski, Giles, Montgomery and Floyd Counties along with the City of Radford, receive an average of \$77 million of positive economic impact from the tourist industry on an annual basis.

Judy Lynch of Delegate Jason Ballard's office read a resolution asking that Pulaski, Giles and Montgomery Counties, along with the City of Radford and the towns of Dublin, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Glenn Lynn, Pembroke, Rich Creek and Pulaski be included in Virginia's Rail Heritage Region, so that "succeeding generations be equipped to share the history and understanding of the significant role that rail service played in developing the region."

Virginia's Rail Heritage Region

in the Commonwealth was created to promote and celebrate railroad history in areas with a high concentration of rail facilities but when the General Assembly formed the Rail Heritage Region, it left out the New River Valley. This resolution, which is supported by the leaders of NRV localities, aims to rectify that oversight.

Dr. Anita Zatori, who teaches classes on tourism and special events at Radford University, spoke about experiential tourism, which focuses on tourists, "actively engaging in the culture, history, food and the environment that the destination has to offer."

Dr. Vincent Magnini, who works as a consultant and data analyst concentrating on tourism, went into great detail about "who is coming to the NRV and why." Magnini's data analysis found that out of towners appreciate the inherent beauty of the region, as well as the friendliness and relaxed nature of its inhabitants.

Doubtless the most significant aspect of this coming together of NRV tourism leaders was the "Big Reveal" of the new Visit the NRV website and accompanying logos. Bruce Bryon representing Five Points Creative unveiled the new logo, which is made in the form of

a multi-colored boot print with the words VISIT NRV spelled in the treads. A sunshine image is incorporated in the toe with the words 'Find Your Ahhhh' imprinted in the heal area of the image.

'Find You Ahhhh in the NRV' will now serve as the stand-alone motto for NRV tourism.

The website features appealing aspects of all five localities in the NRV and each of these destinations includes a set of subcategories under the headings of: Outdoors, Sip and Savor, Culture, Shopping and Attractions. The website also features short video clips, maps and links to tourist-oriented businesses in the region, as well as the Visit NRV Facebook page.

"I think what could bring people here is the promise of an exciting new experience," said Anita Zatori. "This is what the new website is focusing on. It's saying come here and experience that 'Ahhh' moment."

"Today's reveal was an important economic step for the New River Valley because if we can collectively offer things for each area, then we can put itineraries together and market to places like Hampton Roads and Richmond," said Pulaski County Tourism Director Peggy White. "Right now,

independently, you can't afford the marketing in those areas. If we can do it collectively, it will give us a larger market area to bring tourism here. We know that people love it here. They want to live here. They want to play here. It's a beautiful area and the website really brings it all together. Five Points did a tremendous job bringing this all together with five different entities. We're kind of in the eclectic area and I think they captured that totally."

#### **Town of Dublin** lists holiday schedule

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023 to observe Memorial Day. Garbage scheduled for pick-up on Monday, May 29th will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.



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cords. Inventors were forced to create. provide proof of their patents or create new patent documents using their original specifications and drawings. As disagreeable as this process was, it created a numerical system for registering patents. The very first patent granted under the new numbering system was issued on July 13, 1836 to John Ruggles for a traction wheel for steam locomotives.

Current patent numbers begin with "U.S." and are followed by six to seven digets. The patent will show the inventor's name, patent holder's name, patent issue date, patent title and the type of patent. From these humble beginnings, there are now more than 10-million registered U.S. patents.

Just for fun, I looked up some of the most "unusual" patents and came up with the following list:

Patent No. 1,466,559: Head Exerciser that requires two people to each clamp down on a metal plate attached by a spring and pull in opposite directions. I can only imagine the lawsuits!

Patent No. 6,681,419: provides for a padded Urinal Headrest above the commode where someone could rest their head while relieving themselves.

Patent No. 269,766: Rodent Blaster where a firearm would be secured at the entrance of a rodent burrow and would fire when the rodent emerged. It doesn't take much imagination to see the issues this would

Patent No. 256,265: An Alarm Wake Up Call to aid people who sleep through their alarm. The idea is to hang a "lightweight" frame over your head at night; and when your alarm goes off, the frame falls on you to wake you up. New definition for "wake-up-call."

It is interesting to see the evolution of early patents to our modern ones. There were some very important patents issued. For instance in 1794, the Cotton Gin patent was issued as X72. In 1840, the Telegraph patent 1,647. The Lightbulb was patented in 1880, number 223,898. The dishwasher was 1886, Flying Maching in 1906, the Transistor in 1950, Glucose Detection 1959 with patent number 2,912,309. The personal computer came along as patent 4,136,359 in 1979; Bluetooth and Internet Protocol in 2003; Mobile Robotic Fulfillment System in 2014.... It keeps going exponentially with over 11-million issued by May 2021, which is the latest data I

What would you consider the most important patent? People all over the world might agree it was Patent #139,121 issued on May 20, 1873. What was it for? Two men, Joseph Levi and Jacob Davis jointly submitted a patent for reinforced metal rivets to be placed in stress places on denim overalls - now referred to as Blue Jeans... and this invention impacted the world. Good ol' American know how.

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# Lowery

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the economy during recessions. The debt limit is the logical extension of Congress' power to tax and spend.

The 14th Amendment does say that "the validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned."

It's absurd to pretend that this provision somehow authorizes the president to arrogate to himself the fiscal powers of Congress if the debt limit isn't raised or -- more to the point -- isn't raised in a manner to his liking.

The House isn't saying that the debt ceiling shouldn't be extended, only that it should happen with accompanying spending reductions that make it more likely that our debts will be honored in the future.

Even if the debt limit is breached, it doesn't mean our debts will be written off. Under a 2011 Treasury contingency plan, other payments would have been delayed. This makes the 14th Amendment argument even more attenuated.

The Biden administration could save itself the trouble of trying to twist the Constitution to suit its narrow political purposes if it simply sat down with Congress and negotiated in good faith.

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# Drivers, track to share N. Wilkesboro spotlight

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Simplicity will be the watchword when NASCAR Cup Series stars take to the track on Sunday in the NASCAR All-Star Race at North Wilkesboro Speedway (8 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

That's true, at least, of the format for the 39th running of the exhibition race that pays \$1 million to win. Keep the format simple and shine the spotlight on the drivers—a spotlight they must share with the unlikeliest and perhaps most exciting of All-Star Race venues.

It's well-documented that the NASCAR Cup Series will race at revitalized North Wilkesboro for the first time in 27 years. After Jeff Gordon took the checkered flag in the second race of 1996, NASCAR left the .625-mile short track for the ostensible greener pastures of Texas and New Hampshire.

But as NASCAR revisits its past during its 75th anniversary celebration, it's fitting that North Wilkesboro should be reborn as the site of one the sport's most lucrative races.

Once again, appropriately, Sunday will feature no gimmicks, no inversions and no other imaginative wrinkles that can be confusing to fans and competitors alike.

Judging from the Super Late



Todd Gilliland, driver of the #38 Serial1.com E-Bikes Ford, Michael McDowell, driver of the #34 StageFront.VIP Ford, and Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 LLumar Throwback Chevrolet, race during the NASCAR Cup Series Goodyear 400 at Darlington Raceway on May 14, 2023 in Darlington, South Carolina. (Photo by Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images)

Model races that served as All-Star week appetizers on Wednesday, there will be plenty of action and plenty of worn-out bumpers as the Cup stars chase the million

The race itself will be contested over 200 laps, with a competition caution at or around Lap 100. Teams will receive four sets of tires but can only change once after the competition caution.

All drivers with at least one Cup Series victory in 2022 or 2023 are eligible for the race, in addition to previous All-Star Race winners (Ryan Blaney) and former series champions (Brad Keselowski). The top two finishers from the 100-lap All-Star Open, which precedes the main event, will be added to the field, as will the winner MAN Truck Series event as well

of the Fan Vote.

William Byron, who collected his series-best third victory of the season last Sunday at Darlington, is doing triple duty at North Wilkesboro. He finished second in Wednesday night's ASA Stars National Tour Super Late Model Race and will compete in both Saturday's NASCAR CRAFTS-

as the All-Star Race.

"I'm excited for it, for sure," Byron said. "The track looks gorgeous-it just really looks nice. The whole layout of the place has that feel of kind of a Wrigley Field or just a historic place that has a newness to it.

"I think the late model race will get me ready, running the Truck race after that and running the Cup race on Sunday."

#### NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Trucks set for return to North Wilkesboro

To say the least, the return of the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series to North Wilkesboro Speedway has attracted a stacked field.

NASCAR Cup Series regulars Kyle Larson, William Byron, Christopher Bell, Bubba Wallace and Ross Chastain will be preparing for Sunday's NASCAR All-Star Race by competing in Saturday's Tyson 250 (1:30 p.m. ET on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

Chastain, who has four career Truck Series wins to his credit, would like nothing better than to collect another victory at the venerable track.

"It's going to be a historic weekend with NASCAR returning to North Wilkesboro Speedway," Chastain said. "I'm excited to have the opportunity to run the No. 41 WWEX Racing Chevrolet

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# Tech re-hires Johnson for high school relations

Hokiesports.com

BLACKSBURG - Virginia Tech football coach Brent Pry continues to bolster his recruiting efforts, announcing James Johnson as Director of High School Relations. Johnson returns to Blacksburg after serving as the Hokies' head men's basketball coach from 2012 to

"We are super excited to bring J.J. back to Blacksburg," said Pry. "As we have gotten to know each other, I couldn't be more impressed by his infectious personality, ability to connect with student-athletes and mature approach to college athletics. His knowledge of Virginia Tech combined with nearly three decades successfully recruiting Virginia, the Carolinas, D.C., Maryland & Pennsylvania will be invaluable in his new role. We can't wait for him to get started & begin making an impact in our program."

Johnson has deep roots across the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic, allowing him to cultivate and sustain

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## **Hokies to hoop in ESPN Events Invitational over Thanksgiving**

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Tech men's basketball has been selected as one of eight teams to compete in the 2023 ESPN Events Invitational, Nov. 23, 24 and 26, as announced by ESPN Events on Thursday.

The eight-team tournament is held Thanksgiving weekend at the State Farm Field House at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex near Orlando, Fla. With the official tournament announcement, Orlando native Hunter Cattoor will have the opportunity to play his fifth year of eligibility.

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The Hokies will be joined in the Sunshine State by Boise State, BLACKSBURG - Virginia Butler, Florida Atlantic, Iowa State, Penn State, Texas A&M and VCU. Six of those teams competed in the 2023 NCAA Tournament. Tech concluded its 2022-23 season at 19-15 and return three starters in Cattoor, point guard Sean Pedulla and guard MJ Col-

Each team will compete in one game per day, advancing through bracket-tournament format. The two teams that remain undefeated throughout will face off in the championship game Sunday, in front of a hometown crowd in Nov. 26. All games will air on the

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# Cougars beat Salem in softball

**Patriot Staff Report** 

Pulaski County ended its softball season last Friday, beating rival Salem on the road, 7-1.

