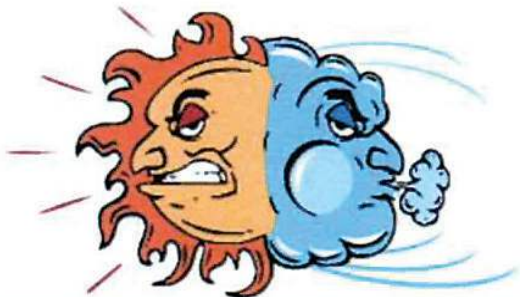




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The Marketplace at Pulaski's historic train depot is once again open for business. In Foreground is Pulaski County's Director of Small Business Lydia Gilmer.

Pulaski's Marketplace makes its return on Tuesday at train depot

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

Tuesday evenings in the Town of Pulaski are a little livelier thanks to the reemergence of the Marketplace at downtown's historic train depot. Last Tuesday's Marketplace event was the first time in years that saw vendors gathered along the stone walls of the train station to sell their wares and generally enjoy the company of others.

As in year's past, vendors selling freshly grown produce, farm raised meats and homegrown art were ready and willing to share their collective bounty with the citizenry.

Lydia Gilmer, Pulaski County's Director of Small Business and member of the Pulaski On Main board of directors, was at the depot making sure the everything ran

smoothly ... in spite of Tuesday's heavy winds.

"So, we're back from the first time since COVID because Pulaski On Main decided it was important to have this here," Gilmer explained. "We heard lots of requests from vendors and also people who just like to come down here to shop and eat and all that, so we decided to make it happen."

According to Gilmer upwards of 25 vendors have committed to coming to the reinvigorated weekly Marketplace event, though the unrelenting wind kept a few home, including the food vendor Bo and Weezy's Chicken.

But no worries, those who venture into the Marketplace can always find something to munch on.

"We do have pretzels and Euro-

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Rygas announces for Clerk

Pulaski attorney Spencer A. Rygas has announced his candidacy for Pulaski County Clerk of Circuit Court.

"I am proud and humbled to receive the nomination as the Republican Party Candidate for the November 7, 2023 election," Rygas said in a statement this week. "My lifelong commitment to the community combined with my education and professional background provides an exceptional foundation for undertaking such an important position in serving Pulaski County."

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Sabrina Cox

Cox seeks School Board seat from Robinson

Sabrina Smith Cox has announced her candidacy for School Board in Pulaski County from the Robinson District.

"As I walked the district collecting signatures, it was my great honor to listen to and talk with residents regarding their concerns and hopes," Cox said. "Rest assured that I've heard all of you loud and clear! Thank you, thank you, thank you for the privilege of

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Tuesday

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pean inspired snacks and some baked goods sprinkled throughout,” said Gilmer with her ever present smile.

There was also plenty of lemonade available and the Iron Heart Winery was on scene to pour a cup or two for lovers of the fermented grape.

Tuesday’s blustery conditions didn’t stop the music flowing either, as singer songwriter Georgia Randall filled the air with her acoustic guitar and accompanying vocals.

As in the past, the Marketplace is scheduled to occur from 4 till 7 p.m. every Tuesday but Pulaski On Main plans to expand those

times for summer.

“Starting on the first Sunday of July, we’re going to have a family friendly Marketplace event at the depot from 1 till 4 in the afternoon,” said Gilmer. “We’ll be doing that for the first Sunday of August and September, too. So, we’ll have different hours and we’ll probably attract a different crowd. It’s going to be great.”



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Rygas

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Rygas is the oldest son of Alex and Dana Bower Rygas, who became Town of Pulaski business owners in 1976 when they purchased Alex’s Mens Shop (aka Alex’s and Dana’s). They moved to Pulaski County in 1977 and have been full time residents ever since.

Dana Bower Rygas rejoined her father Mark Bower in operating Bower Funeral Homes on Bob White Boulevard in 1991. She has been the President of the business since his death in 2003.

“I am very proud of my daughter, Anna Pauley Rygas who is currently attending Emory & Henry College. I am married to Stephanie Albert Rygas, who is my greatest supporter and ally,” he said.

Rygas graduated from Pulaski County High School in 1988. He earned a BBA in Accounting from the College of William and Mary in 1992 and his law degree from the University of Florida School of Law in 1995.

He obtained certification as a Certified Public Accountant in Virginia in 1992. He obtained his Virginia Bar License in 1995.

He was employed by Pulaski Furniture Corp. from 1995 to 2007. From 2008 until now, Rygas has practiced law in the Law Office of Spencer A. Rygas in Pulaski, having added the roll of Town Attorney for the Town of Pulaski in July 2016.

His volunteer work in the community includes serving on the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Executive Board from 2004 to 2008, as President in 2007 and



Spencer Rygas

as a Small Business Member since 2008. He has also been a member of the Pulaski Rotary Club from 2011 to present, including as President in 2015.

“Pulaski County has been my home since the First Grade,” Rygas said. “I went to William & Mary and the University of Florida and had opportunities to go anywhere.

I came to my favorite place ... my home ... Pulaski County, a decision I am thankful for every day. I love Pulaski County and want to serve our local citizens, friends and neighbors in the role of your Clerk of Circuit Court.

“I hope to earn your vote on November 7, 2023! Thank You For Your Support,” Rygas said.”

Town of Pulaski Real Estate Tax Bills First Half 2023

Town of Pulaski Real Estate tax bills for the 1st half of 2023 have been mailed. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

This Tax must be paid on or before June 5, 2023 by 5:00 pm to avoid penalty or interest being added.

Payments should be address to the Town of Pulaski Finance Dept. PO Box 660 Pulaski VA 24301

Notice is hereby given that the Finance Office for the Town of Pulaski will be open Monday – Friday 8:30 – 5:00, except for holidays to receive payments for Real Estate Taxes.

The Town of Pulaski Office is located in the Municipal Building at 42 1st St. NW Pulaski VA 24301. For the convenience of the taxpayer there is a night drop located at the rear of the building. Payments can also be made online at www.officalpayments.com – locality # is 6210 or pay by phone @ 1-800-272-9829.

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The dental office of Dr. Brian L. Bertholomey, located at 65 E Main St Pulaski, VA, is closing on June 20, 2023. Dr. Bertholomey is retiring after 38 years of providing dental care in Pulaski, and he thanks you for your patronage. At your request and with your written authorization, copies of information from your record may be made available to another dentist. Requests must be made prior to June 20th at the dental office.

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Supervisors honor Hicks for impact he had on county

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors paid tribute to the late Joel Hicks during last week’s meeting of the board.

The board also received a report on the One Bag Challenge effort and recognized four employees for completing the 2023 NRV Regional Local Government Leadership Academy.

The board approved a resolution honoring Hicks to recognize “the tremendous impact he had on the county.”

The resolution read:
 Resolution of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors in Recognition of Coach Joel Hicks

WHEREAS, in 1979, Coach Joel Hicks became head coach of the Pulaski County football program after two highly successful stints at both Big Creek and Woodrow Wilson High School located in West Virginia; and,
 WHEREAS, Coach Hicks’ immediate impact on the community set the highest standard of

winning on the gridiron and established the program as a focal point of PRIDE among the citizens of Pulaski County, and for the next twenty-three years until his retirement in 2002, Pulaski County became well known as one of the premier high school football programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Hicks accumulated the remarkable record of 210 wins and 68 losses that included 15 District Championships, 6 Regional Championships, 3-Time State Runner-Up, and culminated into a Virginia High School Division 6 State Championship in 1992; and,

WHEREAS, Coach Hicks was named Virginia High School League Coach of the Year a remarkable 3 times and in 2016 was inducted into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame as a testimony to the success of his stellar twenty-three years as Head Coach of the Pulaski County High School Football program; and,
 WHEREAS, while Coach Hicks was a leader of young men on the

gridiron, he was as passionate about his volunteer work with special needs youth and his tremendous care and concern for animals; and,

WHEREAS, Pulaski County will forever be grateful and proud of the lifelong accomplishments of Coach Hicks and appreciates his leadership in building character and work ethic in the youth of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors does hereby officially honor the memory of Coach Joel Hicks for his vision, dedication and commitment to Pulaski County and its citizens and his positive impact on so many levels through his faithful service to the community. NOW,

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the text of this

resolution shall hereby be forever captured in the meeting minutes of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, this 24 th day of April, 2023, in permanent testimony of our appreciation for the storied traditions and legacy Coach Joel Hicks has left behind.

Hicks’ widow, Melinda, was on hand to accept a framed copy of the board’s resolution.

- In other news, Board Chairman Laura Walters reported that through April over 200 people have so far participated in the One Bag Challenge effort to clean up Pulaski County.

So far, she said over 660 bags of trash had been collected along the county’s roadways and some 256 tires!

For those who are interested in participating, reflective safety vests,

gloves, trash pickers and trash bags are available at the County Administration Building, located at 143 Third Street N.W., in the town of Pulaski, or you may contact your respective Board of Supervisor member to get supplies. All citizens who participate and submit photo proof will be eligible to win one of twenty \$100.00 VISA GIFT CARDS through a drawing.

Participants are asked to take a before and after photos along with your bag(s) and send it to Laura Walters, Chair, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, at lwalters@pulaskicounty.org. These photos will be posted on the County’s website and social media outlets in an effort to recognize those who are setting a great example by dis-

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Cox

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conversing with you. You made this process pleasant and enjoyable.”

A lifelong resident of Pulaski County, Cox said both her children had gone through the school system with one graduating this month.

She has also served as a substitute teacher in the school system for several years and adds that is partly what prompted her to run for school board.

A financial advisor and investment broker, Cox says she could basically “pick up and go anywhere I want to and take up residence and it would be no issue.”

“But I choose to live and work here. I think that is important. I think that matters,” she said.

Cox offered a list of things she will work to achieve if given the privilege of serving in this role:

- Unconditional clear, consistent and transparent communication with parents and the community

- Reinstate authority to our teachers in their classrooms ... LONG OVERDUE!!

- Prioritize developing college/trade ready students to compete in the global economy

- Advocate for taxpayers and fiscal responsibility while offering competitive salaries to retain and attract the best teachers

- Further advance the safety and security of our students and staff

- Promote positive relationships between the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the School Board so that the two boards, at the very least, can sit down together for the good of our community and our schools

- Inspire and support parents and teachers

“The future can and should be GREAT for all,” Cox exclaimed. “I ask for your help in this endeavor and your vote November 7th!

“God bless each and every one,” Cox said.

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ELMA MAE THOMPSON TALLANT

Elma Mae Thompson Tallant, 78, of Dublin, passed away on Monday, May 1, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, George Allen Collins and Bessie Virginia Thompson; her husband, Gene Thomas Tallant; and her daughter, Angela Mae Tallant.

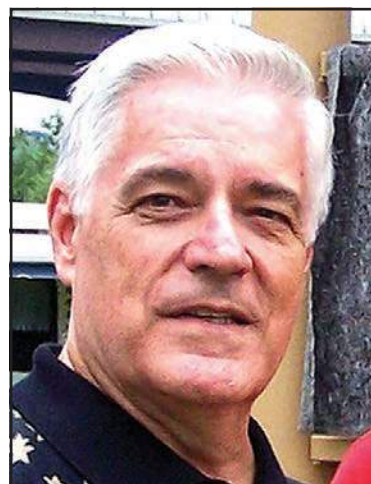
Survivors include her son, Eugene Thomas Tallant, Sr.; grandchildren, Monique Barber (Markee), Thomas Tallant (Linda) and Mandy Tallant (Patrick); great-grandchildren, Destinee Landreth (Justin) and Brice Wall; great great-granddaughter, Emerson; sister and her children and their families, Jean Tate, Allen, Ricky, and Wanda; cousin, Kathy Surface (Jerry); and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Fairlawn Church of God with Pastor Marcus Harrison officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Friday evening at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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

TANYA ANN HANCOCK

Tanya Ann Hancock, age 55 of Pulaski, died Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at her residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700



ROBERT WILBURN "BOB" THOMAS

Robert Wilburn "Bob" Thomas (April 29, 2023) was born in Athens, Georgia on November 20, 1937. He leaves his son, Richard Gregory Thomas, Zebulon, NC; daughter and son-in-law, Coleen Thomas and Philip Gerow, Alexandria, VA; brother, John Morton Thomas, California; granddaughter, Emily Thomas, Cary, NC; sister-in-law, Jean Meier, Rochester, NY; special cousin, Buddy West and wife Charlotte, Cary, NC; cousins, Millie Lisenby and Tom Yeager; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years, Betsey Thorne Thomas; parents, Bobbie Morton and E. Wilburn Thomas; and step father, E.H. Watson.