The win evened the Cougars record for the season at 10-10.

Pulaski County opened on top, scoring a run in the first on Addison Puckett's single.

PCHS added two more runs in the fourth and then exploded for four runs in the sixth to put the

Cassidy Price did the most damage at the plate for the Cougars, getting two hits with three RBI and scoring one run herself.

Puckett and starting pitcher Laken Greever each had two hits in the game.

Greever held Salem to just three hits and struck out a big 11 batters in the win.





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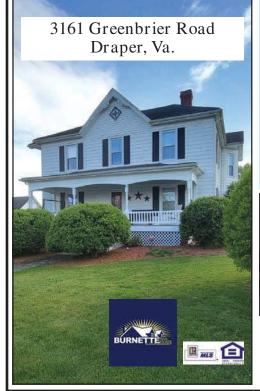
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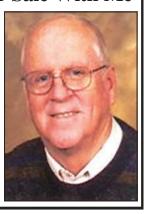
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Indoor Yard Sale – Flea Market Event June 24 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. UAW Union Hall 5110 Cougar Trail Road Dublin

Sponsored by the Women's Committee of UAW Local 2069, the event is held to collect funds for projects that will provide help within the local community. To participate in this event, contact Tena Simpkins at 540-599-1682. Vendor spaces are on a first come - first serve basis and

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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

## **NASCAR**

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Silverado for Niece Motorsports and get as many laps as possible at this bucket-list track."

Truck Series driver standings leader and reigning champion Zane Smith, however, is equally motivated

"There are races that you really want to win," Smith said. "This is certainly one of them. It's really cool to have the sport come back to such a historic track and make history come alive again."

If momentum matters Christian Eckes has to be highlighted as a potential winner. The McAnally Hilgemann Racing driver picked up his second victory of the season last weekend at another track steeped in the lore of the sport-Darlington.

'There's so much history at Wilkesboro, and it'd be awesome to join that list of winners, too," Eckes said. "Tire management is going to be the big key to getting it done this weekend.

"Whoever can keep the tires under them the best is probably going to come out on top, so we'll try to do everything we can to save tires and be up front at the end."

# Hoops

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ESPN family of networks.

This will be the 17th year of the tournament, one of 10 college basketball events on the ESPN Events roster of 32 college athletic competitions. Tech will be making its second appearance in the tournament, going 1-2 in 2006.

The Hokies will be joined in the Sunshine State by Boise State, Butler, Florida Atlantic, Iowa State, Penn State, Texas A&M and VCU. Six of those teams competed in the 2023 NCAA Tournament. Tech concluded its 2022-23 season at 19-15 and return three starters in Cattoor, point guard Sean Pedulla and guard MJ Col-

· Three schools in the field -Butler (2010), FAU (2023) and VCU (2011) – have made Final Four appearances since 2010.



#### NASCAR.com's All-Star Fan Vote is still open until Sunday morning

From NASCAR

The 2023 NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race is this Sunday, May 21 and is approaching fast, but the Fan Vote is still going strong for the big event at North Wilkesboro Speedway. Voting will be open until 9 a.m. ET on Sunday May 21.

Fans can vote here for one eligible driver once a day per unique email address.

The Fan vote began in 2004 with Ken Schrader earning the first accolades during an All-Star Weekend. In total, 16 different drivers have won the NASCAR Fan Vote during All-Star Weekend.

# Johnson

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lasting relationships within the Virginia Tech recruiting footprint. He brings nearly three decades of experience in college athletics, including more than 10 years in the ACC with coaching stops at Virginia Tech, Miami and North Carolina State, where he most recently worked under Kevin Keatts for five seasons. Throughout his career up and down the east coast, Johnson has made countless high school connections, and understands how crucial recruiting is to a successful program.

"J.J. has been in Blacksburg for a large part of his career and is connected to our staff," said Virginia Tech Director of Athletics, Whit Babcock. "He loves Virginia Tech and will be a great ambassador for our university. His relationships in our footprint and his rapport with Hokie Nation are what have led us to this opportunity. His vital connections with high schools will help us to attract the very best to play for the Hokies."

Prior to serving as head coach, Johnson spent the previous five seasons on the basketball staff at Tech. The Hokies had a record of 103-67 during his time as a Tech assistant.

Johnson spent two seasons with Jim Larrañaga at George Mason. The Patriots advanced to the 2006 NCAA Final Four before falling to eventual national champion Florida.

Johnson served as an assistant coach under Ed DeChellis at Penn State from 2003-2005, where he helped tutor two-time All-Big Ten honoree, Geary Claxton. Johnson was also the recruiting coordinator for the Nittany Lions during his time in State College.

A native of Powhatan, Virginia, Johnson was a four-year player and three-year starter at Ferrum College. A three-time conference defensive player of the year, he helped guide his team to two conference championships and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament. In September of 2009, he was inducted into the Ferrum College Athletic Hall of Fame.

## LEGAL NOTICE



# Water Quality Report

The 2022 Water Quality Report for the Pulaski County Public Service Authority (PCPSA), which includes the following systems: Countywide, Brookmont, Mt. Olivet, Lakewood Estates, Bellavista and Riverbend will not be mailed to customers this year. You may find the Reports on our website at http://pulaskicounty.org/psa-faq. html. If you desire a copy be mailed to you please contact Jared Linkous at (540) 980-7710 or jlinkous@pulaskicounty.org for a digital copy.



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# NRV Food Directory connects residents to food

of agencies working to address food insecurity in the region, The Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV) recently released its 2023-2024 NRV Food Assistance Directory. The directory aims to connect community members in need of food assistance to the programs providing this support and contains the details of 53 food assistance programs in the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski as well as the city of

In the New River Valley, it is estimated that at least 20,000 people, or 11.3% of the population experiences issues with sufficient access to affordable food. This is higher than the national average (10.2%) that the U.S. Department of Agriculture shared in

In collaboration with mem- a 2021 report. Across the region, bers of NRV Thrive, a network dozens of programs are working to address this issue, ranging from community gardens and school backpack programs to hot meals programs and food pantries. These programs are seeing an increased demand for their services.

> "Between February and March 2023, when food stamps were cut, we have seen a 44% increase in the number of meals we serve," said Gretchen Dee, director of Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread. "The need for food aid had already massively increased during the pandemic, but the rising cost of food and the cutting of benefits have severely exacerbated this crisis. Poverty is a vicious cycle and people struggling with food insecurity are often trapped in

also face other barriers, including stigma around accessing services. "Our region has such disparity that is overshadowed by those who are more fortunate," said Ryan Martin, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of The YMCA at Virginia Tech. "There is a great amount of shame accompanied by food insecurity, making people embarrassed and try to hide their need."

Many experiencing issues related to food security are often dealing with other challenges related to housing, employment, healthcare, and more. Getting connected to resources while

dealing with these circumstances can be difficult, particularly navigating the specifics of each pro-

gram offering services. 'We hope this directory makes it easier for those seeking assistance," said Jessica Wirgau, Chief Executive Officer of the CFNRV. "Our goal for is for this directory to be as comprehensive as possible, so we have included information on each program's schedule, how often someone can use the program's services, what types of products are offered, and any eligibility requirements or documents."

The directory is just one proj-

ect that the CFNRV is working on related to food insecurity issues. The foundation's NRV Thrive food access initiative brings together organizations to better address regional needs by sharing resources and coordinating projects, including recovering and distributing food throughout the NRV more efficiently.

The directory can be accessed online at cfnrv.org/thrive. Those interested in getting involved with the CFNRV's Thrive initiative may contact the foundation at 540-381-8999 or cfnrv@cfnrv.

# circumstances well beyond their control." Those in need of assistance

Residents of the Pulaski, Dublin, and Newbern area (including Mountain View and Stone Ridge subdivisions), are invited to participate in the Pulaski Rotary Club "Parade of Flags"!

Your participation along with others' gifts enables the Rotary Club to provide almost

\$3,500 each year to support backpack food programs and youth activities in Pulaski County.

Now is the time to sign up for 2023 (\$35) or for 2023 and 2024 (\$65). We will display a 3' x 5' American flag in your yard on our five most patriotic holidays of the year.

Name: Address: Day or Cell Phone: Amount Enclosed (please check applicable boxes): \$35 for 2022-23 \$65 for 2023-2024 additional donation to the backpack food program Holidays honored by the Flag Program include: ✓ Memorial Day (last Monday in May) √ Flag Day (June 14<sup>th</sup>) √ Fourth of July Please mail your check by May 15th so that we can display a √ 9/11 flag in front of your home or √ Veterans Day (Nov 11<sup>th</sup>) business starting with Memorial Day.

Please mail your check to: Rotary Flag Project c/o Pete Huber

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# Help spread the word!

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

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

Tickets for the game are \$10 and may be purchased by contacting Maetta Hendrick Crewe, Class of '70 Reunion, 45 3rd St. NW Suite 101, Pulaski Va. 24301. The deadline for registration is May 24.

Hope to see you there!

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# LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Title 15.2 Section 2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Pulaski County Public Service Authority has ordered the publication of the following budgetary synopsis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. It should be noted that the revenue and expenditure estimates contained herein are tentative and are calculated for financial planning purposes. Eventual adoption of the budget outlined below will not necessarily constitute an appropriation of the governing body.

DEVENUE DECITIONS

REVENUE FR					
	Budget FY 22-23	Value	Proposed Budget FY 23-24	Difference Inc (Decrease)	
PSA FUND:  Revenue Use of Money & Property  Charges for Services  Recovered Costs	\$ 114,064 11,099,520 155,000	\$	150,044 9,849,238	\$	35,980 (1,250,282) (155,000)
TOTAL PSA FUND REVENUE	\$ 11,368,584	\$	9,999,282	\$	(1,369,302)
PSA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND:  Transfer from PSA Fund  State Revenues  Trasnsfer from Capital Reserves	\$ 556,848 3,183,356	\$	470,000 1,500,000 500,000	\$	(86,848) (1,683,356) 500,000
TOTAL PSA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND REVENUE	\$ 3,740,204	\$	2,470,000	\$	(1,270,204)
TOTAL REVENUE ALL FUNDS	\$ 15,108,788	\$	12,469,282	\$	(2,639,506)

	Budget FY 22-23			Proposed Budget FY 23-24		Budget Budget		Difference c (Decrease)
PSA FUND:						AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER		
Refuse Services	\$	5,522,341	\$	3,861,026	\$	(1,661,315)		
Water Services		2,415,440		2,510,750		95,310		
Sewer Services		1,216,929		1,205,192		(11,737)		
PSA Administration		885,518		1,083,601		198,083		
Street Lights		6,600		6,600		12		
PSA Capital Reserve		47,411		10.775		(47,411)		
PSA Miscellaneous Expenses		29		5040		1851		
Transfer to PSA Capital Fund		556,848		470,000		(86,848		
Debt Service		717,497		862,113		144,616		
TOTAL PSA FUND EXPENDITURES	\$	11,368,584	\$	9,999,282	\$	(1,369,302)		
PSA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND EXPENDITURES	\$	3,740,204	\$	2,470,000	\$	(1,270,204)		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS	\$	15,108,788	\$	12,469,282	\$	(2,639,506		

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held on the proposed budget at 5:30 p.m., June 6, 2023, at the County Administration Building Board Room, 143 Third Street NW, Pulaski, Virginia. Complete copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, Virginia. Telephone inquiries may be directed to (540) 980-7705. Comments may be e-mailed to PSA Executive Director, Jared Linkous, at linkous@pulaskicounty.org.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made available by the County upon request. Please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7705 or (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible), as soon as possible prior to the hearing/meeting to arrange for these special accommodations

#### Burcham Named to President's List at Bob Jones Univ.

GREENVILLE, SC -- Rose Burcham, a Senior English major from Pulaski, was among over 650 Bob Jones University students named to the Spring 2023 President's List.

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publication of the following budgetary synopsis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. It should be noted that the revenue and expenditure estimates contained herein are tentative and are calculated for financial planning purposes. Eventual adoption of the budget outlined below will not necessarily constitute an appropriation of the governing body

REVEN	UE PROJ	ECTIONS					
V	Original Budget				Difference		
	H <u>A</u>	FY 22-23	1000000 1000000	FY 23-24	Incre	ase (Decrease)	
GENERAL FUND:		100001000000000000000000000000000000000					
Revenue from Local Sources							
General Property Taxes:							
Real Estate Taxes	\$	22,660,000	\$	23,150,000	\$	490,000	
Public Service Corp. Property Taxes		1,100,000		1,600,000		500,000	
Personal Property & Mobile Homes & Airplane Taxes		8,210,552		8,395,000		184,448	
Machinery & Tools		4,600,000		4,900,000		300,000	
Penalties/Interest		530,000		675,000		145,000	
TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$	37,100,552	\$	38,720,000	S	1,619,448	
Other Local Revenue:							
Local Sales Tax	\$	4,250,000	\$	4,500,000	\$	250,000	
Consumer Utility Tax		590,000		590,000		-	
Motor License Vehicle Tax		700,000		650,000		(50,000)	
Transient Occupancy Tax		425,000		475,000		50,000	
Meals Tax		1,500,000		1,600,000		100,000	
BPOL Tax		900,000		1,000,000		100,000	
License, Bank, Recordation Taxes		465,100		495,300		30,200	
Permits, Fees & Licenses		209,650		136,300		(73,350)	
Fines		166,500		172,000		5,500	
Revenue Use of Money & Property		324,464		620,328		295,864	
Charges for Services		1,225,320		1,390,820		165,500	
Expenditure Refunds & Miscellaneous		356,438		488,639		132,201	
Recovered Costs		1,222,513		1,513,537		291,024	
TOTAL OTHER LOCAL SOURCES	\$	12,334,985	\$	13,631,924	\$	1,296,939	
Revenue from Commonwealth							
Non-Categorical Aid	\$	2,365,529	\$	2,407,529	\$	42,000	
Shared Expenses		3,669,000		4,010,461		341,461	
Other Categorical Aid		1,442,063		1,632,302		190,239	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH	\$	7,476,592	\$	8,050,292	\$	573,700	
Revenue from the Federal Government							
Non-Categorical Aid	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$		
Other Federal Revenues		149,221		223,000		73,779	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	199,221	\$	273,000	S	73,779	
Non-Departmental							
Transfer from Reserves	S		S	767,642	S	767,642	
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$		S	767,642	\$	767,642	
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$	57,111,350	\$	61,442,858	\$	4,331,508	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:							
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	_	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	
Revenue from Commonwealth		-		173,872		173,872	
Transfer from General Fund		4,797,347		4,400,500		(396,847)	
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	4,797,347	\$	4,604,372	\$	(192,975)	
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COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND							
Transfer from General Fund	\$	159,373	\$	159,374	S	1.	
TOTAL COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	159,373	s	159,374	s	1	
			100	1.75	1.0		
SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE FUND							
Transfer from General Fund	\$	5,447,260	\$	4,913,011	s	(534,249)	
Miscellaneous Revenues		89,000	177	56,345		(32,655)	
TOTAL SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	5,536,260	\$	4,969,356	\$	(566,904)	
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INTERNAL SERVICE FUND CHARGES							
Revenue Use of Money & Property	\$	29,000	S	29,400	S	400	
Charges for Services & Other Local- Revenues		2,583,500		3,020,500		437,000	
Miscellaneous Revenues		2,000,000		0,020,000		407,000	
Transfer from General Fund		499,529		628,822		129,293	
	-		-		\$		
TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUND REVENUE	\$	3,112,029	\$	3,678,722	2	566,693	
ECONOMIC DEVEL CONTENT AUTHORITY CONT							
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND							
Revenue Use of Money & Property	\$	1,385,563	\$	1,408,615	\$	23,052	
Charges for Services		8,000		-		(8,000)	
Expenditure Refunds & Miscellaneous		110,000		134,000		24,000	
Recovered Costs		3,513,632		3,415,917		(97,715)	
Transfer from Reserves	12	615,000	01	482,657	60	(132,343)	
TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND	\$	5,632,195	\$	5,441,189	\$	(191,006)	

REVENU	E PROJ	IECTIONS				
	Oi	Original Budget Proposed Budget FY 22-23 FY 23-24		Difference Increase (Decrease)		
AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FUNDS:	1		2		1	
Charges for Services & Other Local- Revenues	S	1,697,957	\$	1,085,037	\$	(612,920)
		32,790,602		33,305,526		514,924
Revenue from Federal Government		18,193,052		14,086,732		(4,106,320)
Transfer from General Fund (School Operating Fund)		16,025,454		16,580,454		555,000
Transfer from General Fund (School Capital Fund)		417,105		980,276		563,171
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS REVENUE	\$	69,124,170	\$	66,038,025	\$	(3,086,145)
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FUND						
Revenue from Commonwealth	S	2,899,580	\$	2,900,813	\$	1,233
Revenue from Federal Government		3,348,215		3,389,240		41,025
Transfer from General Fund		782,205		860,947		78,742
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	\$	7,030,000	\$	7,151,000	\$	121,000
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FUND						
Revenue from Commonwealth	\$	2,830,800	S	2,830,800	\$	
Transfer from General Fund		1,169,200		1,169,200		
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FUND	\$	4,000,000	\$	4,000,000	\$	
TOTAL REVENUE ALL FUNDS	\$	156,502,724	\$	157,484,896	\$	982,172

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

	Or	riginal Budget FY 22-23	Pro	posed Budget FY 23-24	Difference Increase (Decrease)		
GENERAL FUND:							
Legislative	\$	180,774	\$	179,830	\$	(944)	
General and Financial Administration		3,602,976		3,655,246		52,270	
Judicial Administration		2,260,620		2,485,110		224,490	
Law Enforcement & Public Safety		6,727,568		7,816,366		1,088,798	
Fire & Rescue		3,429,914		4,205,084		775,170	
Corrections & Detention		3,024,518		3,621,460		596,942	
Inspection & Other Public Safety		985,028		1,023,592		38,564	
Public Works and General Properties Health and Human Services		2,584,422		2,976,941		392,519 45,959	
Health and Human Services Higher Education		1,065,935 216,161		1,111,894 216,161		45,959	
Parks, Recreation and Cultural		1,956,132		2,416,732		460,600	
Community Development Non-departmental		1,627,974 80,000		1,971,858 70,000		343,884 (10,000)	
Transfer to School Fund		16,025,454		16,580,454		555,000	
Transfer to School Capital Fund		417,105		980,276		563,171	
Transfer to Social Services Fund		854,060		860,947		6,887	
Transfer to Comprehensive Services Fund		1,169,200		1,169,200		0,007	
Transfer to Completensive Services Fund		4,797,347		4,400,500		(396,847)	
Transfer to Debt Service Fund		159.373		159,374		(330,047)	
Transfer to School Debt Service Fund		5,447,260		4,913,011		(534,249)	
Transfer to Internal Service Fund		499,529		628,822		129,293	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$	57,111,350	\$	61,442,858	\$	4,331,508	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND	\$	4,797,347	\$	4,604,372	\$	(192,975)	
COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	159,373	\$	159,374	\$	1	
SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$	5,536,260	\$	4,969,356	\$	(566,904)	
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	\$	3,112,029	\$	3,678,722	\$	566,693	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND	\$	5,632,195	\$	5,441,189	\$	(191,006)	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS	\$	156,502,724	\$	157,484,896	\$	982,172	

PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FY 2023-2024:

Fangible Personal Property - \$2.35 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation (No change from prior year) Machinery & Tool - \$1.50 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation (No change from prior year)
Real Estate & Mobile Homes - \$0.74 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation (No change from prior year)

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held on the proposed budget at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 5, 2023, at the County Administration Building Board Room, 143 Third Street NW, Pulaski, Virginia. Complete copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the Office of the County Administration Street, NW, Pulaski, Virginia. Telephone inquiries may be directed to (540) 980-7705. Comments may be e-mailed to bos@pulaskicounty.org



**Pulaski County Public Schools** 

Adiauna Gallimore

# PCMS student accepted for national leadership program over summer

**Pulaski County Public Schools** 

Pulaski County students may be getting out of school at the end of May, but for many students the summer is just another chance to learn and grow. Some take advantage of athletic or 4-H camps, while others follow up additional scholastic opportunities.

Pulaski County Middle School eighth-grader Adiauna Gallimore of one of those students, and the experience she hopes to have will take her to the National Youth Leadership Forum: Explore STEM Program at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Gallimore is an all A Honor Roll student with a 4.0 Grade Point Average and a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She also enjoys creating art work, some of which was recently selected for display at the Fine Arts Center of the New River science and math, because I Valley in downtown Pulaski. She understand them better than was selected as one of two Stu- other subjects," Gallimore dents of the Month for PCMS in said. "I would have signed up March of this year.

Already signed up for all honors classes for her freshman year, including Honors World History, Honors Geometry, and Honors English, she looked for a challenge to help keep her busy during the upcoming summer. She applied for the program with high hopes of admission, and notified in early April that she had been selected out of the hundreds of applicants from across the na-

innovators, engineers, doctors, and investigators to begin building their path to success and give them real, hands-on STEM experience in a college setting. The program is six days and each year allows students to explore career opportunities, and gain increased confidence and leadership skills.

This year, the program will focus on the mission "Explore the Red Planet" and offer the students the chance to envision their future on a mission to Mars. Students will take part in handson simulations, workshops, and competitions while planning and executing their mission. Adiauna is already familiar with this area of study. She is one of the 45 PCMS students who have been working on the "Plant the Moon Challenge" project with NASA, Tina Winesett. That project offers students the chance to help NASA learn how to grow crops on the moon and Mars.

STEM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, are featured in all phases of the program. The

NYLF Explore STEM program

is built on a multidisciplinary

curriculum designed to help students find their passion through activities that involve forensics, robotics programing, medicine, and civil engineering.