Bob referred to himself as a media professional, working in TV, radio and print. He began his career producing radio and tv shows for WGN radio and TV, Chicago. He was executive producer at WCNY-TV, Syracuse, NY for several years. He designed, oversaw construction and managed radio stations in Hammondsport, NY, St. Louis, MO, and Sioux City, Iowa, and oversaw funding and assistance to local public radio and TV stations nationwide for the Corp. for Public Broadcasting in Washington, D.C.

Bob was cable administrator for Prince Georges County, MD, and Raleigh, NC, before owning and operating WBLB radio in Pulaski, VA, with Betsey. He served as News and Public Affairs Director at Radford radio stations WRIQ and WRAD, and was for several years Radford Bureau Chief for the daily Southwest Times newspaper, later also providing local stories and photos for the Radford News Journal, Roanoke Times New River Valley, and PC Patriot.

He taught advertising at Radford University; briefly ran a local one-man ad agency, volunteered with the NRV United Way, and retired to continue his media activities for various area public service organizations. He co-founded the Radford Memorial Day Service and chaired its initial 21 annual events and Emceed the city's Fourth of July event for several years. He served on the Board of Directors for Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread and Meals on Wheels. He was honored for various projects by the city, the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Radford and others.

He thanks his Church, Central United Methodist, Radford, and its members for support during Betsey's final days and his life thereafter. Special gratitude goes

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MARY JANE KASEY KING

Mary Jane Kasey King, age 95 of Pulaski, died Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. She was deeply loved by her family and will be missed dearly. Mary Jane was born on October 3, 1927 in Matoaka, West Virginia, to Glenna Mann Kasey and Hampton Kasey. She was known for her grace, strength, and a unique independence that served her family well during her life. After graduating high school, she furthered her education at Concord College, where she studied music and math.

After college, Mary Jane moved to Pulaski County, where she went to work at the Radford Arsenal and married Stanley Russell King. Mary Jane was dedicated to her family, providing her children and grandchildren with strong foundation and values. She was also a smart businesswoman and entrepreneur, who along with her husband owned and operated motels, restaurants, and later she worked in real-estate. Mary Jane was very involved in her community, including her talents as a pianist at Memorial Baptist Church in Pulaski, her dedication as a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader, and her commitment as a volunteer poll worker for many years.

Mary Jane is survived by her sons, Leland "LT" King (Bobbie) of Pulaski, and Norman King of Pulaski, and her daughters, Karen Mitchell (Harold) of Radford and Beth Kelley (Jim) of Chesterton IN. She is also survived by her sisters, Betty Hurst, and Erma Wood (Ken), eight grandchildren, Adrian Mitchell, Carla Cross (Thomas "Brian"), Anna Mitchell Kuhns (Nick), Adam King (Cassandra), Mary Katherine "Kati" Montgomery (Turner "TJ"), Erin Kelley, Shannon Kelley, and John Kelley, and twelve great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley Russell King, and her sister, Nancy Woody.

A memorial service will be held on June 24, 2023 at 2:00pm at Memorial Baptist Church, 995 Peppers Ferry Road Pulaski, VA 24301. Donations in memory of Mary Jane King may be made to Memorial Baptist Church PO Box 31 Pulaski VA 24301 or Discovery Eye Foundation at Discoveryeye.org

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

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JANE JACKSON HUNT

Jane Jackson Hunt, of Oakley, UT, passed away peacefully on her 93rd birthday, April 19, 2023. Jane's long career was in education. She worked in multiple roles at various institutions but her most rewarding position was Director of Student Programs with the University of Utah School of Medicine. She retired from the University of Utah in 1992 after 24 years of service. Her passion was supporting medical students in successfully achieving their educational goals. She often referenced, "working in the Dean's office was the best thing I ever did."

Jane had many interests which included playing bridge, reading, gardening and traveling. After retiring, she and her husband moved from Salt Lake City to Oakley where she continued her interests along with raising llamas and caring for her beloved cats.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Agnes Jackson, and a sister, Patsy Jackson Walsh. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Robin Hunt and three nieces; Trish Walsh Davidson (Lane) of Minden, LA, Cindy Walsh Viers (Kenny) of Dublin, VA and Alice Walsh Taylor (Sammie) of Russellville, TN.

A special thank you goes to the loving and caring staff at Signature Lifestyles and Amedisys Home Health and Hospice of Rogersville, Tennessee.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

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LISA KAY (DRIGGERS) KIDD

Lisa Kay (Driggers) Kidd, age 60 of Pulaski passed away Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at her home. Born October 24, 1962 in Radford, she was the daughter of the late Beveridge Ann Holston Hall. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Chris Hall and nephew, Joseph Carl Thacker.

Lisa is survived by her Son – David DeWayne Kidd – Pulaski

Sisters – Sabrina "Beanie" Anne (Gary) Morrison – Stafford, VA, Tommi Lynn Bower – South Hill, VA

Brother – James "Jimmy" William Hall – Pulaski

Nieces – Dezirae (Jim) Haga – Dublin, Holly (Jack) Adams – Ashland, VA, Crissy (Ben) Wharton – Asheville, NC, Jackie Gephardt – Christiansburg, Beth (David) Small – Spotsylvania, VA

Nephews – Eddie Morrison – Stafford, Jonathan Thacker – VA, Michael Bower – South Hill, Christopher Bower – South Hill

Numerous Great Nieces and Nephews

Per Lisa's wishes, the family will be having private services. To sign her online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests giving to the American Heart Association or St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Lisa's memory.

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

Senior
event on
tap May 10

Join the New River Valley Agency on Aging, New River Community Action, Community Foundation of the New River Valley, The Town of Pulaski and Pulaski County on Wednesday, May 10th, from 9am to 12 pm, at the Pulaski County IT Conference room, located at 89 Commerce Street, Pulaski, VA 24301, for an informative session on topics including:

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- Long-Term Care Options
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Linkous donates \$25,000 for scoreboards at Randolph

Dwayne Linkous and Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters display a check for \$25,000 representing Linkous’ donation to the Pulaski County Parks and Recreation Department.

The money will be used to purchase four new scoreboards on the recreation fields at Randolph Park.

During this week’s presentation, Linkous told how his roots are in the Dublin and Pulaski Recreation programs of years past.

He said his son, Raiden Dwayne Linkous was born in 1996 and was later diagnosed with a rare disease.

“We found out he wasn’t going to live a full life, and he passed away in 2012,” Dwayne said.

Two months later, he started his business, RDL, named after his son’s initials.

“We’ve been doing contract work for Volvo and Mack ever since. During COVID things started blowing up and got really big. Now we’ve got 50 employees and we’re still growing,” Linkous said.

He said he had been watching for opportunities to give back to the community. “We’ve done some things here and there,” he said, but noted he talked with Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers about how to assist the recreation department and the scoreboards came up.

Pictured with Linkous and Wal-



ters are members of the Rec Department’s staff and members of the county’s Board of Supervisors.

Mike Williams/The Patriot

February property transfers in Pulaski County

Property transfers for February in Pulaski County as recorded by the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office:

Brandon Ryan Taylor to Card Gray Land Holdings, LLC, property at 4501 Moses Drive, Dublin, \$289,900.

Douglas Wickam to Todd A. Saunders, property at 6200 Little Creek Dam Road, Hiwassee, \$260,000.

Zachary M. Gilbert to Gautier Rentals, LLC, property at 5878 Mebane Avenue, #13, Dublin, \$120,000.

Daniel W. Whited to Isaella Holley, property at 501 Winfield Circle, Pulaski, \$67,500.

Daris O. Smythers to Gregg Kenske, property at 755 Smythers Mountain Road, Hiwassee, \$174,500.

Glenda D. Buckner to Michael E. Scott, property at 1115 Wilson Avenue, Pulaski, \$167,100.

Shelby Alexandra Ward to Marie Wiegleb, property at 6062 Little River Dam Road, Hiwassee, \$70,000.

Crystal Rose Lilly to Andrew

J. Hurd, property at 7585 Belspring Road, Belspring, \$139,000.

John Toothaker to Savanna Jade Duncan, property at 3858 Bainbridge Road, Pulaski, \$290,000.

Phyllis Cox to John Toothaker, property at 5334 Crossbow Drive, Pulaski, \$320,000.

Tamara L. Harrison to Barbara Clark, property at 5187 Beamer Hollow Road, Pulaski, \$35,000.

Devin J. Newman to Stephen Micah Weston, property at 2591 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, \$203,000.

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Jerry Kanode to Joseph Hoff, property at Lot 1, Block 134, King Re-Sub, Pulaski, \$26,000.

Sean R. Hogston to Michael Hurson, property at 231 N. Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, \$214,000.

Excellent Enterprises, LLC to Ryan S. Sexton, property at 5999 Anderson Avenue, Dublin, \$275,000.

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to friends Garnie Dishon, Tobbie Allen, Tommy Meredith, Eddie Crews, and former CUMC pastors Dale Gilbert and Don Shelor, among many others. His move to his final home at Ridgewood Senior Apartments was supported by several at CUMC, especially by friend Gayle Miller.

At Bob’s request, there will be no service and he will be cremated. Gifts may be made to CUMC, PO Box 611, Radford, VA, 24143, or to Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread, PO Box 3323, Radford, VA, 24143.

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

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Limit, Save and Grow

I have long believed that Congress has a responsibility to the American people to “rein in” wasteful and excessive spending. Since joining Congress, I have not voted for a debt ceiling bill that did not include cuts or reforms to our spending practices.

When House Republicans established the rules for the 118th Congress earlier this year, I worked to get the Holman Rule included in the rules package. First passed in 1876, the Holman rule is a tool that can be used to curb out of control federal spending.

A high national debt stemming from out-of-control spending means high interest, higher inflation, and lower job opportunities. Never have we felt the effects of a high debt than this past year.

In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, Con-



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

gressional Democrats passed \$5.2 trillion in spending, much of which was not put towards COVID-19, but towards

other Democratic priorities, such as the Green New Deal.

As it stands, the debt is now at \$31.4 trillion. It's clear the path we are on is no longer tenable. For too many years, Congress has raised the debt ceiling without a plan to rein in reckless spending.

House Republicans recently put forth H.R.2811, the Limit, Save, Grow Act, to address this issue, which passed on the House floor days before writing this column.

H.R.2811 limits federal spending by capping spending, for fiscal year (FY) 2024, at FY 2022 levels. It also allows for only 1% annual growth over the next 10 years.

The legislation includes a number of measures to save taxpayer money. It claws back unspent COVID-19 funds, estimated to be about \$30 billion.

It eliminates funding for the 87,000 new IRS agents charged with going after families and small businesses.

Further the bill reverses Biden's efforts to cancel up to \$10,000 in student loan debt for some borrowers. This would save taxpayers an estimated \$460 billion.

Lastly, this legislation repeals Democrats' uncapped green energy tax credits and subsidies, saving Americans an estimated \$540 billion.

While saving money, this legislation also aims to grow the economy.

A few weeks prior to the House passing this legislation, we also passed H.R.1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. This legislation would unleash American energy production, reduce our dependency on foreign adversaries like Russia and China, and remove red tape for new project permitting.