An additional featured curriculum component is an "Outdoor Medicine Simulation: When Care is Hours Away." Created by the late wilderness medicine expert Dr. Paul Auerbach and simulation expert Dr. Rebecca Smith-Coggins while professors in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Stanford University's School of Medicine, this realistic simulation allows students to learn and practice potentially life-saving medical techniques, including wound care, control of bleeding, and splinting. All of these skills will come into play as they plan their next hiking or camping expedi-

"My favorite subjects are for an Honors Science class, but PCHS doesn't have one for freshmen right now. I'm also interested in art, because I enjoy making things, and STEM, because in interested in science and technology. I'd eventually like to get into the field of medicine, but I also enjoy writing. I am a fan of Stanford University as a possible college choice, but my options are still open right now.'

Outside of school, Gallimore The program focuses on future enjoys staying busy with other activities.

> "My extracurricular activities right now are my volunteer work with the honor society," she explained. "I used to play sports for the Pulaski County Recreation Department, but currently I'm more focused on my art in my free time after school.'

> As with many opportunities, there is a cost involved outside of the time. The full cost of the program is \$3,045 per student. Gallimore wrote an essay to be considered for a scholarship, earning a partial that was worth \$500. She has gotten busy with fundraising, with the hopes of reaching her goal as quickly as possible. As of this story, she is just \$1,600 short of reaching her full goal.

A gofundme page has been headed up by PCMS teacher Mrs. created by her and donations can be made at the following link: https://gofund.me/41e15476.

> Adiauna will be keeping a journal of her experience and taking lot of photos to share with us when she returns. She is the daughter of Kristina and Christopher Summers and Bradley and Tiffany Gallimore, all of Pulaski.

# Manns Horne Youth Foundation giving back

By DANIELLE REID The Patriot

Former Pulaski County resident Charlene Horne has a mission. With her recently established non-profit organization, Manns Horne Youth Foundation, she wants to honor her older sister and give back to people in the New River Valley com-

"I started this nonprofit in honor of my sister Dawn, who was a Pulaski County resident and a former student at Riverlawn Elementary school. Dawn passed away from breast cancer almost 2 years ago," explained

"One of my goals is to give back to the community where Dawn and I grew up. Although the nonprofit was established only a year ago, Horne has worked with Riverlawn Elementary School and the local 4-H Club to provide two scholarships to 4-H Camp this summer. This is the first of hopefully many opportunities to give back to the Pulaski County area," she added.

The Foundation is also honoring her late-husband Darryl Keith Horne, and has helped families in his community of Fairfax County, where she works part time as an instructional assistant at Kilmer Middle School.

Although Horne now lives in Vienna, VA, she wanted to help low-income kids in the NRV where she and her sister grew up, stating that many of these kids are not able to enjoy after school and extracurricular activities because their parents can't afford it.

"When my sister and I wanted to go to 4-H Camp, our parents couldn't afford it, but someone paid it forward so we could go. Now we are paying it back so some other kids can go."

Horne said her sister was the person who selflessly helped other people, always thinking about others before herself. "She was never too busy to help someone. She helped family members, gave her nieces and nephews counsel, took care of our Mother when she needed medical care, etc. When the rest of us were too busy with our lives, Dawn was there for them."

The Manns Horne Youth Foundation's vision for the future is that every child, regardless of their family's income level, is provided the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities.

Horne believes "this is important because group activities help build essential skills like problem-solving, leadership, and teamwork. Participating allows kids to connect with positive social groups and potentially avoid negative life choices. Students build relationships with supportive adults. Having a mentor is crucial for students who do not have adult support and guidance in their lives.

Extracurricular activities can be important to a kid's future success. These activities help kids stay engaged in school and offer them the opportunity to learn important life skills, explore their interests, and learn more about themselves. Ulti-



**Charlene Horne** 

mately, extracurricular activities can provide kids with a strong foundation for a successful future."

The Foundation's Mission Statement is: to make extracurricular activities accessible to low-income kids. Kids should be able to participate in activities that inspire them, make them feel connected, and let them explore their passions. Whether it's art, music, sports, or academics, everyone should have access to these activities. Unfortunately, participation fees for these activities can often be a barrier for low-income families. That's why this nonprofit was started — to help remove this barrier and ensure everyone can participate in the activities they love.

Horne provides statistics from the National Center for Education Statistics' website to show the effects of disparity in extracurricular activity participation rates between low-income students and

# Bible Trivia

- 1. Is the book of 3 Timothy (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Genesis 22:2, who did God command to sacrifice his only son? Isaac, Job, Noah, Abraham
- 3. How many times does the word "grandmother" occur in the Bible? 1, 3, 6, 21
- 4. From Exodus 20, to whom did God give the Ten Commandments? Noah, Abraham, Moses,
- 5. What's the middle book of the Old Testament? Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Isaiah, Jeremiah
- 6. Where is the New Testament "Hall of Faith"? Luke 2, Titus 13, Hebrews 11, John 3

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Abraham, 3) 1 (2 Timothy 1:5), 4) Moses, 5) Proverbs, 6) Hebrews 11

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

#### Weekly SUDOKU \_

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Bear is a 13 year old hound mix looking for his forever home. He doesn't mind cats or dogs, he loves treats, and going for short walks. Kota Bear is a relaxed and laid back dog who sleeps most of the day and he is in search of a relaxing home!



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their more affluent peers.

According to Horne's research, In the 2016-2017 school year, 67-percent of high school students from families with incomes above the poverty level participated in at least one extracurricular activity, compared to only 48-percent of students from families below the poverty line.

Their research also states that low-income students are less likely to participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities, including sports teams, music programs and academic club. And, a study by the Afterschool Alliance found that only 20-percent of low-income families have access to after school programs, compared to 41-percent of higher-income families. It also showed that students who live in rural areas and those who attend schools with high concentrations of poverty are particularly unlikely to participate in extracurricular activities.

Horne believes this disparity can have a significant impact of low-income kids, especially on their academic and social devel-

Several of the ways the Manns Horne Foundation has helped is by sending kids to 4-H Camp, Boys and Girls Club in Alexandria, funding trips for kids to visit college, Girls-on-the-Run, helping them to build self-esteem. They also support programs where girls are mentored individually and learn new skills. Just recently, the Foundation sponsored low-income boys to stay at VMI (where her husband had attended) and learn leadership skills.

Horne says "The big takeaway is that we've got this nonprofit and really want to help people in the area where we grew up. We still have lots of family here and want to bless the community where we grew up and were blessed."

For information or to apply for the Manns Horne Youth Foundation visit: https://www.mhyouth.

You can also contact them by phone at 703-223-3031 or email charlene@MHYouth.org



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We will be showing the powerful movie Jesus Revolution on the big 8ft screen Thursday May 11th through Saturday May 13th at 7 pm each night. There will be NO charge to see this movie.

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For More Information Contact: Charlie Barbettini.: 276.620.4293 Wear what you have and come as you are! Come expecting a Blessing "Go Ye Into All The World and Preach The Gospel to Every Creature" Mark 16:15



Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

# Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:32. "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Kindness is a Christian Virtue. It's being affable, polite, courteous and compassionate. It's doing for others without the expectation of anything in return.

As born again, Spirit filled, believers in Christ Jesus, we should always be busy doing acts of kindness for others.

One of the kindest things of all that we can do for our fellow human beings who are un-regenerated, is to invite them to come to join us at Church. For this is where they will hear the word of God taught and preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and be drawn to Christ for salvation.

A good friend invited me to come to Church when I was unsaved with no inclination of even wanting to be saved. I accepted his invitation as a favor to him, and a very strange and wonderful thing happened to me. Jesus got ahold of my heart and wouldn't let me go. I was born again and it was the best day of my whole life. There was absolutely nothing this friend could have done for me that was any better or any kinder than inviting me to come to Church. It resulted in the changing of my whole life!

Never sell short, the power of God to convict and save. God can take the word of God, the sword of the Spirit, and pierce the heart of an individual, and cut through the blockages that Satan and the flesh has built, and open up the way for the light of God's love to shine in and work a miraculous change in anyone's life.

If a person has unsaved loved ones, they should never doubt that God can save them because God can and does save the most unlikely of individuals. He saved Saul of Tarsus, who was, before he met Christ Jesus, by his own admission, the chief of sinners. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me, first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting." (1 Tim. 1: 15, 16.)

Even the worse of sinners are not beyond the grace and mercy and power of God to save. Of such were some of us.

God's forgiveness is full and free. And so should our forgiveness be also. When someone wrongs us, the natural response is to strike back. To repay in kind. But once we become born again of the Spirit of God, our old nature, our carnal nature, the old man as the bible calls the sinful nature, is forever changed. God gives us a brand new nature fashioned after His own nature. God gives us grace after we are saved, to be able to suffer wrong without striking back.

Jesus said we must forgive others their offences before we can be forgiven ourselves. Matthew 6: 14, 15. "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Now unless we are going to be able to live the rest of our lives in a completely sinless manner, we'd better forgive those who trespass against us, lest we fail to obtain forgiveness when we sin. There are sins of commission and sins of omission. Sins of omission are things we should have done that we left undone. We all need forgiveness from time to time.

Since God has forgiven us for so much, we should be like Him and forgive those who ask us for mercy and forgiveness.

God's forgiveness of our many sins ought to move us to be com-

See MCCR AW, page B9

# **Church Directory**

#### **Draper Valley Baptist Church** 3200 Lee Highway

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

**Grace Baptist Church** 

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

#### **Open Door Baptist Church**

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

#### **Draper United Methodist Church**

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

#### **Christ Episcopal Church**

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

#### Jordan Chapel Methodist

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

#### Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church 5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,

Hiwassee, VA 24347 Pastor Jason Crandall Worship Service starts a 9 a.m. Sunday School is 10 a.m. www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

#### Valley Harvest Ministries

1 Harvest Place Dublin, VA 24084 Senior Pastor Steve Willis Associate Pastors: Perry Slaughter, Walter Gueste, Derick Burton Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Service-Sunday 6 p.m. Wednesday School 7 p.m. www.vhmdublin.org 540-674-4729

#### **Dublin Baptist Church** Pastor Allen Mahan, II

100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084 540-674-6061 secretary@dublinbaptistva.org Website: dublinbaptistva.org Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11 a.m. Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m. Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

#### **Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church**

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

#### **First United Methodist Church**

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical) 135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing) Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne Sunday Service: 10:00 AM Hispanic Service: 3 p.m. Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331 e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org website: www.fumcpulask.org FACEBOOK@FirstUMCPulaski and WBLB 10:00 am

#### **Belspring Baptist Church** 6887 Depot Street

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

#### **Delton Church of God** of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324 Pastor Vickie Lee Viars deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191 Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM Sunday evenings-Facebook live services announced on Facebook Wednesday evenings- To be announced at later future time until COVID-19 ceases Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19 safety guidelines of social distancing, masks, cleaning, and disinfection.