Given the importance of improving energy production in the United States, Republicans also have included that legislative language within H.R.2811 to help ensure it gets across the finish line.

Additionally, this bill will strengthen work requirements for Medicaid and SNAP program recipients, requiring these recipients to “work” 80 hours a month. Work is defined as traditional work, of course, but also as volunteering to do community service, taking classes to further one's education, attending a substance abuse program, etc.

The bill includes some exemption to these requirements, including if you are disabled, caring for a disabled child, or are caring for a child under the age of six. The goal is to get abled-bodied people off the couch and into the workforce, making them a contributing member of society, which will ultimately lead to a higher level of self-esteem. Further, the country is currently faced with more job openings than people looking for jobs, so this is not an unreasonable proposal.

In exchange for fixing the most immediate problem and increasing the debt limit by \$1.5 trillion, the legislation will save Americans an estimated \$4.8 trillion over the next decade.

As an aside, there been a focus on the future of Medicare & Medicaid and Social Security and whether the programs would face cuts. The spending cuts in this legislation were crafted to save Americans trillions of dollars without touching Medicare & Medicaid and Social Security.

But wait there's more. Also included in this legislation is the REINS Act. The REINS Act requires every new “major rule” proposed by federal agencies to be approved Congress, reasserting Congress' legislative authority as intended by our Constitutional framework.

H.R.2811 is responsible legislation to rein in our country's out of control spending, while also dealing with our current debt limit situation, benefitting all Americans.

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

Founders and their World View

In last week's One Nation Under God article, we explored the convergence of events and practices that led to the Founding of America, the American Revolution and resulting documents of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

This week, I'd like to focus a bit more in depth on the influence that the First Great Awakening had on a few of the Founders and how it formed their world view. History confirms that the Awakening was happening when many of the Founders were youngsters.

The First Great Awakening stretched from the 1730's to the 1790's. Christine Leigh Heyrman describes the beginnings in her article Divining America. “...The First Great Awakening in America was part of a much broader movement, an evangelical upsurge taking place simultaneously on the other side of the Atlantic, most notably in England, Scotland, and Germany. In all these Protestant cultures during the middle decades of the eighteenth century, a new Age of Faith rose to

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

counter the currents of the Age of Enlightenment, to reaffirm the view that being truly religious meant trusting the heart rather than the head...and relying on biblical revelation rather than human reason.”

Consider its influence on Patrick Henry for an example, who was a young child during the early years of the Awakening. Despite the fact that his father and uncle were Anglican leaders, Patrick's mother took him to hear the evangelists preach. Because some of the preachers were not members of the state's culturally accepted church, this would have caused friction in a family and community.

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The debt limit: Same old song

By CAL THOMAS
Tribune Content Agency

The very term “debt limit” makes a mockery of any kind of responsible budgeting. Each time the government reaches the “limit” it gets raised with the familiar scenarios that include threats of a government shutdown (an idea that increasingly appeals to some conservatives) and the claim that the “full faith and credit” of the U.S. is at stake. We have faith and credit? Who knew?

Republicans usually cave, or in the case of a shutdown, succumb to media pressure and the Democrats and allow the spending and debt to grow, along with trillions in interest on our \$31.4 trillion debt.

And Republicans are no different. President Ronald Reagan took the deficit from \$70 billion to \$175 billion. Bush41 took it to \$300 billion. Clinton got it to zero. Bush43 took it from zero to \$1.2 trillion. President Obama halved that to \$600 billion. Trump jumped it back to 3.3 trillion.

But maybe not this time? House Republicans have passed a bill that could put Senate Democrats and President Biden on the defensive. Yes, it would raise the debt limit, though only for one year, but it also would do something unheard of in Washington in recent years and that is reduce spending.

The proposed cuts are just \$4.8 trillion compared to the overall debt – but just as a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, breaking an addiction to constant spending increases and more debt begins with a step in the opposite direction.

Democrats appear interested in focusing solely on the debt ceiling, not the need for spending cuts. Neither do they appear interested in negotiations with Republicans. What happened to President Biden's promise to “lower the temperature” in Washington and restore bipartisanship? Maybe he forgot as he failed to recall his recent trip to Ireland when asked by a child, “What was the last country you traveled to?” Another

child had to remind him.

Clearly not interested in the House bill, Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) said, “I think we need to focus on the debt ceiling. There's an urgency here that absolutely requires immediate attention.” Blumenthal did seem to leave the door slightly open to a deal when he added, “I think the president should sit down with Kevin McCarthy to talk about the debt ceiling and then, at some later point, talk about the budget.”

That sounds to me like bait and switch. It is reminiscent of the “deal” made between then-Speaker of the House Jim Wright (D-TX) with President George H.W. Bush. Wright said he would agree to spending cuts if Bush would first agree to a tax increase. Wright got his tax hike, but Bush never got his spending cuts and the concession doomed Bush's re-election.

Maybe this time things will be different if Republicans can get their message about the danger of massive debt through to the public in time to overcome the Democrats' predictable scenario of a government shutdown. If a corporation engaged in what Democrats are doing it would be called extortion. But the rules don't ever seem to apply to Democrats who keep changing them as needed to maintain political power.

The last Democrat to behave responsibly on the economy was Bill Clinton. According to the Congressional Budget Office, Clinton had “budget surpluses for fiscal years 1998-2001, the only such years from 1970 to 2023. Clinton's final four budgets were balanced budgets with surpluses, beginning with the 1997 budget. The ratio of debt held by the public to GDP, a primary measure of U.S. federal debt, fell from 47.8% in 1993 to 33.6% by 2000.”

It's enough to make one nostalgic for those good old economic days.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Biden prepares his next basement campaign

Joe Biden is going to run for reelection.

One question this raises: How is anyone going to tell?

The basement presidency is about to embark on another basement campaign.

Biden's political genius turns out to be not provoking strong negative emotions because no one particularly thinks of him as being in charge or as having anything interesting to say.

President Biden and the people around him are, in effect, conducting a large-scale, ongoing political science experiment: Is it possible to run a left-wing government -- with tactics often frankly at odds with our constitutional system -- and avoid a massive backlash by having a president at the top who appears ineffectual and out of touch?

If Bernie Sanders, the ill-kempt, self-avowed socialist, or Elizabeth Warren, the off-putting, dyed-in-the-wool progressive former academic, presided over exactly the same administration with exactly the same policies, they'd have ignited a political firestorm by now.

The cry from the center-right and independents would be, “To the barricades!” The cry provoked by Joe Biden is more, “Meh.”

By being around forever, Biden has achieved the status of a known quantity. His rhetoric is generally moderate-sounding, and he never says anything memorable. No matter how radical and lawless the acts of his administration, it's hard to associate those qualities with an elderly man who tells stories of his bygone cooperation with Republicans and often rambles to little effect.

People should be threatened by this administration, but -- with a few exceptions such as his visually apocalyptic “Dark Brandon” speech prior to the midterms -- they don't feel threatened by Biden himself. Or they fear his incompetence more than anything else.

Biden's age is an asset in taking the edge off his left-wing governance, yet the effects of it are obvious for everyone to see. At 80, he makes the elder statesmen of yore seem youthful by comparison. Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel at 70. Ronald Reagan was elected president at 69. The long-serving French legend Charles de Gaulle retired permanently at 79.

If the reaction to Joe Biden isn't a vociferous rejection, it is still an emphatic, “No, thanks.” According to the new NBC News poll, more than half of Democrats and 70% Americans don't want him to run for reelection. His age, of course, is the leading reason; it doesn't take a gerontologist to realize that an 80-year-old man and the most demanding job on the planet aren't a natural match.

The White House clearly un-

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Pulaski Council hears of infrastructure work

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Pulaski Town Council received an update on improvements in the town’s infrastructure during Tuesday’s meeting.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham began the presentation by introducing Wes Williamson. He was hired in January and was previously a retired employee from the City of Norfolk.

Burcham explained she hired Williamson due to his long experience with municipal waterworks.

“We all know that when Bill Pedigo retired, who had been intimately involved in our water system for 30 some years, that we lost a lot, and I was looking for

someone who could bring that level of experience to the table and Wes is that person,” Burcham said. “He certainly has proven that just about every day since January. He has oversight of our filter plant, as well as the pump stations that are in our sewage treatment facility.”

Burcham said the town had an employee who left who was the town’s chief water plant operator.

“David Payton, who had been in that position at one point and stepped down for personal reasons, agreed to take on the position. He and Wes have made an outstanding pair working on some major issues at our filtration plant,” she said.

Burcham also told council she has appointed Scott Aust as the engineering department manager.

“So, we’ve had a number of changes. Good people in place, and we have been doing some great stuff. It’s stuff that you don’t see oftentimes. It’s our infrastructure and yet it’s critical for our well-being as a community in some instances. It’s been stuff that has been delayed, deferred maintenance for so long that we are having to do a major catch up. But I think you all are very familiar with the fact that we’ve been spending the lion’s share of our American Rescue Act money trying to beef up our infrastructure.”

Aust told council it usually hears about the big projects, such as the Main Street water project or street-scapes, but there are others going on in the background.

“We’re trying to implement maintenance schedules and get things brought up to speed so that we don’t have major breakdowns,” Aust said.

Aust spoke of things such as pump station repairs and improvements, odor control, filters, motors, controllers and more.

In response to a question on the town’s aging water lines from Councilman Michael Reis, Aust said the town is working toward being pro-active rather than re-active.

“That’s the goal,” Aust said.

Burcham prompted Aust to tell council about one such aging water line discovered during the West Main Street Water Project.

“When they got ready to do the connection to Jefferson and West

Main, when they actually dug up that line, it was cast in 1890. That was the date that was actually stamped on the cast where they were tapping into,” Aust said.

Aust agreed with Burcham who said, “old doesn’t mean its all about to fall apart.”

“It’s very dated,” Aust said of some of the water lines. “There are certain areas in town that we know, historically and based on the guys that work on them, that they’re going to fail, and I mean repetitively.”

He said that is one reason the town recently applied for federal funds through Rep. Morgan Griffith’s office to replace some of the older lines in town.

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But it made Patrick more aware of the struggle for religious freedom. Later, after becoming a lawyer, his strong moral conviction would cause him to defend Pro Bono (without charge) jailed Baptist preachers. Often, he would anonymously pay their bail.

George Washington was born in 1732, at the very beginning of the Awakening. His mother encouraged him to pray daily and to “remember that God is our only one trust...and to not neglect the duty of secret prayer.” Later in life, Washington established a practice of going off by himself at 9:00pm, kneeling and praying for an hour. He repeated that practice every morning when he arose at 4:00am.

As a 12-year-old, Washington hand-wrote and studied a version of the 110-Rules of Civility created by Jesuit clergy. He also hand-copied Biblical verses in his Prayer Journal which he carried with him as a 17-year-old surveyor. Some entries will challenge those who claim Washington was a Diest:

“Direct my thoughts, words and work. Wash away my sins in the immaculate blood of the lamb, and purge my heart by thy Holy Spirit... that I may with more freedom of mind and liberty of will serve thee, the ever lasting God, in righteousness and holiness this day, and all the days of my life.”

“Increase my faith in the sweet promises of the Gospel.

Give me repentance from dead works. Pardon my wanderings, & direct my thoughts unto thyself, the God of my salvation.”

“But daily frame me more and more into the likeness of thy son Jesus Christ, that living in thy fear, and dying in thy favor, I may in thy appointed time attain the resurrection of the just unto eternal life.”

Although Benjamin Franklin was born approximately 25 years before the Awakening, he understood and supported the values of the Christian religion. He was raised in a devoutly Christian home and his parents wanted him to become a minister, but lacked the financial resources for his training.