#### **Heritage Church**

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin Joe Ratcliff, Associate Pastor Service Times: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. (540) 674-9220 Website: www.heritagechurch.net Facebook.com/ HeritageChurchDublinVA

#### First Missionary Baptist Church 7318 Manns Drive

Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524 (540) 639-5331 email: fmbc1872@verizon.net Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr. Associate Minister: Rev. Annette Cheek Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis Sundays: Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday

#### Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324 Senior Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Phone - 540-994-9015 e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org website - www.dvpca.org Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA**

2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski 540-980-3624 trinitypulaski @gmail.com Sunday Worship 11 a.m. (Sept. - May) Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (June - Aug.) Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon www.trinitypulaski.org

#### **Trinity United Methodist**

Pastor: Judy Yonce Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m. 528 5th Street, S.E. Pulaski, Va. Phone - 980-0820

#### **Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy**

1021 Macgill Street Pulaski, VA 24301 Church: 540-980-2118 Cell: 276-233-8083 Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485 www.pulaskigracemin.com Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com Pastor Mike Williams Children's Ministry Aaron & Becky Sampson Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Ages 5-12 Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

#### **Faith Bible Church**

110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Jim Linkous Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox 540-980-5433 www.facebook/faithbiblechurch Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m. Children's and Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

#### **Dublin Christian Church**

5605 Dunlap Road P.O. Box 1330 Dublin, VA 24084 (540) 674-8434 www.dublinchristianchurch.com Greg "Scooter" Breisch Minister Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Youth and Children's Meetings 5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and

#### **Snowville Christian Church** (DOC - Disciples of Christ) 5436 Lead Mine Rd.

Hiwassee, VA 24347

Children's Classes 7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Jerry King Website: www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook) Office: 540-633-3761 Email: office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. "Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God's love with others!"

#### **Dublin United Methodist Church** P.O. Box 577

424 East Main Street Dublin, VA 24084 Pastor: Rev. Don Shelor 540.674.5128 email: dublinumc@gmail.com Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School: 10:00 am

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### Randolph Avenue **United Methodist Church**

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

#### Pulaski Christian Church, Inc. 4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301

www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/ Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor, (540) 250-2974 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Monday Bible Study 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

#### **First Baptist Church**

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

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321 Dora Highway Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Harry Gunter Worship Service: 11 a.m. Phone: (540) 320-0738

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#### **Aldersgate United Methodist** 1946 Medallion Drive Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-1349

Pastor Jim Goddard Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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#### Warriors for Christ II

Bishop Sherman Buckner 600 Skyline Circle Pulaski, VA 540-315-2317 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

#### **Community Christian Church** 5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084

540-674-4308 Pastor: Bill Neeley Children's Director: Kristen Edwards Youth Director: Ashley Coake www.C3family.org; Facebook: Community Christian Church Dublin, VA; email: triplecsecretary@gmail.com Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; C3Kids and C3Youth meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

#### **Trinity Baptist Church** 4008 Robinson Tract Road Pulaski, VA 24301 Telephone: 980-8186 Pastor Johnny Howlett Sunday Worship - 10 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m. Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth

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Psalm 25:21-22

May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you. Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!

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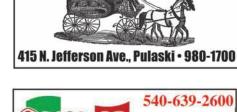


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#### Good versus evil picting people struggling upward

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Will the battle between good and evil ever be solved, or will it take Christ's return to settle it once and for all? - G.E.

A: The journey through life is beset with many problems and heartaches, even for Christians. In cathedrals across Europe there are magnificent frescoes illustrating themes from the Bible. In medieval times, few people had Bibles or could even read. Artwork was often used to teach people Bible stories. One memorable fresco covers an entire wall de-

on a ladder, climbing a staircase toward Heaven. Surrounding them were numerous angels, encouraging and helping them on their journey — but below were demons, pulling at their heels and trying to drag them off the ladder and into the fires below.

This scene depicts a vast spiritual conflict we can barely perceive, but which affects everything that happens on this planet. It's the continual conflict between good and evil, right and wrong, life and death, Heaven and Hell. Most of all, it's the age-old con-



My Answer

Billy Graham

flict between God and Satan. More than any Hollywood drama, this is the true "war of the worlds." The Bible says, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). Does this not describe the world today?

The Bible gives only faint glimpses of this conflict, and we must be careful not to speculate or go beyond what it tells us. God's Word says that the struggle will not end until the final battle is fought and Satan is cast into the place prepared for the devil and his angels (see Matthew 25:41). The end will come with Christ's triumphant return. Right now is the time to receive Him as Savior and Lord.

# *McCraw*

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passionate and forgiving of those who have offended us.

In the model prayer that Jesus taught, it says, "Forgive us our trespasses, "AS" we forgive those who trespass against us." The Apostle Paul said in

Colossians 3:13, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." When we were sinners and yet

unsaved, we were undeserving of God's love. We were unworthy of the blood that Jesus shed for us on the cross of Calvary. And yet, God, in his great love and mercy loved us anyhow and saved us by His grace. "God commended His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8.)

While we were dead in sins and trespasses, unable to save ourselves, God, in His amazing grace, because of His great love for us, reached way down to where we were, looking up through the bottom, and lifted us out. We were down as low as anyone could get, when God reached down and lifted us out of the deep miry clay, the quagmire of sin, and planted our feet on the solid rock and on the heavenly

The word of God doesn't just say we must tolerate those who trespass against us. It says we must forgive them, as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us.

Forbearing one another is being patient with one another; making allowances for one another; bearing with one another; and accepting one another in love. The key word is love. If we love others as Christ loves us and gave his life for us, we'll forgive others when they need forgive-

Peter came to Jesus one day and asked the question, "Lord how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times: but, until seventy times seven." (Matthew 18: 21,

Multiplied out seventy times seven is four hundred and ninety times. Does the Lord mean we should keep count of how many times we are required to forgive someone? Certainly not! Love does not keep count of injustices. Jesus undoubtedly gave such a high number that it would be inconceivable for anyone to trespass against another that many times. So in effect, Jesus was saying, there shall be no limit to how many times you will forgive

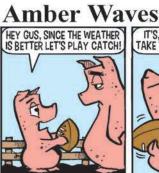
"God's mercy to us is the motivation for showing mercy to others. Remember, you will never be asked to forgive someone else more than God has forgiven you." ~Rick Warren.

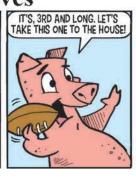
Our blessed Lord, our example, voiced the most forgiving of all statements, from the cross. He said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

Forgiveness is not just something we should do for others. We should do it for ourselves as well. One of the most difficult things for a person to do sometimes is to forgive themselves. If God has forgiven us, then we should forgive ourselves. We may not be able to forget hurtful past incidents but forgiving ourselves will help us to move on with our lives. Forgiving ourselves keeps us from experiencing guilt which can pull us down spiritually and emotionally. Forgiveness is necessary before the healing process can be completed.

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you." Lewis B. Smedes.

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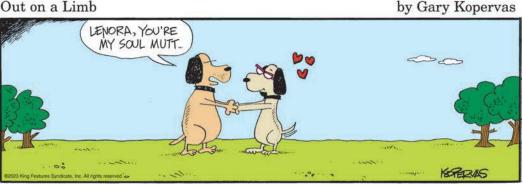








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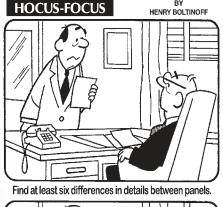
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# AHHH, NO MORE WINTER, I WAS GETTING TIRED OF JUST SITTING AROUND IN A CHAIR ALL DAY LONG.

# **CryptoQuip**

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

Clue: H equals T

YH LFFPLXD LD HCATBC HCYD DHLBPZ DLHYXP CLD LMXPLZR GAUUPIGPZ. Y BTPDD Y'U MLHP

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"He called me a lousy cook, so I hit him with one of my \_\_\_\_

# King Crossword

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11 One and only

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- 32 Martial arts
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- Capital"
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- 38 Scratch (out)
- 39 AAA jobs 42 Scull tool
- 44 Bigfoot's cousin
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- 49 Initial chip
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**AIRED** 

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Solution time: 21 mins.

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1. ANATOMY: What is a common name for lateral epicondylitis? 2. GEOGRAPHY: What was the coun-

try of Portugal known as in Roman times? 3. MOVIES: What are the final words

spoken in the movie "The Shawshank 4. LITERATURE: Which novel series

includes a fictional place called Godric's Hollow, England?

5. SCIENCE: What is cytology?
6. TELEVISION: What is the name of the ranch in the 1960s western show

"Bonanza" 7. U.S. STATES: Which state has the longest cave system?

8. FOOD & DRINK: In which country were bagels invented?

9. HISTORY: What kind of beetle was revered by the ancient Egyptians? 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest lizard on Earth?

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Komodo Dragon. 9. Scarab. 8. Poland. 7. Кепшску. 6. Ponderosa. The study of cells. Rowling.

4. The "Harry Potter" series by J.K. 2. Lusitania. I. Tennis elbow. Answers

#### **CAKES** Today's Word

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**MORD LADDER** 



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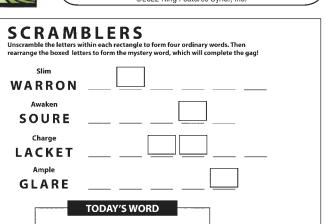
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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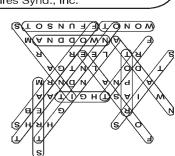
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**SUSWER** CryptoQuote



# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue







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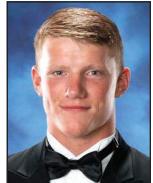


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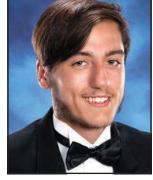
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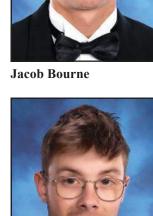
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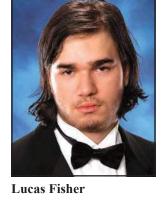


Morgan Farmer



Collin Farr







Laura Fizer



**Mason Fowlkes** 



**Lacey France** 



**Abbigail Freeman** 

# Local scholarships awarded to PCHS students

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS The following individuals have been awarded a local scholarship.

BOBBY AND MAR-1. THA JACKSON SCHOLAR-SHIP (\$1,000) ONE Mohamed Fami

VICKIE HOUK ME-MORIAL SCHOLARSHIP funded by the Friends of Peak Creek, Inc (\$500) ONE

December Ward

LEE COOK MEMO-RIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1000) ONE

Alan Fernandez A.

BRYAN LEE AND MARY LYNN AKERS MEMO-RIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000 each) TWO

Deamrius Eaton

Clark Mount

5. CAMERON FITZWA-TER MEMORIAL SCHOLAR-SHIP (\$1,000 each) FOUR

Evan Alger A.

В. Lacey France Nicholaus Golden

C. Bruce Keller D.

EDGAR P. AND PAU-6. LINE BUNTS SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000 each) FOUR

Alexis Back

Nathan Pratt B.

Allyson Weddle C.