However, his childhood Christian foundation became evident later in life, when Franklin served in the Continental Congress and later was appointed President of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention. With the signing of Pennsylvania’s first Constitution on September 28, 1776, Section 10 proclaimed the people’s desire for righteous government. It required each legislator to declare his reliance on the Christian faith:

“Each member, before he takes his seat, shall make and subscribe the following declaration, viz: I do believe in one God, the Creator and Governor of the universe and rewarder of the good and punisher of the wicked. And I do acknowledge the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by

Divine inspiration. And no further or other religious test shall ever hereafter be required of any civil officer or magistrate of this State.”

Samuel Adams was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on September 27, 1722. (Yes, he was related to President John Adams, who was his second cousin.) Both of Samuel’s parents were strict Puritans - especially his mother – and political activists. His parents wanted him to become a minister, but he chose to follow a career path in politics; attending Boston Latin School and Harvard University.

It has been acknowledged that the influence of his religious upbringing was apparent in every decision that he took as a politician. He stated, “The right to freedom is the gift of God Almighty.... The rights of the Colonists as Christians may be best understood by reading, and carefully studying the institutes of the great Lawgiver and head of the Christian Church: which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament.”

No wonder he was known as a religious man and later called “the last of the Puritans”.

So many of the Founders were devout Christians, but unfortunately, most of our modern historians either fail to do the research to discover the truth, or they have a different agenda to propagate. All it takes is a desire to learn the true character of America’s founding principles to discover that we were destined by God and designed by Christians to be a light to other nations.

Transfers

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Town of Pulaski, VA to K & J. Properties Contracting, property at Lot 1A, Block 165, SW corner, 1st Street & Pierce Avenue, Pulaski Co., \$6,000.

Alfred W. Lindamood to Michael F. McGrath, Jr., property at 3660 Bill Street, Pulaski, \$184,999.

West Street Properties, LLC to Joseph Hoff, property at 422 S. Madison Avenue, Pulaski, \$7,000.

Thomas W. Covey, III to Russell Combs, property at Bleak Ridge Road, Hiwassee, \$165,000.

Bonnita Worley to Randal Joe Kirk, property at 6507 Ferrell Road, Belspring, \$696,000.

Richard B. Gardner to Joseph Tanner Linkous, property at 5793 Tabernacle Place, Pulaski, \$170,407.

Dorothy Lynn Gleaves Nelson to Howard Wakely Phillips, II, property at 5809 Ferry Point Farm Road, Snowville, \$800,000.

Michael H. Quesenberry to Trevor D. Quesenberry, property at 7247 Cherry Branch Road, Snowville, \$165,000.

Vicki S. King to Danny G. Perdue, Jr, property at 7549 Gate 10 Road, Fairlawn, \$237,000.

Larry W. Minnick to Donald Duane Minnick, property at 7674 Brooklyn Road, Fairlawn, \$83,573.21.

Teanna Jane McMillion Day to

Brooklyn Road, LLC, property at 7654 Brooklyn Road, Fairlawn, \$420,000.

Sherry Cromer to Brooklyn Road, LLC, property at 7660 Brooklyn Road, Fairlawn, \$40,000.

Caitlin E. Malik to Julia C. Webber, property at 6736 Dudley Ferry Road, Fairlawn, \$135,000.

Jane B. Sheppard to Teresa Quam, property at 7572 Ritter Farm Court, Fairlawn, \$318,000.

Kevin R. Snare to Allison Stokes, property at 6291 Dana Lane, Snowville, \$405,000.

Gregory Dean McFall to Matthew R. Turner, property at 5931 Graysontown Road, Snowville, \$749,000.

Gloria S. Lovern to First National Trust Company, property at 6437 Spring Avenue, Fairlawn, \$180,000.

Robert M. Walker to Carrie Cox, property at 6255 Harbour Town Drive, Fairlawn, \$510,000.

Caddell William Burton to Nolan Buckner, property at 6796 Beach Drive, Snowville, \$96,000.

Zachary M. Dillon to Tyler W. Wood, property at 6102 Dudley Ferry Road, Fairlawn, \$311,500.

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derstands this as well. President Biden is carefully stage managed, and sometimes awkwardly reminded of his cues by people with him at events. His interactions with the press are limited, and this isn’t a media that is out to get him but is incredibly sympathetic and accommodating.

Biden broke with tradition by not holding a press conference while on his trip to Ireland. He’s done 54 interviews so far in his first two years, according to The New York Times, the fewest since Ronald Reagan. He has averaged 10 news conferences a year, whereas Calvin Coolidge -- you know, “Silent Cal” -- did about 90 annually during his first two years in office.

The standard isn’t very high, though, when you are a default candidate. That’s how Biden won against Donald Trump in

2020; it’s how he avoided a mid-term drubbing in 2022; and it’s how he hopes to win again against Trump, should he be the nominee, in 2024.

Biden has built on the old adage, “Never interfere with an enemy when he’s destroying himself.” His version is basically, “Never bother going out in public when your enemy is destroying himself.”

The lesson of the last couple of years is that Biden doesn’t have to be scintillating, impressive, or inspiring. Heck, he doesn’t even have to be popular. He simply has to be there. To paraphrase Woody Allen, 90% of getting elected for Joe Biden is just showing up.

His campaign could be barely evident and still succeed.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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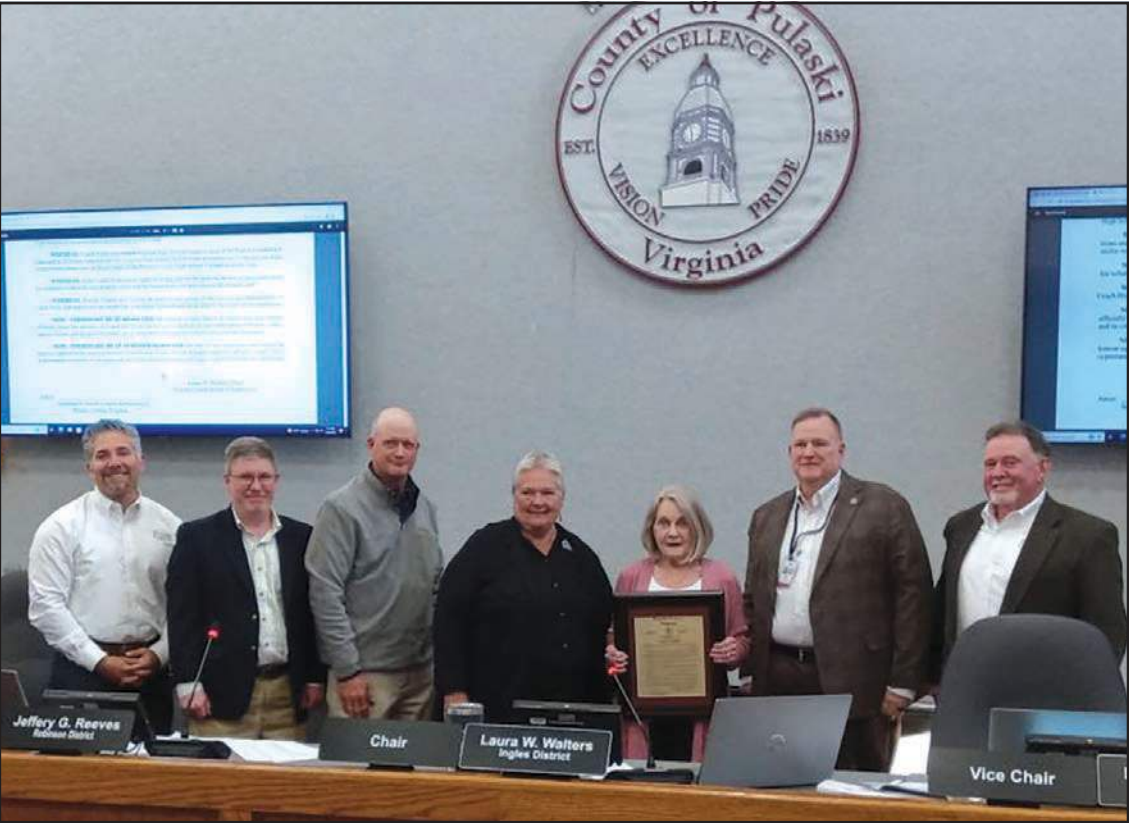
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The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors present Melinda Hicks with a framed copy of the resolution the approved last week honoring Joel Hicks’ contributions to the county. Below, the board recognizes (from left) Shay Dunnigan, Lydia Gilmer and Anthony Akers for completing the New River Valley Regional Local Government Leadership Academy.



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playing their Pulaski County Pride in our community by helping to keep our roadsides clean. Noting the need for more leaders by local governments across the nation, County Administrator Jonathan Sweet recognized four county employees for completing this year’s New River Valley Regional Local Government Leadership Academy.

VACo appoints Walters to its Board of Directors

RICHMOND — Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chair Laura Walters has been appointed to the VACo Board of Directors to represent Region 12. She was sworn in during a VACo Board of Directors meeting on April 27. “I’m happy and honored to represent Region 12 on the VACo Board,” Chair Walters said. “I look forward to continuing to work with our counties and towns to facilitate needed legislation. I’m looking forward to continued and new relationships in this role and using my talents to effectively represent our Region.”



Laura Walters

Laura Walters is a community-minded problem-solver who has served as Board Chair twice during her four-year term as Pulaski County Supervisor. She is the first female BOS member in county history, the first female Chair of Pulaski County, and now she is the first Pulaski County BOS member to serve in this distinguished capacity for Region 12. Ms. Walters’ love for her community showed earlier this year when Pulaski County wanted to clean the trash from the side of the roads in its community. It was a problem that needed a creative solution that not only solved the issue but also saved the county money, resources, and staff time.

Enter Board Chair Walters – who relishes these types of opportunities to think, craft, and see to fruition fixes to a problem that also unites the community. “Our ‘One Bag Challenge’ has been a success so far,” said Walters, who came up with the idea while brainstorming with constituents, “We’re just really pleased with the response and want to thank everybody for getting out and helping. Our citizens have done an awesome job.” The One Bag Challenge encourages community residents to pick up a bag’s worth of trash from county roads. If participants send a photo of their full bag of trash to Chair Walters, they will be entered

into a drawing for \$100 gift cards, which are awarded during Pulaski County Board of Supervisors meetings through the month of June. The gift cards are made possible through grants that Ms. Walters secured for litter prevention and clean-ups. “Often we wonder how certain things of value like the ‘One Bag Challenge’ get done in a community, well they all start with great leadership, a good idea, and a doable plan,” Pulaski County Administrator Jonathan D. Sweet said. “The great leadership that Chair Walters consistently demonstrates is the reason why her good idea has been a tremendous success and is a model initiative for more reasons than just a community beautification project, but it’s moreover a model of local government leadership.” So far 575 bags of trash and 256 tires have been collected. Some of the strange photos Ms. Walters has received include a toilet, a machete, and numerous small appliances and furniture. Chair Walters said she’s challenged the Town of Dublin, the Town of Pulaski, and the Pulaski County School Board to participate. “Please reach out to me if you are a locality that wants to start their own challenge,” Chair Walters said. “I’m happy to help.”

From basket to jar

L. Dawn Barnes, Senior Extension Agent Family and Consumer Sciences During a recent home canning workshop one of the participants asked if there was any way to determine the amount of produce needed for a canner full of jars. For example; if a pressure canner holds 7-quart jars how many fresh green beans are needed to fill those 7 jars? Good question. There are several resources that will help answer this question. Many of the resources on the National Center for Home Food Preservation’s website, including the USDA publications, give the amount of fresh produce to canned

amounts. Two additional publications with the information include: https://foodsafety.wisc.edu/assets/preservation/yield_chart.pdf and https://secure.caes.uga.edu/extension/publications/files/pdf/C%20780_4.PDF The information in these publications can also help in the planning of your garden. Start by thinking about what you want on your shelves this fall, how many quarts of green beans or pints of pickles and squash relish. Then check for the amount of produce needed and use this in consideration as you determine what you will be planting. Happy gardening and happy canning.