D. Sean Wines

AUSTIN WINGO ME-MORIAL SCHOLARSHIP funded by CRITZER ELEMENTA-RTY PTO (\$1,000) one

Morgan Farmer

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TARY PTO SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000) one Thomas Howlett

DUBLIN ELEMENTA-RY PTO SCHOLARSHIP (\$250) ONE

Eliza Morgan

PULASKI PANTHER 10. SCHOLARSHIP by PES PTO (\$250) ONE

Evan Alger

RIVERLAWN 11. MENTARY PTO MEMORIAL

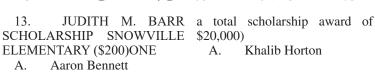
SCHOLARSHIP (\$150 each) TWO

Kaitlin Ervine

Sydney Farley

**JANIS CARTER** SCHOLARSHIP SNOWVILLE ELEMENTARY (\$200) ONE

Laura Cox



P U L A S ΚI C O U N T YHIGH SCHOOL PAR-ENT-TEACHER ORGANIZA-TION SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

ONE Hailey Cantrell

RICHARD LINEBER-15. ELE- RY SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) ONE

> A. Cody Safewright

16. CHRIS **STEVENS** MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

(\$1000 each)TWO

Gwendolyn Arnold Katie Shelton

**DEBORAH** LINK-17. OUS MEMORIAL SCHOLAR-SHIP-BELSPRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (\$500 each) TWO

Amelia Binns Quinn Weigel В.

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP \$500 ONE

Kaleigh Buckland

**PATRICIA** "PATTI" WRIGHT SCHILLIG SCHOL-ARSHIP, CLASS OF 1964 (\$4,000) ONE Brianna Metz

Tommy Ratliff Memorial Scholarship funded by Tommy's Ride \$1,000 (TWO) Cesar Caicedo A.

Alex Hanks

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**SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP** \$1,575 TWO Funded through the CARES Act

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and by the PC Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator, the Assistant County Administrator, and County employees Kaitlin Ervine

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MARGARET E. BREW- arship-\$1,000 ER SCHOLARSHIP ONE (\$5000 a year for 4 years for

Khalib Horton

COMMUNITY SCHOL-

ARSHIPS AND ACADEMIC **AWARDS** The following dividuals have been awarded community scholar-

ships. Scholarship awards are reported by the awarding organization and students. B'nai B'rith Achieve-

ment Award Nominees

**EVAN ALGER** a. MOLLY KELLER

Count Pulaski Chapter/ Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) - 2022 Good Citizen Award Winner

ELIZA MORGAN

Dublin/Radford Ruritan Club Scholarship \$600 Kadynce Almarode

United State Marine Corps High School Awards: Distinguished Athlete Award Nicholaus Golden

Keslyn Secrist United State Marine

Corps High School Awards: Scholastic Excellence Award Aaron Bennett B. Morgan Farmer

United State Marine Corps High School Awards:

Semper Fidelis Award for Mu-

sical Excellence Jeremiah Robinson

PC Farm Bureau Dr Thomas Bibb Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 A. December Ward

ship

Scholarships \$2,000: SYDNEY FARLEY, The Jo Ann Slate Smith Scholar-

Community Foundation

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ER, the Eric Sutphin Memorial Scholarship EMILIE HALL, The Jo C.

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Ann Slate Smith Scholarship PEO Chapter AB Schol-

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Andy Cullip Candidate, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Cloyd District Paid for by Supporters of Andy Cullip Campaign

# ATTENTION PULASKI COUNTY VOTERS



Small Business Owner. Husband. Father. Veteran. Community & Public Servant.

The Republican 42nd District House of Delegate nominee will be decided by the Mass Meeting on *June 3rd*, at *New River Community College*. *Registration will begin at 11am and end at 12:30pm*. The Mass Meeting will begin immediately after registration. As long as you are in line before the 12:30pm cut off time, you will be registered for the Mass Meeting.

This Is The **ONLY CHANCE** To Vote For **Jason Ballard** As Your Republican Nominee. You Must Attend The Meeting In Person, There Is **NO EARLY VOTING OR ABSENTEE BALLOTING OPTION**.

All you need to qualify to vote is to be a registered voter in the district.

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BALLARD AT THE
REPUBLICAN MASS
MEETING. SIGN-UP
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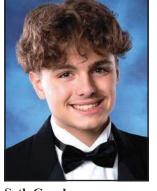




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## Alger named Most Valuable Cougar Awards Continued from Page B4



**Pulaski County Public Schools** 

Pulaski County Proud Scholarship 1st Place (\$1,500) –

\$1,500

Bruce Keller 2nd Place (\$1,000) - Aaron

(Separate list to be sent)

Bennett 3rd Place (\$500) – Cody Safewright

Early Childhood Education: Student of the Year Scholarship \$500

A. Brianna Metz

# Evan Alger MVC Accomplishments

- Member of the student advisory council to the superintendent for 4 years
- Member of the student equity council for 1 year
- Captain of the football team for 1 year

Evan Alger (center) was named Most Valuable Cougar at last week's Awards Assembly held at Calfee Park.

- Homecoming Court
- Captain of the wrestling team for 2 years
- Member of National Honors society for 2 years
- Honor Roll for 6 semesters
- All region wrestler for 3 years
- All state wrestler
- SCA Vice President
- SCA Treasurer
- Boys State

Evan is the son of Kim and Bobby Alger

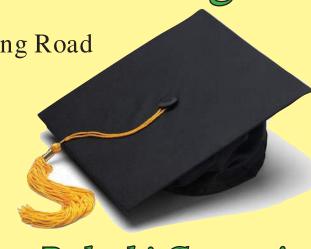


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Meadow Wright

Ricky Jones Memorial Scholarship \$2,500

A. December Ward

NRCC ACCE Students \$4,700 renewable for two years (Separate list to be sent)

TG Howard Scholarships: \$500 each

Thomas Brown Memorial Scholarship: Rose/Lucas Fisher

Joseph Reed Memorial Scholarship: Khalib Horton

Mary Montgomery Me-C. morial Scholarship: Kaitlin Er-

Snowville Ruritan Scholarship \$400 one A. Abigail Hedge

morial Scholarship sponsored by PCEA \$250 each

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Sydney Pauley В. Sarah Shrewsbury



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PULASKI COUNTY
IN VIRGINIA'S NEW RIVER VALLEY

May 15, 2023

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone! It is an exciting time for you, your family, and your friends. We recognize your years of hard work, dedication and commitment to your studies and admire how diligently all of you have worked for this achievement.

With your family and friends, we are honored to share in this time of celebration for your many accomplishments. On behalf of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, we would like to commend you on this momentous occasion as you prepare for the next chapter in your life. We wish you the best moving forward.

Wishing you all the best,

Hama Whalker

Laura Walters Chair Ingles District

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# Pulaski County Board of Supervisors



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Nyasha Hill



**Brooklyn Hinkley** 



Christopher Hodge Jr.



Dante Holmes



**Jacob Hoover** 



**Khalib Horton** 



Caleb Hosey



Isaac Howard



**Thomas Howlett** 



Marissa Huff





Congratulations Graduates!

Authorized and Paid for by Rygas for Clerk

# Tonight's Events **Order**

**Pulaski County High School Commencement Program** 

> **Principal's Greeting** Jennifer Bolling

**Faculty Processional** 'Crown Imperial" William Walton

**Processional** "Pomp and Circumstance" Edward Elgar

> Pledge of Allegiance Victoria Vest

Introduction of Senior Ensemble Sydney Pauley

"The Star Spangled Banner" Senior Ensemble

> Welcome Sydney Pauley

**Introduction of Special Guests** and Student Speakers Jennifer Bolling

> **Student Speakers** Morgan Farmer Evan Alger

Jennifer Bolling Dr. Kevin Siers

Assisted by: Mrs. Rebekah Blevins,

**Presentation of Diplomas** 

**Assistant Principal** Ms. Nancy Dillon,

Assistant Principal Mr. Bryan Ward,

Ms. Megan Atkinson, CTE Director

Assistant Principal

Ms. Meagan Pratt, Senior School Counselor

Mrs. Chrissi Vest, Senior School Counselor

Mr. Jeff McCoy, Senior Class Sponsor

**Closing Thoughts** Jennifer Bolling

\*Recessional "Pomp and Circumstance" Edward Elgar



**Zachary Huff** 



**Lindsay Hunt** 



**Dylan Hurt** 







Jadon Johnson



**James Johnson** 



Caroline Jones



Garrett Jones



**Gracie Jones** 



Sawyer Judy



**Bruce Keller** 





Joshua Kesling





**Kolton Knowles** 



Luke Krivacek



Laiken Landreth

# Honor Students | Students Offered ACCE

#### **HONORS**

Adkins, Victoria Hope Akers, Ayden Pierce Akers, Kaya Marie Alicie, Chloe Lynn Almarode, Kadynce Makenna Arnold, Gwendolynne Grace Bolling, Danielle Yvonne Buckner, Seth Allen Burton, Jacob Nathanial Caicedo Velandia, Cesar Augusto Cox, Sara Katherine Dalton, Parker Isaiah Fahmi, Mohamed Osama Holmes, Dante Deshun Horton, Khalib Jay'mal Johnson, James Hampton Kesling, Joshua Bryant Lindsey, Morgan Victoria Martin, Carma JoAnne McGuire, Austin Michael McPeak, Joshua Levi Metz, Brianna Faith Mitchell, Austin Hunter Musick, Samual Lawrence Taylor Golden, Nicholaus Kane Paul, Ashton Sean

Richardson, Starlene Nichole

Umberger, Ashlyn LeighAnn

Stike, Elizabeth Rebecca

#### Zierer, Skylar Jadyn **HIGH HONORS**

Wade, Shali Winters

Webb, Emily Grace

Akers, Megan Sydney Albano, Caleb Anthony Back, Brittany Noelle Blankenship, Jazmin Ann Viola Bowden, Julian Paul Buckland, Kayleigh Nicole Buckner, Shaylen Jean Chandler, Makayla Dawn Clark, Brookelyn Lacey Cox, Laura Katherine Deiulio, Abigale Rose Edwards, Destiny Jayde Farley, Sydney Grace Farmer, Abbey Eileen France, Lacey Mackenzie Gallimore, Connor Dale Hall, Brooklyn Savannah Hinkley, Brooklyn Nicole Huff, Marissa Paige Jones, Caroline Rebecca Landreth, Laiken Elaina Lawrence, Catherine Delaney Long, Noah Walker Lutz, Erica Anne-Marie McCarty, LucyAnn Claire McDaniel, McKenzie Nicole

Mount, Clark Allen Nester, Dylan Banks Pauley, Sydney Elizabeth Pratt, Nathan Patrick Price, Luke Sterling Ramsey, Gabrielle Ann Robinson, Jeremiah Lamount Leroy Rorrer, Benjamin Lee Schuhmann, Jason Thomas Shelton, Katie Elizabeth Shrewsbury, Sarah Anne

#### Wood, Zakk Edward **HIGHEST HONORS**

Alger, Evan Carter Austin, Emmanuel Michael Back, Alexis Hope Bennett, Aaron Kirk Burrus, Braden Thomas Dickerson, Paeslee Aleeya Ervine, Kaitlin McKenna Farmer, Morgan Leigh Fernandez, Alan Manny Hall, Emilie Grace Hedge, Abigail Rebecca Heller, Sydney Allison Helms, Eden Shay Helvey, Madison Leann Howlett, Thomas Monroe Keller, Bruce William Keller, Molly June Lilly, Paige Makenzie Martin, Benjamin Seth Minnick, Savannah Marie Moran, Alexis Brianna Morgan, Eliza Lynn Neel, Davis Andrew Peake, Lainey Elizabeth Safewright, Cody Alexander Secrist, Keslyn Grace Tuggle, Seth Anthony Vest, Victoria Grace Ward, December Elizabeth Weddle, Allyson Rose Weigel, Quinn Julia Weil, Caitlin Elizabeth Williams, Christian Lee Williams, Tyler Douglas Worrell, Bryson Marshall Wright, Meadow Renee



## Isabella Adkins Victoria Adkins Ayden Akers

Kaya Akers Megan Akers Caleb Albano Chloe Alicie Andew Allison Jamie Allport

Kadynce Almarode Gwendolynne Arnold Malakai Baldwin Alyssa Ball Morgan Banks

Amelia Binns Blackford Mary Jazmin Blankenship Parker Blankenship Danielle Bolling

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Kayleigh Bowden Kayleigh Buckland Seth Buckner Shaylen Buckner

Julian Bowden

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# Scholarships



Colin Farr Alan Fernandez Lucas Fisher Cameron Flinchum Mason Fowlkes Abbigail Freeman Patrick Fryor Connor Gallimore Gracie Gallimore Christian Goad Brook Goble Nicholaus Golden Mark Graham Gravley Seth Thomas Green Brooklyn Hall

See ACCE, page B10



Gabryellia Duncan

Lucas Earhart

Damarius Eaton

Sydney Farley

Abbey Farmer

Here's to a happy graduation and a bright future!

I hope your commencement is filled with good friends, good times and good memories. I'm proud of you, and wish you the best of luck today and always.



Chris A. Stafford Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Cloyd District

From all of us at Tuck's Collision we would like to say, Congratulations, Graduates!

New beginning, New chapter, New endeavors, New challenges.

May God's graces be with you as you step ahead towards your dreams. Keep the courage as you face new challenges in life.



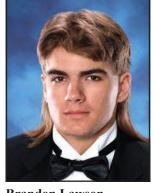
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Christian Williams Williams Tyler Sean Wines Haylea Wright Wright Jada Meadow Wright Trevor Wright Freddy Wyatt Corine Yopp Skylar Zierer

# **Graduation Marshals**

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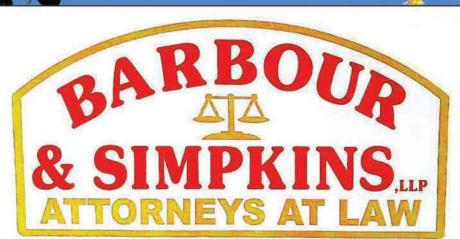
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Jackson Meyer



Katelyn Meyer



Savannah Minnick



**Austin Mitchell** 



Benjamin Moles



# Keller wins Pulaski County Proud Scholarship

The winners of the 2023 Pulaski County Proud scholarship are:

1st Place (\$1,500) - Bruce

2nd Place (\$1,000) - Aaron

3rd Place (\$500) - Cody Safewright

Keller's winning essay:

#### By BRUCE KELLER

The majority of people my age who were born in rural America hate their hometowns. A lot of people, especially teens, artificially elevate other places and look down on their own. Many of them want to leave and never come back. They look at nothing but the problems and ref use to see the good. t know many here in Pulaski who fit this mold. I, however, believe differently.

Once you actually take a look at what we have in Pulaski, it is easy to see just how much we have. Being proud of the place you live does not require it to be a social hub, a tropical resort, or a major city; being thankful for



**Bruce Keller** First Place

it takes.

Despite what many people may say, Pulaski County has a lot to offer its residents, starting with our natural resources. The New River provides a place for fishing, kayaking, tubing, and recreational activities. Claytor Lake and the state park there provide the same and more.



Aaron Bennett **Second Place** 

clear, clean water, is a good place to go. It is excellent for camping as well. Aside from water, there is a large assortment of caves of all difficulties in the area, providing a plethora of options for the local spelunking groups in Pulaski and Radford. Additionally, the most visible, (and in my opinion the best), are the forests and If you want a calmer experience mountains in the region which are from cornbread to hibachi to



**Cody Safewright Third Place** 

the things that you do have is all than the lake, the reservoir and its breathtaking. We are blessed with these natural resources, and they help to make our community what it is.

Also in Pulaski, we have an adequate amount of chain restaurants and businesses, but they do not overshadow the numerous small businesses in the area, especially our restaurants. Local restaurants serve everything

homemade ice cream here, and everything I have tried has been excellent. I think Pulaski is encouraging to small businesses, and is a good place to start one.

As far as things that benefit everyone, our average cost of living is among the lowest in the state. In Pulaski, it is \$0.76 on the dollar to the national average, and the cost of being a homeowner is a mere \$0.36 on the dollar to the same. This doesn't mean that the average housing here is all low-grade either. Pulaski County has every type of housing from trailers to multi-million dollar homes and everything in between. The thing about this that is most striking

to me is that despite the wide range of housing qualities, they are all interspersed with each other. From the short, deadend road I live on, one single turn will take you to either an apartment complex, a multimillion dollar neighborhood, or a trailer park, all within less than a 2-minute drive from each other. Neighborhoods not being

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# **RE-ELECT MOONEY FOR MASSIE**



Mike & Wanda Mooney Offer Best Wishes To The Class Of 2023!

Paid For By Michael D. Mooney



What I Believe In:

- Listen More & Talk Less
- Be The Voice Of The People In The Massie District
- Strong Supporter Of Our 2nd Amendment Right To Keep And Bear Arms
- Safety & Security For The People Of Pulaski County -Especially In Our Schools
- Look For Ways To Increase The Tax Base To Relieve Tax Pressure On All Citizens
- Make Pulaski County A Place Where Our Children And Grandchildren Want To Live And Raise Their Families.

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Eliza Morgan





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**Dylan Nester** 



**Destiny Newberry** 



Kyle O'Neal



Zachary Parker



**Teagan Patterson** 



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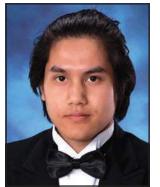


**Nathan Pratt** 





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Jackson Rah-Lan



**Gabrielle Ramsey** 



**Roman Ratliff** 



**Blaine Reedy** 

# Seniors of the Month Proud



September - Brianna Metz



Senior of the Month photos by Pulaski County Public Schools

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divided by economic status is a plus in my mind.

Lastly, but definitely not least, the people here in Southwest Virginia retain something that so many people I have met elsewhere have not, and that is common courtesy. While it is unrealistic to think every person you meet will be polite, the vast majority of the people in Pulaski are cordial and friendly. This is very unlike a large and ever-increasing number of places elsewhere, especially in



often think are better.

I don't think I ever want to move out of this area. I might move a

that, but I see no reason to leave altogether. All I have ever loved is here in Southwest Virginia, and, while it is nice to visit places like Florida or Tenessee, what they have to offer is not enough to get me to abandon Pulaski. Put short, I think that Pulaski is a representation of many of the ideals America was founded upon, and the things that make it a great place to live, from the mountains to the people, and to the small-town atmosphere we the cities and suburbs my peers 20-minute drive in this direction or have right here in Pulaski County.

# Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy Macgill Street, Pulaski

# Honors Our Graduates



**CALEB BUTLER** Blacksburg High School



JUSTIN WORRELL Pulaski County High School

Prov. 3:5,6 Congratulations and God Bless You!







Jeremiah Robinson







Benjamin Rorrer



**Cody Rorrer** 



**Ryleigh Rumery** 









Jason Schuhmann



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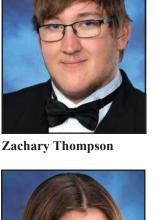


Jeremiah Tallant











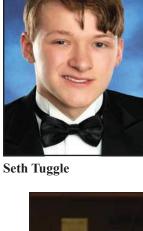


More

of the

Month

Seniors





November - Morgan Farmer



**December - Dante Holmes** 



**Congratulations** and Best Wishes



Victoria Vest





**Maddison Wachnowsky** 







**December Ward** 





Gavin Warner



**Emily Webb** 



Allyson Weddle



**Quinn Weigel** 



Caitlin Weil

# More Seniors of the Month





Pulaski County's nursing graduates at New River Community Collegge. 1st row: Samantha Mathews, Brittany Williams, Ashley Stewart, and Rachael Durham 2nd row: Kayla Mabe, Kendra Franklin, Madison Hinton, Jordan McGrady, and Kendra Morris 3rd row: Morgan Gee, Alyssa Saunders, and Rachel Huffman

## January - December Ward



Austin **McGuire** 



March -Savannah Minnick



April -Clark Mount

Congratulations!

# NRCC holds 2023 nursing graduation & pinning ceremony

Forty-six students in the 2023 associate degree nursing (ADN) class at New River Community College received their NRCC nursing pins and associate degrees at a ceremony at the college in Dublin, Va. on Monday, May 15 at 6 p.m.

This is the 20th graduating lass of associate degree nurses a licensing exam.

Helen Wolfe, interim coordinator of nursing programs at NRCC, presided at the event. Nursing students Cassie Craven, Larissa Gilbert, and Jordan Mc-Grady presented remarks via video message on behalf of the 2023 nursing class.

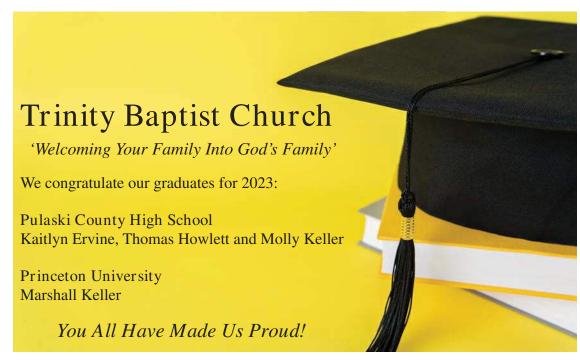
Other nursing faculty participating in the ceremony included Michelle Goodman, Wendy Hay, Lisa Helmick, Caitlin Reed, and Heather Umberger.

Ending the program, Dr. Graham Mitchell, professor of psychology and religion, led a 'Blessing of the Hands" ceremony with nursing faculty and students to bring "healing and wholeness" to the nurse's touch.