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Together We Rise: Pulaski nears completion

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

A person passing by Pulaski’s town hall couldn’t help but notice the Fine Art Center for the NRV’s latest and maybe greatest ever art installation, as it nears completion one ladder at a time. The name of this eye arresting artwork is Together We Rise: Pulaski and its home is in Jackson Park.

Construction of this unusual sculpture, which is made entirely of ladders, began on Monday and will continue until the last ladder is laid at 6 p.m. this Saturday.

This akimbo assemblage of ladders is the brainchild of former RU art professor Charlie Brouwer, who has erected such outdoor installations in several cities prior to Pulaski. Creating these ladder sculptures is necessarily a communal experience because each ladder is borrowed from people and businesses in the community.

The ‘Together We Rise’ name of the artwork emphasizes the idea that, when a community comes together to make such a sculpture, that community becomes more cohesive and stronger ... it rises up!

“It’s going wonderful,” said Brouwer on day three of the build. “It’s good to have an engaged community getting it all together for me.”

Each of Brouwer’s ladder sculptures takes on a different form, which reflects the character of the place where its built. Together We Rise: Pulaski has taken the form of a large house like structure that opens up to a view of Peak Knob.

“I like houses and homes and

what they’re all about,” said Brouwer. “It’s part of my vocabulary as an artist and I’m thinking about the Pulaski Community. Pulaski is a place that’s had its ups and downs but people choose to live here. So, this sculpture represents the idea that this is home.”

Barry Keller, an artist in his own right, is assisting Brouwer in building the sculpture. As such, Keller often finds himself high above the ground as he fastens ladders together using heavy duty zip ties. Keller, who has in the past had a penchant for extreme sports, doesn’t seem intimidated by his sometimes-precarious positioning.

“I’ve done worse,” said Keller with a smile. “I’ve got my brain bucket on so I’ll be all right. I build houses for a living, so I just figured I’d build one out of ladders.”

As of this writing, more than 100 ladders have been collected for the project, including several from Joie Horton’s PCMS 8th grade art class, which are made entirely out of pop-sicle sticks.

“I’m just so pleased with all the people I’ve met in gathering ladders and suggesting they lend a ladder,” said FAC board member Terrie Sternberg. “We really are a blessed community.”

“Together We Rise: Pulaski is about bringing people’s hopes and dreams together into one whole visual image,” added FAC Executive Director Becky Lattuca.

Pulaski’s Mayor Shannon Collins came to the park on Wednesday to introduce himself to Charlie Brouwer.

“I want to thank you for your artwork,” said Collins as he extended



By William Paine/The Patriot

Ladder Art in the Park - Barry Keller, seen here in the midst of the sculpture, is the primary builder for artist Charlie Brouwer’s ladder sculpture.

his hand. “I’m glad that we’ve got one here.”

“Thanks for lending us your business for advertisement,” Brouwer responded.

Collins has had a small ladder sculpture erected in front of his business for the past several days, as a means of promoting the project.

Those interested in taking part in this communal art installation can still do so by bringing their

ladder(s) to Jackson Park from 3 till 7 p.m. on Friday, May 5 and from 3 till 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 6.

The last ladder will be added to the Together We Rise: Pulaski outdoor art installation at 6 p.m.

At that time, the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce will perform a ceremonial ribbon cutting and the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPE-JAM) will play a few tunes to

mark the occasion.

In addition, several county leaders will likely be on hand to say a few words about Pulaski County’s latest artistic endeavor.

“I’m thinking of a slogan I learned and that is ‘We’re here because we like it here,’ said Brouwer. “It’s not a depressed community. People are here because they want to be here. I feel like Pulaski definitely has that spirit.”



William Paine/The Patriot

Charlie Brouwer and Mayor Collins meet at Together We Rise: Pulaski

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Youngkin: No White House bid

By Sarah Roderick-Fitch

(The Center Square) – Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin has ended months of speculation he will make a run for the White House in 2024.

Youngkin was asked by Wall Street Journal editor-at-large Gerard Baker at the Milken Institute’s “Governing America” discussion if he was planning on “dusting off” his fleece jacket to hit the campaign trail this year. Youngkin didn’t mince any words with a simple, “no.”

Instead, Youngkin is going to put his focus on the commonwealth. The governor has decided his signature red fleece campaign vest

can be put to better use in Virginia. Both chambers of the General Assembly are up for full reelection this year.

Multiple media reports cite an unnamed aide as saying Youngkin is not launching a bid in calendar year 2023, that he’s still possible to run in 2024. Virginia law does not allow governors to serve consecutive terms; his is scheduled to end in January 2026.

Youngkin hopes the red wave of 2021 – it carried Winsome Earle-Sears to lieutenant governor and Jason Miyares to attorney general in addition to his victory – will carry over into this November.

The Virginia General Assembly

is divided, with the House majority Republicans and the Senate majority Democrats. Youngkin is focusing on securing a Republican majority in both chambers.

“I want to hold our House, and I’d like to flip our Senate. And I think we’re doing a really good job in Virginia, and I think this is a chance to bring that to voters,” Youngkin said during the discussion on Monday.

Youngkin may try to bank on his high approval ratings as Virginia starts the election year. In March, the governor received high marks for the job he has been doing leading the commonwealth.



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Del. Ballard picks up another key endorsement in bid for re-election

PEARISBURG - Tuesday, Delegate Jason Ballard announced he has been endorsed by Speaker of the House of Delegates, Todd Gilbert, in his race for Delegate in the new 42nd House of Delegates District.

Delegate Ballard has built a strong coalition of support from Republican leaders in Richmond who look forward to working with him once re-elected.

"It is an honor to be endorsed by my friend, Speaker Gilbert," said Delegate Jason Ballard. "Todd and I have been staunch advocates for conservative policies in the House of Delegates. Together, we are pushing forward legislation that protects our Second Amendment, defends the sanctity of human life, and provides economic relief to struggling Virginians. Our majority in Richmond is getting results

for Virginians across our Commonwealth. Alongside Speaker Gilbert, I will continue fighting for the conservative values of the New River Valley."

"I am excited to endorse a true servant leader, Delegate Jason Ballard," said Speaker Gilbert. "Jason is a leader in the House who is getting real results for his constituents. The New River Valley elected a fighter in Jason, and we need him to be re-elected so we can continue advancing a common sense, conservative agenda to make our Commonwealth the best place to live, work, raise a family, and retire."

Prior to the endorsement from Gilbert, Ballard had received notable endorsements from Lt. Gov. Winsome Sears, State Senator Travis Hackworth, the NRA, Gov. Glenn Youngkin and Attorney

General Jason Miyares.

The June 3rd, 2023 Mass Meeting is how the GOP will be nominating the Republican candidate for the General Election. Unlike a traditional primary, June 3rd will be the only day that voters are able to vote. Voting must be conducted in person, and there will be no absentee or early voting.

When: Saturday June 3rd, 2023; registration begins at 11:00am and runs through 12:30pm; the meeting will begin immediately after registration at 12:30pm. You must be in line to register before 12:30pm. In order to vote, you must register in person on the day of the meeting.

Where: New River Community College; 5251 College Drive. Dublin, VA 24084

Glencoe hosts Radford Photo Club work

Glencoe Mansion is pleased to announce its new art show, featuring the works of The Radford Photo Club. The show will be on display May 12 through June 28.

There will be an opening reception Friday, May 12, from 5:30- 7 pm.

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout

the New River Valley. During their monthly meetings, the club works together to explore new techniques and subject matter and often creates assignments to work on both as a group and independently. The club also hosts guest speakers, presentations, and educational workshops relating to photography.

The new exhibit at Glencoe Mansion will feature ten local photographers from The Radford Photo Club with twenty pieces of work on display. The opening reception will coincide with the local event "West End Weekend", a three-day Radford festival centered around art, music, food, and community. The festival kicks off on Friday May 12 for the opening reception of the art show. The festival continues Saturday May 13 for a craft vendor, music, and food event on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion, and it concludes on Sunday May 14 at Long Way Brewing.

The Radford Photo Club meets monthly at Radford Public Library. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. Find the club on Facebook at Radford Photo Club. To learn more about The Radford Photo Club, contact Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or Michele Borgarelli at mborgarelli@gmail.com

For more information about the show, please visit Glencoe Mansion on Facebook or at www.glencoe-mansion.org.

For Festival information, please visit "West End Weekend" on Facebook or at www.mountaintroutter-arts.com



Rare Catch

David Johnson sent these photos in this week. He says he was fishing in Floyd County on April 29 and came across "something cool." He said it was a "one in a million chance" of catching the critter. Johnson called it a Hellbender - a very rare species of salamanders. "The second-biggest salamander in the world next to a Japanese one," he said. He added there are only about 600 of them in the world. It's so rare, he said, he had to report the catch to the Department of Wildlife Resources.



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Three Pulaski County residents named outstanding students at NRCC

Three students from Pulaski County were recently recognized as 2023 Outstanding Students in a Curriculum/Subject Area by New River Community College.

Students from Pulaski County who were honored included Tabatha Lynn Gravley, paralegal administrative support; Kamron Seth Taylor, information technology; and Madison Grace Webb, administrative support technology.

Students were recognized at the recent President's Awards Ceremony at the college, as well as received a plaque honoring their award. Students are also being individually recognized on NRCC's social media outlets.

The awards were determined by the faculty in the various programs at the college. All students receiving the Outstanding Student in a Curriculum award have completed requirements for an associate degree, certificate, diploma or career studies certificate and are eligible to graduate from the college this spring or summer.



Top Left: Kamron Taylor
Top Right: Madison Webb
At Left: Tabatha Gravley

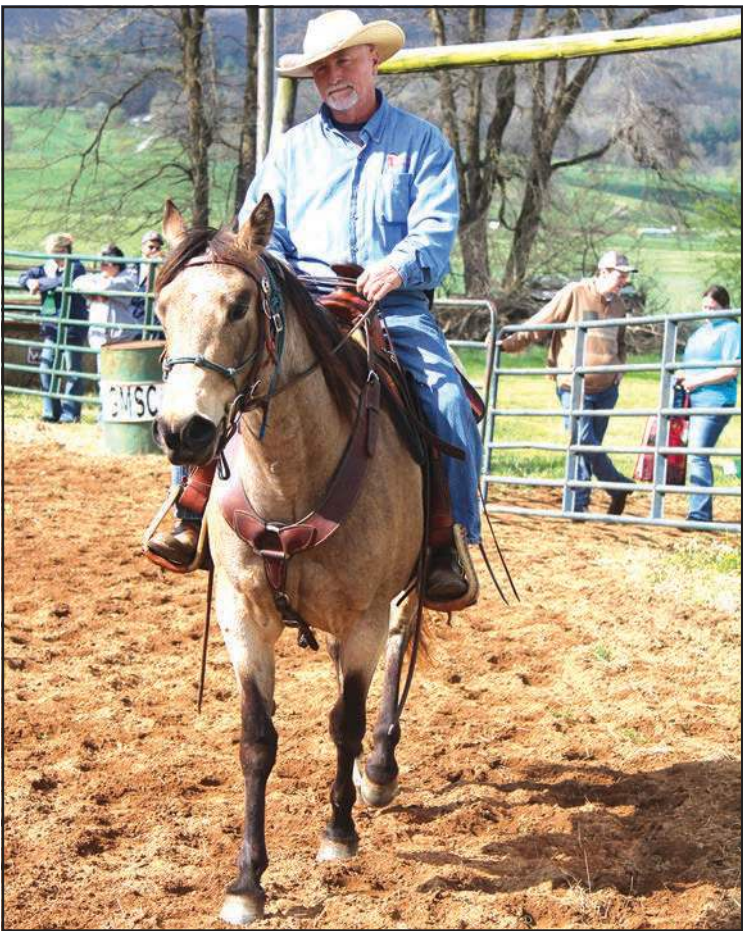


Photo by Donald Trausneck

Jimmy Ward of Pulaski had a good time at the Loping Ridge Fun Show April 15 at Rural Retreat, placing second of 17 riders in the halter class and fifth in ranch pattern.

New River horse show, St. Jude benefit set for Fairgrounds

By DONALD TRAUSNECK
The Patriot Equine Reporter

Dublin and the New River Valley Fairgrounds will host two equestrian events next month.

The New River Valley Horse Show will be held June 24, it was announced this week by show promoters. A class list and other details are being worked out and will be announced soon.

One week before the horse show, the Rodeo Extravaganza in honor of Reed Lawson to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held June 16-18.

Events kick off Friday with the Eddie Wagoner Memorial Ranch Rodeo. On Saturday, there will be team roping and bulls and barrels. Sunday, it's barrel racing.

Over the past four years, the rodeo has raised over \$145,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where organizer Allison Lawson's daughter Reed was treated in 2019.

"It has grown over the past four years in the number of contestants, the number of sponsors and helpers," Lawson said. "Everything about it has grown."

Lawson said attendance is expected to be between 3,000 and 5,000 people with close to 500 contestants from Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee. Sponsors are located from as far away as Nebraska and Pennsylvania.

In addition, there will be food vendors and other vendors selling Western and agriculture themed items.

"It's a pretty good variety," Lawson said. "It's a little bit of something for everybody." Lawson said the annual rodeo has grown beyond her expectations. "I never imagined," she said. "We

could only hope it got to half the size it is, and it's just turned into a wonderful event."

The mother of three said that as soon as this rodeo ends, she will start preparing for next year.

The idea for the rodeo came to Lawson after her daughter, now 8, received treatment at St. Jude for a chest tumor in early 2019. In January of that year, doctors found the tumor. Until then, she had experienced no noticeable symptoms. That month, Reed took a cold she wasn't able to shake and ended up with pneumonia. When doctors performed an x-ray on her chest looking for the pneumonia in her lungs, they also discovered the four-by-four-inch tumor. Reed was immediately sent to St. Jude for treatment. There, Lawson said Reed received excellent care, as did her family.

In addition to these two events, the Junior Southern Rodeo Association is tentatively scheduled to hold its monthly rodeo August 4-5 at the Mad Cow Arena in Dublin.

- Upcoming Events**
- May 6 – IBRA, Raphine.
 - May 6 – DC Productions Barrel Bash, Abingdon.
 - May 6 – New Life Equestrian Center Spring Fling, Wirtz.
 - May 13 – IBRA, Pennington Gap.
 - May 19-20 – Billingsway Arena monthly rodeo series, Crockett.
 - May 20 – Barrel event, JM Arena, Wytheville.
 - May 21 – Precious Valley Farms Fun Show, Elliston.

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.

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Randolph Park Riptides to compete

Pulaski County Parks and Recreation announces the Randolph Park Riptides, a new summer swim league team for Pulaski County.

"Our department's had a vision to expand access to the sport of swimming in Pulaski County. Summer swim league gives both youth and adults in our community an opportunity to learn and improve their swimming stroke techniques in a fun and competitive environment," says Program and Activities Manager, Jenna Kinder. "One of Evelyn Alexander's greatest desires was to see our aquatic facility used to create access to swimming for all of Pulaski County's children and provide opportunities to develop these important life skills."

Pulaski County Parks and Recreation has successfully recruited talented and passionate swim coaches to lead the team for the 2023 season. The department welcomes Natalee Roseberry Garrett, Jack Watkins, and Matthew Baskette as swim coaches for this new and exciting offering.

The Randolph Park Riptides joins the existing Southwestern Virginia Swim League which currently includes eight swim clubs and aquatic facilities in our region. The season begins mid-May and concludes mid-July with a regional championship swim meet.

"Summer swim leagues are a great way to encourage swimming, work on techniques, and participate in family friendly competition. No previous competitive swim experience is required. Summer swim leagues feature a wide variety of ages, and comfort levels, and create a great opportunity to get your feet wet without high pressure competition" says Kinder.

The team will call the Evelyn Alexander Waterpark their home with practices beginning May 22nd. Prior to opening practice, the Riptides welcome all swim-

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Cougar Signing With Bluefield



Sara Cox controls the ball during Tuesday's match against Hidden Valley. Cox scored two goals in the game. Brian Bishop/The Patriot



Sara Cox was set to sign her letter of intent Thursday in the PCHS gym to play soccer at Bluefield University. Pictured left to right: Henry Reed, Head Coach Jon Cozart, Sara Cox and Alicia Noble. Brian Bishop/The Patriot

River Turtles release roster

Patriot Staff Report

The Pulaski River Turtles on Thursday released their opening roster for 2023.

According to J.W. Martin, General Manager of the River Turtles the roster includes:

- 18 different NCAA Division 1 schools represented on the roster, including four teams currently ranked in the D1Baseball Top 25: South Carolina (3), Coastal Carolina (8), West Virginia (12), and UVA (21).

- Three Virginia natives appear on the 2023 roster, including Avery Mabe from Wytheville, Va., who will be returning for his second season in Pulaski. Mabe (UVA) amassed a stellar resume at George Wythe High School, earning All Mountain Empire honors as a junior. He was a two-time member of the Region 1C team. Mabe was a 2022 Appalachian League All-Star.

- Connor Fuhrman (South Carolina) from Daleville, Va., will also be returning for his second season in Pulaski. Woodbridge, Va., native Christopher Hund is a new addition to the Pulaski roster.

- Three members of the 2022 Pulaski River Turtles team are returning: Pitchers Avery Mabe and Hunter Hargett, and outfielder Connor Fuhrman.

- Jackson Lovich, a freshman infielder for Missouri, is the brother of Ross Lovich, who was a standout on the 2021 Pulaski team that won the Appalachian League East Division championship.

- The Pulaski River Turtles are entering the 2023 season with momentum following a pair of top-two finishes in the Appalachian League East Division. In their inaugural season in 2021, the Pulaski River Turtles captured the

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Racing returns to Motor Mile

FAIRLAWN, Va. – For the first time since the season-opening night in March, engines roared around Motor Mile Speedway for the Southern Ground Pounders night this past Saturday.

The .416-mile track welcomed racers from six different divisions and hosted seven different races for the nearly 1,000 fans in attendance.

On a beautiful Saturday evening that luckily escaped the wrath of Mother Nature, track officials decided to move the green flag up to 6:00 p.m. in hopes to ensure a full night of racing.

The action started when the Blue Ridge Church Pure-4 Series took to the track for 25 laps. Kirby Shipman started in fifth place and dominated the race, leading over 20 laps and earning the victory from the back half of the field. Shipman pulled his white number seven machine into Victory Lane for the second time this season, but ultimately earned his first win of the year after failing post-race inspection at the Ice Out Opener a few weeks back.

A mid-race push from William Hale put a little pressure on Shipman, but Hale ultimately brought his car home in position number three. Javon Parker finished third, earning his second-straight podium finish.

The next race that hit the asphalt was the first 50-lap twin for

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YARD SALES

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CHURCH YARD SALE: May 6th, Starts at 8 am at 3874 Oak Grove Rd., Woodlawn, Va. 24381. Also, 2 Hot Dogs - Chips - Drink \$5.00.

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

Yard Sale: May 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the William Gresham Playground, 7155 Harry L. Brown Road, New River, Va.

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

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

Indoor Yard Sale - Flea Market Event

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UAW Union Hall
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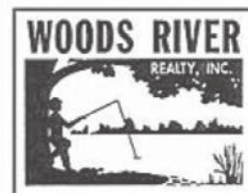
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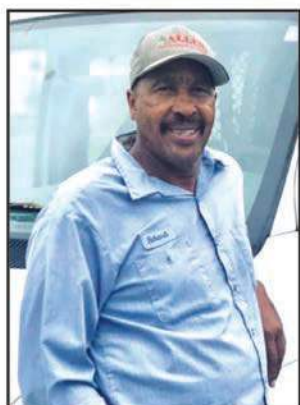
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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

TINA WADE V. EDWARD KEITH WADE

The object of this suit is: OBTAIN A DIVORCE

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

MAY 1, 2023

Maetta Crewe, Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice of Unsafe Building

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

Tax Parcel: 072-022-0137-0003

Dear Property Owner(s):

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

Appeals: In addition to first class mail, a notice must be emailed and faxed to the Following prior to 5:00 pm EST, Wednesday May 31, 2023:

Carla E. Hodge, Town of Pulaski
Property Maintenance Official/Code Enforcement
Fax: 540-994-8699
Email: chodge@pulaskitown.org

For further information contact Carla Hodge, 540-994-8631

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF DUBLIN Fiscal Year 2023-2024 BUDGET

The Dublin Town Council will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 at its regular meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. on May 18, 2023 in the Council Chambers at the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia. Attendance and comment by the public is welcome. The Dublin Town Council will then convene for approval of a budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 at 7:00 p.m. on June 15, 2023 at the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia.

The following is a synopsis of the proposed budget and is published for informational and fiscal planning purposes only:

2023-2024	
General Fund	
Revenue:	
Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes	\$ 370,440
Other Local Taxes	\$ 500,817
Licenses and Permits	\$ 63,000
Fines	\$ 13,000
State Revenue	\$ 926,402
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 275,000
Total General Fund Revenue	\$ 2,148,659
Expenditures:	
General Administrative	\$ 229,875
Police	\$ 535,266
VDOT Street Dept Eligible	\$ 675,700
Street Dept In-Eligible	\$ 3,850
Fire Marshal	\$ 11,180
Fire	\$ 107,188
Street Department	
Street Lighting	
REMSI, Inc.	\$ 6,800
Recreation Department	\$ 2,500
Capital Outlay	\$ 63,350
Debt Service	\$ 12,560
Nondepartmental	\$ 325,900
General Fund Balance	\$ 50,000
General Fund Cash Flow Reserves	\$ 103,440
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 2,148,659
Enterprise Fund	
Revenue:	
Water Sales	\$ 2,003,000
Sewer Fees	\$ 653,000
Solid Waste Collection/Disposal Fees	\$ 265,000
Dublin Industrial Park	\$ 685,000
ARPA Tranch (2nd Half)	
Total Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$ 3,606,000
Expenditures:	
Water Department	\$ 1,550,324
Sewer Department	\$ 304,000
Nondepartmental	\$ 361,584
Capital Outlay	\$ 387,660
Solid Waste Collection/Disposal	\$ 119,575
Dublin Industrial Park	\$ 638,049
Debt Service	\$ 164,248
Enterprise Unrestrictive Reserves	\$ 80,560
ARPA Expenses	
Total Enterprise Fund Expenditures	\$ 3,606,000
Total Budget-Rev. & Expend. for both Funds	\$ 5,754,659

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For Sale: Electric Wet Tile/Stone Saw with Laser and LED Work

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice
Pulaski County
Board of Zoning Appeals

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

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

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

If you are a disabled individual and would like special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date.

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Public Hearing
Regarding Budget
Appropriation

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street, N.W. to appropriate the following funds:

Solid Waste Collection \$417,000.00

All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed budget amendment should appear at the Town Council Meeting or to submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing.

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

LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Pulaski
Public Hearing
Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year
Ending June 30, 2024
FY 2023-2024

The following summary of the proposed budget for the Town of Pulaski is published for informative and fiscal planning purposes only. There is no allocation of any funds of the Town until there has been an adoption of the budget and appropriation thereof.

A public hearing will be held by the Town Council on Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building 42 First Street, N.W., at which any member of the public may attend and be heard regarding the budget. Written comments may also be submitted by any member of the public and addressed to the Town Manager, P.O. Box 660 Pulaski VA 24301 prior to the start of the public hearing. Those comments will be forwarded to the Town Council. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for comments related to the proposed budget for FY 2023-2024.

The proposed annual budget for FY 2023-2024 consists of projected revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Solid Waste and Capital Improvement Plan as listed below.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Town Manager's Office in the Municipal Building.