NRCC. The graduates are now el- associate degree nurses at NRCC Faith Saunders, Ashlee Nichole igible to take the registered nurse includes Kristy Dawn Albert, Lynette Nicole Carroll, Kalayna Marie Cassady, Taylor Nicole Conley, Ashley Nichole Cox, Cassie Muncy Craven, Sylvia Jeannette Cupp, Amanda Nicole Davis, Rachael Wray Durham, Hannah Elaine Evans, Kendra Brea Franklin, Kayla Megan Gardunio, Morgan Tylor Gee, Larissa Shyanne Gilbert, Madison Hope Hinton, Allison Rose Hosey, Angela Marie Hubler, Rachel Elisabeth Huffman, Valery Anne Jacobson, Nathan Isaiah Jenkins, Abigail Elizabeth Grace Lafon, Jennifer Kaitlyn Lawrence, Kayla Lynn Mabe, Ruth Jean-Maria Martin, Samantha Jane Mathews, Jordan Danielle McGrady, Kendra Camille Morris, Jenna Rene O'Neill, Caitlyn Deziree Ousley, Adelee Morgan Palmer, Jen-

The 2023 graduating class of na Marie Quesenberry, Alyssa Slusher, Ally Kathleen Smith, Madison Autumn Smith, Kealee Nichole Stanford, Ashley Nicole Stewart, Emma Nicole Sutphin, Cohen Gage Taylor, Christopher Lee Thompson-Hudson, Amy Nicole Thornton, Kenna Nicole Tienvieri, Jessica Jake Wheeler, Brittany Nichole Williams, Carlin Paige Williams, and Faith Hazel Williams.









**Christian Williams** 



Heidi Williams









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Skylar Zierer



Cierra Zimmer





Pulaski County's NRCC Graduates



Pulaski County NRCC grads - 1st row: Erica McMahan, Maggie Manning, Khalia Brown, Brooke Brunner, Sarah Banian, and Samantha Reese; 2nd row: Skyy Semones and Jesse Shane



1st row: Luke Russell, Corey King, Jr., Jacob Lytton, Justin Roberson, Clay Remington, Madison Webb, Paige Dripps, and Corie Craig: 2nd row: Daniel Linkous and Jayson Dalton

## PCHS alumnus completes the next step

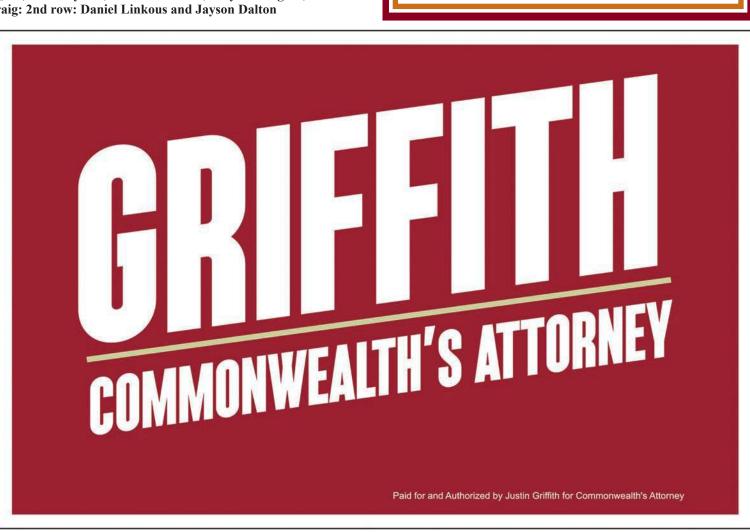


2019 Pulaski County High School Alumnus Noah Whitlow will graduate from Virginia Tech on Saturday, May 13. Noah is the son of Ray and Jenny Whitlow of Snowville. Noah completed the Southwest Governor School program as well as multiple dual-enrollment classes while attending PCHS. At Virginia Tech, he will now graduate with a degree of Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a Minor in Green Engineering, Magna Cum Laude. Noah, a standout cross-country and track athlete while attending Pulaski also joined the obstacle course team at VT. Covid eventually shut down the races but he was able to compete in several Spartan as well as Navy Seal Bone Frog races. He plans to continue running and competing in future events. While at Virginia Tech he was a member of the Hokie Electric Vehicle Team (HEVT) on the leading edge of electric vehicle design and build. After graduation, his team is headed to Florida to compete with other college design teams. He has participated in two Volvo internships, in Dublin as well as Greensboro, and now currently works as a Project Manager for Cardinal Valley Industrial Supply.



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# Equine Report: Wythe rodeo, Cowboy Camp on tap

The Patriot Equine Reporter

Billingsway Arena will host the next event in its monthly rodeo series the coming Friday night at 7 and Saturday night at 6. Admission is \$10, or free for 5 and under. There is ample parking and concessions will be available.

Events will include mutton busting, calf riding, calf roping, breakaway roping, barrels, poles, bulls, and more.



Dave Says

**Dave Ramsey** 

# A Lot of Red Flags Here

I live in Dallas, Texas, and I'm wondering if I should sell my condo in order to pay off debt. I owe \$120,000 on it, and it's worth around \$260,000. Plus, the homeowners association fee used to be \$450 a month and has gone up \$100 each year for the last two years, so now we're paying \$650. No one has ever told us why the fee went up so much. There haven't been any major improvements to the complex in the last five years, so I don't know what to think. Can you give me some advice?

Daniella

Dear Daniella,

As a homeowner, I'd want some answers by the end of day as to why the HOA fees are so high. I mean, for a \$260,000 condo, the fee you mentioned is ridiculous unless the building owners are doing a major renovation, like replacing the parking lot or updating the community's clubhouse. Even then, it's crazy! On top of all that, it devalues your condo. Nobody wants to buy a \$260,000 condo with a \$650 HOA fee every month, especially when the fee has gone up that much for no apparent reason.

There's always the possibility the company is building up a war chest for improvements in the next year or so. But you have a right to know exactly where the money you pay in HOA fees is going. Ask to see a copy of their financials, and if they won't do that—or explain why the fee is so high and where the money's going—you need to sell the place because it's being poorly managed.

You've got to get an explanation. You're owed one. And, if you try to sell the place, you're going to have to tell prospective buyers why the HOA fee is so high. Maybe there's a good reason for it buried somewhere. But without knowing more, as a buyer, there's no way I'd take this thing off your hands.

There are a lot of red flags fluttering around the situation, Daniella. Even in a place like Dallas, this HOA fee is about double what it should be for a \$260,000 condo. I'm not saying this just because I don't like HOAs, which I don't. And that's mainly because I don't like paying money for something, and then being told by someone else what I can or can't do with it. But you need some answers for your own information, peace of mind and to give potential buyers an honest answer when they ask why the fees are insanely high.

Lose the headache. Sell it.

– Dave \* Dave Ramsey is an eighttime national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," the "Today" show, 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.

The arena is located at 670 Cinnamon Run, Wytheville (near Crockett), SR 652, approximately seven miles north of Speedwell off

YEE HAW! Cowboy Camp will be held in Dugspur Saturday, May 27 at Mountain View Bible Camp. Registration for youth aged 7 to 17 will be held that morning from

10:30 to 11. The camp will feature horseback and wagon rides and equestrian demonstrations. A deli sandwich lunch and old fashioned cowboy cookout will be provided

to campers. Ryland Moore of Dugspur, a champion horse puller, will give the wagon rides.

"It's like a Vacation Bible School with cowboys and horses," according to promoters.

Cowboy Church will be held Sunday, May 28, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church. A special "circuit rider preacher" plans an inspirational and interesting program.

The camp and the church are located at 1000 Double Cabin Road, Dugspur.

For more information, call (276) 733-9385.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** May 19-20 – Billingsway Arena monthly rodeo series, Crockett, Friday at 7, Saturday at 6.

May 20 - Barrel event, JM Are-

May 21 – Precious Valley Farms fun show, Elliston.

May 27 - Cowboy Camp, Calvary Bible Church, Dugspur, with Cowboy Church May 28.

May 27 - DC Productions Barrel Bash, Abingdon. May 27-28 – Silver Snaffle

Classic, Salem. June 3 – Introduction to cart and

carriage driving, Copper Crest Farm, Wytheville.

(Anyone sponsoring or hosting an equine event in Pulaski County or the surrounding area, and anyone with information about our local competitive riders, may submit their information to dtfullerhorses@yahoo.com and it will be included in this column.)

## NRCC announces new dean of health sciences



New River Community College degree in nursing from Western recently announced Helen Wolfe as the new dean of health sciences.

"Helen brings an array of knowledge, skills, and professionalism to lead a dynamic, student-focused division of talented faculty and staff," said NRCC Vice President of Instruction and Student Services Peter Anderson.

Currently NRCC's interim coordinator of nursing, Wolfe will officially begin in her new position on July 1.

Wolfe holds a master of nursing education degree and a bachelor's

Governor's University, an associate degree in nursing from Wytheville Community College, and a certificate in practical nursing from New River Community College. She has over 40 years of full-time experience at various levels of nursing.





Mon - 6am - 5:30pm Tues - 6am - 5:30pm Wed - Closed

Thurs - 6am - 5:30pm Fri - 6am - 5:30pm **SATURDAY** 6am - 4pm



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## Claytor Lake State Park Saturday, June 10, 2023

- Arts & Crafts & Food Vendors ~ 10:00 am 9:00 pm
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- Car & Motorcycle Show Registration ~ 8:30 am 10:30 am
  - Registration Fee \$20 Cash Paid at the Contact Station, No Other Fees
  - Car & Motorcycle Show ~ 10:00 am 2:30 pm
  - Dash Plaques & Trophies ~ Awards at 2:00 pm
- Free Children's Activities throughout the day
- "Chuckles the Clown" 11:00 am. 4:00 pm.
- Law Enforcement Drive In at 9:30 am & Display ~ 9:45 am 3:00 pm
- Everett Lee Yearout, Jr. & Sr. Adult/Youth Fishing Tournament & Essay. This year's theme "Fishing is the Best Hobby, Because..."
  - Registration 7:00 am 10:00 am
  - Essays Due at 12:00 Noon & Trophies/Awards in the afternoon
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 83 NRV 10:00 am 1:00 pm
- ATM ON SITE

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**Event Coordinated by the Claytor Lake Festival Committee** 

## PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

#### All Dublin High Alumni

We would like to especially invite the DHS Class of 1962 to a monthly breakfast for ALL Dublin High School alumni. This is held the first Wednesday of each month in the Dublin Lion's Club Building beginning at 9 AM. It's a chance to see members of all of the classes from DHS. The Lion's Club asks only for donations to support their many community projects.

#### **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

#### 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

#### May 21

#### **Revival and Renewal**

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

Mt. View United Methodist

father, Rev. Terry Goodman is a one is asked to bring two covered 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 message 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 27**

#### Flag Raising Ceremony

Memorial Day Flag Raising ceremony at the Local 2069 Union June 26 Hall at 8:00 am May 27th. Event hosted by the UAW Local Vacation Bible School 2069 Veterans Committee.

#### **May 28**

#### **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 1

#### **American Legion meeting**

The American Legion, Harvey Howe Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, June 1, 6pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

#### 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. Every-

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 Jacakson 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.

Fairlawn Church of God in Radford, VA is having Vacation Bible School June 26th - 30th from 6PM 8:45PM nightly. Dinner for the family is at 5PM. Kids eat free. and adults are \$2. Call the church at 540-639-1511 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

#### On going:

#### **Alcohol Anonymous**

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

## Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

#### **Hiwassee Fire Department** Ladies Auxiliary in Need of

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 cem-

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

#### **Heritage Cares Food still** distributing food

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

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