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

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023 - 2024		
	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
General Fund Revenues		
Property Taxes	\$ 3,160,831.00	\$ 3,374,631.00
Local Taxes	\$ 3,631,500.00	\$ 3,628,000.00
Permits	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 36,400.00
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Recreational Charges	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
State Non-Categorical Aid	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,700.00
State Categorical Aid	\$ 2,409,796.00	\$ 2,598,500.00
Misc. Revenue	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 72,500.00
Rental of Property	\$ 15,160.00	\$ 15,160.00
Recovered Cost	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 34,000.00
Other Financing Sources	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
General Fund Revenues	\$ 9,433,287.00	\$ 9,836,891.00

General Fund Expenditures	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Town Council	\$ 45,903.20	\$ 45,004.00
Clerk of Council	\$ 65,648.00	\$ 71,401.00
Mayor's Office	\$ 7,070.56	\$ 7,279.00
Town Manager's Office	\$ 420,330.84	\$ 469,911.00
Community Development	\$ 323,634.41	\$ 293,612.00
Finance	\$ 532,280.28	\$ 559,190.00
Administrative Services	\$ 876,592.00	\$ 949,495.10
General Engineering	\$ 277,261.24	\$ 329,315.00
Contributions	\$ 236,591.00	\$ 259,509.20
IT Department	\$ 119,200.00	\$ 113,000.00
Police Department	\$ 2,542,356.24	\$ 2,775,544.00
Fire Department	\$ 886,522.00	\$ 953,905.00
Building Inspection	\$ 95,987.27	\$ 87,915.00
Highways, Streets, Bridges-Ineligible	\$ 175,904.56	\$ 163,335.00
Highways, Streets, Bridges-Eligible	\$ 1,877,333.00	\$ 1,846,434.00
Landfill/Armory	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
General Property Maintenance	\$ 187,712.00	\$ 260,786.00
Cemeteries	\$ 55,731.88	\$ 58,056.00
Gatewood Park	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Senior Center	\$ 94,725.92	\$ 94,894.00
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 75,629.00	\$ 135,214.00
Debt Service	\$ 216,255.74	\$ 97,539.00
Train Station	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 15,830.00
Town Wide Projects-Capital	\$ 300,317.86	\$ 249,722.70
General Fund Expenditures	\$ 9,433,287.00	\$ 9,836,891.00

Public Hearing
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
at 7 p.m. in the
Council Chambers of the
Town Municipal Building,
42 First Street, N.W.,
Pulaski, Va.

Water Fund Revenues	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 13,500.00
Total Utility Collections	\$ 2,350,370.00	\$ 2,536,542.20
Total Water Fund Revenues	\$ 2,386,370.00	\$ 2,550,042.20

Water Fund Expenditures	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Total Debt Service	\$ 372,775.00	\$ 205,468.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -
Total Water Trans. & Distribution	\$ 568,967.96	\$ 584,479.00
Total Water Filtration & Purification	\$ 1,202,257.96	\$ 1,306,387.00
Total Other Financing	\$ 242,369.08	\$ 453,708.20
Total Water Fund Expenditures	\$ 2,386,370.00	\$ 2,550,042.20

Sewer Fund Revenue	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ -	\$ -
Utility Collections Total	\$ 4,126,157.00	\$ 4,416,017.00
Total Sewer Fund Revenues	\$ 4,126,157.00	\$ 4,456,827.00

Sewer Fund Expenditures	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Total Debt Service	\$ 1,088,268.03	\$ 715,374.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ 59,500.00
Total Sewer Collection	\$ 296,485.00	\$ 373,337.00
Total Pepper's Ferry RWT Authority	\$ 2,539,942.00	\$ 3,077,202.00
Total Other Financing Uses	\$ 201,461.97	\$ 190,604.00
Total Sewer Fund Expenditures	\$4,126,157.00	\$ 4,456,827.00

Solid Waste Revenue	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Solid Waste Collection	\$0.00	\$ 834,000.00
Total Solid Waste Revenues	\$0.00	\$ 834,000.00

Solid Waste Expenditures	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Residential Collections	\$0.00	\$ 675,000.00
Town Dumpsters	\$0.00	\$ 16,140.00
Convenience Center	\$0.00	\$ 101,950.00
Total Other Financing Uses	\$0.00	\$ 40,910.00
Total Solid Waste Expenditures	\$0.00	\$ 834,000.00

General Fund Capital Projects	
Match for VDOT TA Main St North & South	\$ 97,210.00
Police Vehicle Replacement	\$ 87,249.00
Window Replacement (FD)	\$ 50,000.00
Command Vehicle 4x4 Pickup (FD)	\$ 45,000.00
Station Addition (FD)	\$ 270,000.00
Total General Fund Capital Projects	\$ 549,459.00

Water Fund Capital Projects	
Water Line Replacement	\$ 40,000.00
Meter Replacement	\$ 260,000.00
Total Water Fund Capital Project	\$ 300,000.00

Racing

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the Price’s Body Shop Late Model Stock Car Series. Following a sweep of the two races back in March, Mike Looney proved once again why he’s a force to be reckoned with in the New River Valley. Looney, who started at the tail end of the field, quickly fought his way through the pack and found himself in second behind defending track champion Kyle Dudley. Looney and Dudley continued to battle for nearly 15 laps before contact between the two gave Looney the advantage. Some noticeable damage on Dudley’s car affected his ability to get back to Looney but they both manage to secure the top two spots for the third race running. Polesitter Karl Budsevski led the first few laps of the race and managed to bring his car across the line third.

The special race of the night belonged to the Southern Ground Pounders Vintage Racing Club Series. With two different classes of cars on the track, the sportsman class and the modified class, it provided the fans with some truly exciting racing. Jimmy Mullins got behind the wheel of his hot pink 1974 Gremlin and flew to the front, leading the majority of the race and earning the win in the modified class. Bobby Griffin, in a beautifully painted racecar dedicated to his father, started on the pole and led the sportsman field for the entirety of the race and even raced alongside Mullins for a little bit.

The Total Car Care Mod-4 Series then took to the track for their race of the 2023 season. A quick, 25-lap race went the way of Abingdon, Virginia’s Kevin Canter. He started to the outside of polesitter Doodle Lang and was able to get to the top spot early and never look back. Lang maintained his spot in

second while Brittany Cockram earned the final podium spot.

Dudley returned to the track to headline a strong field of Collision Plus Sportsman Series competitors. There were a handful of drivers that pulled double duty on Saturday night, and Dudley’s dominance in his 40-lap event gave him the victory. He started in the top spot and led every lap of the race; the first three starters actually all finished in the same three top spots. Despite many cautions and a rather lengthy red flag, Dudley was able to thrive on each and every restart to fend off Jacob Porter. James Sweeney finished in third, crossing the line just a few car lengths behind in 3rd.

In the penultimate race of the night, the DCT Towing Super Street Series took to the short track for 30 laps. In a list of competitors that included last month’s winner Mullins as well as the veteran Looney, it was some of the young guns that proved to be some of the stoutest competition. Mullins ended up winning the event for the second race in a row, but it was Tristan Barnes that continued to impress at such a young age. Barnes earned his second consecutive P2 finish. Daniel Eakin came in third.

The final event of the evening was 50 more laps for the late models and, again, it was Looney that dominated the race. He worked his way through the field and found himself alongside Dudley again, but this time he was in the lead. After Dudley tried to dive to the inside, the defending track champion got loose and brought out the caution. That was enough for Looney to pull away on the ensuing restart and make it a perfect 4-for-4 start to the year.

Racing returns to Motor Mile Speedway on Saturday, May 20 for the Super Cup Series Night presented by Shively Electric. There will be seven races across five divisions, and the green flag will drop at 7 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Pulaski Public Hearing on Water Rates

TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building, 42 First St. N.W. Pulaski VA to consider an increase in the charges for water service and connection fees as set forth below:

Water Fund	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2022-23	FY2023-24
	Current In		Current Out of	
Volume Charges	Town Volume		Town Volume	
(per thousand gallons)	Rate	Proposed	Rate	Proposed
1,000 to 20,000 gallons	\$3.86	\$4.09	\$6.67	\$7.07
Next 680,000 gallons	\$3.28	\$3.48	\$5.48	\$5.81
Over 700,000 gallons	\$2.45	\$2.60	\$4.88	\$5.17
Fixed Charges				
(Meter Size)				
5/8 inch	\$14.85	\$15.74	\$29.70	\$31.48
1 inch	\$33.19	\$35.18	\$66.42	\$70.41
1 1/4 inch	\$48.21	\$51.10	\$96.37	\$102.15
1 1/2 inch	\$63.18	\$66.97	\$126.36	\$133.94
2 inch	\$100.55	\$106.58	\$201.13	\$213.20
3 inch	\$212.52	\$225.27	\$425.05	\$450.55
4 inch	\$324.04	\$343.48	\$648.07	\$686.95
6 inch	\$630.57	\$668.40	\$1,261.11	\$1,336.78
8 inch	\$999.08	\$1,059.02	\$1,998.16	\$2,118.05
10 inch	\$1,419.99	\$1,505.19	\$2,839.96	\$3,010.36

All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed adjustment in water rates and connection fees should appear at the aforementioned time and place or submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the hearing. For further questions, contact the Town Manager’s Office at 540-994-8600.

Copies of the proposed rates are available for public review in the Town Manager’s Office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

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

LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Pulaski Public Hearing on Sewer Rates

TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building, 42 First St. N.W. Pulaski VA to consider an increase in the charges for sewer service and connection fees as set forth below:

Sewer Fund	FY2022-23	FY2023-24	FY2022-23	FY2023-24
	Current In		Current Out of	
Volume Charges	Town		Town	
(per thousand gallons)	Volume Rate	Proposed	Volume Rate	Proposed
1,000 to 700,000 gallons	\$8.88	\$9.50	\$16.20	\$17.33
Over 700,000 gallons	\$8.50	\$9.10	\$16.20	\$17.33
Fixed Charges				
(Meter Size)				
5/8 inch	\$22.65	\$24.24	\$45.30	\$48.47
1 inch	\$32.63	\$34.91	\$65.29	\$69.86
1 1/4 inch	\$40.96	\$43.83	\$81.90	\$87.63
1 1/2 inch	\$49.48	\$52.94	\$98.93	\$105.86
2 inch	\$69.25	\$74.10	\$138.50	\$148.20
3 inch	\$122.49	\$131.06	\$244.99	\$262.14
4 inch	\$182.43	\$195.20	\$364.82	\$390.36
6 inch	\$348.79	\$373.21	\$697.61	\$746.44
8 inch	\$551.94	\$590.58	\$1,103.89	\$1,181.16
Sewer Only - no water	\$44.40	\$47.51	\$81.00	\$86.67

All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed adjustment in sewer rates and connection fees should appear at the aforementioned time and place or submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the hearing. For further questions, contact the Town Manager’s Office at 540-994-8600.

Copies of the proposed rates are available for public review in the Town Manager’s Office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL FAIRLAWN SEWER AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS

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

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

Current (Effective July 1, 2022)

Base Rate (\$/mo.):

Residential \$24.00

Commercial \$25.30

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons)

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

Commercial \$5.00

Proposed (Effective July 1, 2023)

Base Rate(\$/mo.)

Residential \$24.00 (unchanged)

Commercial \$25.30 (unchanged)

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons)

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

Commercial \$6.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional related information may be obtained from the Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping Service, 7351 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia or by calling (540) 633-5146.

Cougars win first of season; fall to Cave

Results: Pulaski defeated Patrick Henry 5-3-1

Singles:

- 1. Camden Hite 8-2
- 2. Aaron Bennett 8-4
- 3. Mark Graham 1-8
- 4. Eli Duke 1-8
- 5. Ashton Paul 8-4
- 6. Ethan Worley 8-4

Doubles:

- 1. Camden/Eli 7-7 (DNF)
- 2. Mark/Ashton 8-1
- 3. Aaron/Ethan 0-8

Coach’s Chad Graham’s Comments
Pulaski County Boys Tennis finally found good fortune. We traveled to the Rivers Edge Tennis Courts as the rain forecast was at 90% to rematch Patrick Henry after losing 4-5 earlier in the season. As the girls tennis match was postponed back home, we started playing pro sets for singles. The match was paused for about 15 minutes early to avoid any slips. However, a fortuitous hole appeared in the solid green doppler radar long enough for us to capture four singles and one doubles match. #2 Aaron Bennett was able to get his first win at that position (8-4). #1 Camden Hite, #5 Ashton Paul, and #6 Ethan Worley added to their win totals in singles. #3 Mark Graham and #5 Asthon Paul sealed the win in a powerful 8-1 showing at the #2 doubles spot. The #3 doubles was stopped at 7-7 due to slick courts, so the buffet still had fresh food for us to enjoy.

Results: Cave Spring defeated Pulaski 8-1

Singles:

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

Doubles:

- 1. Camden/Mark 3-8
- 2. Aaron/Eli 0-8
- 3. Ashton/Ethan 5-8

Coach’s Chad Graham’s Comments
Cave Spring got their revenge after our win last year, but #1 Camden Hite continues to hand out L’s to most of our opponents. We will try again at home on May 9th.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Pulaski County Public Service Authority will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday June 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N. W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, on the proposed revision of water, sewer and refuse rates at which hearing owners, tenants and occupants of property to be served or served by the Authority and all others interested will have an opportunity to be heard.

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

- Note: In all current and proposed water and sewer scenarios below the monthly bill is calculated as follows:
 - Base Rate + (Gallons Used X Usage Rate ±1,000)

➤ Water

▪ Current (Effective July 1, 2022)

Base Rate (\$/mo):

Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo).....	\$ 13.19
Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 77.56
Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 155.14

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 50,000 gal	\$ 6.21
50,000 to 100,000 gal	\$ 5.82
over 100,000 gal	\$ 5.42

▪ Proposed (Effective July 1, 2023)

Base Rate (\$/mo):

Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo).....	\$ 13.85
Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 81.44
Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 162.90

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 50,000 gal	\$ 6.52
50,000 to 100,000 gal	\$ 6.11
over 100,000 gal	\$ 5.69

➤ Sewer

▪ Current (Effective July 1, 2022)

Base Rate (\$/mo):

Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo).....	\$ 15.52
Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 111.91
Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 232.69

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 50,000 gal	\$ 8.91
50,000 to 100,000 gal	\$ 8.54
over 100,000 gal	\$ 8.13

▪ Proposed (Effective July 1, 2023)

Base Rate (\$/mo):

Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo).....	\$ 16.30
Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 117.51
Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo)	\$ 244.32

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):

up to 50,000 gal	\$ 9.36
50,000 to 100,000 gal	\$ 8.97
over 100,000 gal	\$ 8.54

➤ Current Connection Fees (Effective July 1, 2022)

Residential

- Water
 - 1 Connection*..... \$ 1,000.00
 - 2 – 10 Connections**..... \$ 600.00
 - 11 – 19 Connections**..... \$ 500.00
 - 20 or more Connections** \$ 400.00
- Sewer
 - 1 Connection*..... \$ 1,200.00
 - 2 – 10 Connections** \$ 800.00
 - 11 – 19 Connections**..... \$ 700.00
 - 20 or more Connections** \$ 600.00

* Single Residential Connection Includes Appurtenances

** Developer Provides and Installs Appurtenances with Multi-Connection Rate

Water connection appurtenances include: tap into main line, service line from main to meter, corporation stop, meter box, meter setter, meter, service line stub out and meter lid. Water connection fees only apply where a PSA line is directly adjacent to the meter location. Water line extensions, rock removal, creek crossings, road borings over 30 ft. in length or other unusual costs are added to the above fee.

Sewer connections include: tap into main line, service lateral from main to property line and/or right of way, and cleanout. Sewer line extensions, rock removal, creek crossings, road crossings, or other unusual costs are added to the above fee.

Commercial

Water.....	\$2,400.00
Sewer.....	\$2,400.00

➤ Proposed Connection Fees (Effective July 1, 2023) – NO CHANGE

Residential

- Water
 - 1 Connection*..... \$ 1,000.00
 - 2 – 10 Connections**..... \$ 600.00
 - 11 – 19 Connections**..... \$ 500.00
 - 20 or more Connections** \$ 400.00
- Sewer
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Commercial

Water.....	\$2,400.00
Sewer.....	\$2,400.00

➤ Current PSA Refuse Rates (Effective July 1, 2022)

▪ Basic Services

Residential

- Standard..... \$ 20.00
- Low Volume \$ 13.00

Commercial

- Barrel
 - Standard (2 Barrels) \$ 22.00
 - Additional, ea \$ 2.00
- Dumpster (6 Yard Container)
 - Rent, per month..... \$ 18.00
 - Haul, ea \$ 30.00
- Rolloff (30 Yard Container)
 - Rent, per month..... \$ 80.00
 - Haul, ea \$ 85.00
 - Tipping Fee, per ton
 - Up to 500 ton.....\$37.00
 - 500 to 2,000 ton\$33.00
 - over 2,000 ton.....\$29.00

▪ Special Services

Residential

- Brush/Debris
 - Small Load (One Grapple)Free
 - Additional Grapple(s), ea \$ 30.00
 - Full Truck, ea \$ 200.00
- Rolloff (30 Yard Container)
 - Each use450.00

Commercial

- Boom Truck
 - Haul, ea \$ 90.00
 - Tipping Fee, per ton \$ 37.00
- Compactor
 - Rent (30 Yard Container), per month \$ 300.00
 - Rent (40 Yard Container), per month \$ 350.00
 - Haul, ea \$ 85.00
 - Tipping Fee, per ton
 - up to 500 ton.....\$37.00
 - 500 to 2,000 ton.....\$33.00
 - over 2,000 ton.....\$29.00
- Special Event
 - Truck, per hour \$ 125.00

➤ Proposed PSA Refuse Rates (Effective July 1, 2023)

▪ Basic Services

Residential

- Standard..... \$ 21.00
- Low Volume \$ 13.65

Commercial

- Barrel
 - Standard (2 Barrels) \$ 23.10
 - Additional, ea \$ 2.10
- Dumpster (6 Yard Container)
 - Rent, per month..... \$ 18.90
 - Haul, ea \$ 31.50
- Rolloff (30 Yard Container)
 - Rent, per month..... \$ 84.00
 - Haul, ea \$ 89.25
 - Tipping Fee, per ton
 - Up to 500 ton.....\$38.85
 - 500 to 2,000 ton\$34.65
 - over 2,000 ton.....\$30.45

▪ Special Services

Residential

- Brush/Debris
 - Small Load (One Grapple)Free
 - Additional Grapple(s), ea \$ 31.50
 - Full Truck, ea \$ 210.00
- Rolloff (30 Yard Container)
 - Each use 472.50

Commercial

- Boom Truck
 - Haul, ea \$ 94.50
 - Tipping Fee, per ton \$ 38.85
- Compactor
 - Rent (30 Yard Container), per month \$ 315.00
 - Rent (40 Yard Container), per month \$ 367.50
 - Haul, ea \$ 89.25
 - Tipping Fee, per ton
 - up to 500 ton.....\$38.85
 - 500 to 2,000 ton.....\$34.65
 - over 2,000 ton.....\$30.45
- Special Event
 - Truck, per hour.....\$ 131.25

Additional related information may be obtained from the Pulaski County Engineering Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, 143 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia or by calling 540-980-7710. 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 540-980-7800 (TDD accessible) or 540-980-7710, ten days prior to the above public hearing date to arrange for these special accommodations.

Truex brothers sweep at Dover

By HOLLY CAIN
NASCAR Wire Service

You could say NASCAR’s stop at Dover (De.) Motor Speedway was “All in the Family;” a kin-to-win kind of weekend. Martin Truex Jr. answered his younger brother Ryan’s NASCAR Xfinity Series victory on Saturday with a win in Monday’s rain-delayed Wurth 400 NASCAR Cup Series race – the fourth win of his career at the one-mile oval he considers his “home track.”

Truex, who started 17th in the 36-car field after qualifying was cancelled due to weather, methodically worked his way forward in the No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. The 42-year-old New Jersey native finally took the lead for the first time with 69 laps remaining and led all but one of those final laps to claim his first points-paying victory of the season, ending a 54-race winless streak.

He and his JGR pit crew ultimately had to earn the win with pit strategy and pit execution. On a pit stop during the race’s final caution period, Truex’s team opted to put only right-side tires on his Toyota. With the quick stop, he was able to beat the field back out to the track and then on the ensuing re-start – with seven laps to go – hold off a hard-charging Ross Chastain, whose No. 1 Trackhouse Racing Chevrolet had taken four fresh tires on the stop.

“It feels incredible,” Truex said. “I feel like we’ve been close a bunch of times, that’s for sure. Felt today, with that caution, what’s going to happen here and then good call by [crew chief] James [Small] to take two (tires) and then I was able to get a pretty good re-start.

“Just thanks to everybody that stuck with me. ... we knew we could do this. We’ve shown we can lead laps and have dominated races and it just never all came together. I’ve said we just had to keep doing what we were doing and not overthink it.”

Chastain, who took his fourth stage win of the season, finished a slight .505-seconds behind Truex but was unable to make up any real ground on the leader in the closing laps after passing Ryan Blaney, who also took only two tires on that final stop.

“Gosh, so close again,” said Chastain, who led 98 laps. “It’s surreal to continue to race against my all-time heroes.”

Penske Racing’s Blaney finished third – his sixth Top-10 of the season and second Top-3 in the last two races. Hendrick Motorsports driver William Byron led a race best 193 laps and won a series best sixth stage, to finish fourth. It marks the second time he’s led the most laps in a race this year but not claimed the victory.

Riptides

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mers to attend an open invitation on Sunday, May 20th from 1 – 3 PM to check in with the coaches, complete the basic swim prerequisites, and enjoy the waterpark prior to its opening day on May 29th.

The Randolph Park Riptides announced their launch in April, 2023, holding two community interest meetings for people to learn more about the opportunity. The last interest meeting will be held at the Randolph Park Offices this Sunday, May 7th @ 3:00 PM. Both interested youth and adults are encouraged to attend this 30 minute meeting to meet the coaches, learn more about the league, and register if interested.

Questions should be directed to Jenna Kinder, Program and Activities Manager, by calling 540.674.1513 or by emailing jkinder@pulaskicounty.org. Registration for the Randolph Park Riptides can also be completed online by visiting www.pulaskicountyparksandrec.org and clicking REGISTER.

Turtles

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East Division Championship and came within two outs of earning their first Appalachian League title since 2013. The team followed up their 2021 performance with a strong second-place showing in the division last season. The 2023 team will once again be captained by manager Clark Crist. Follow the link to read the coaching staff release: <https://www.appy-league.com/pulaski/news/pulaski-river-turtles-announce-coaching-staff>

The River Turtles open their 2023 season on June 6 at Bluefield. Their first home game will be June 8 against Danville.

Cougars crush GW

Patriot Staff Report

Pulaski County blew out George Wythe Monday, 11-1 in Wytheville.

Madolyn Legg and Tori Vest led the way offensively in the win. Legg got two hits and three runs and knocked in two. Vest got two hits and three RBI.

In all, the Cougars recorded 9 hits and were aided by 9 walks from GW pitching.

Laken Greever got the win, throwing a two-hitter and striking out 6.

The win gives Pulaski County an 8-7 record.

The Cougars were to host Blacksburg on Friday (5/5/23) before traveling on Tuesday to Cave Spring. Gametime is 5 p.m. for both contests.

PULASKI RIVER TURTLES

2023 ROSTER



#	PITCHERS (17)	B	T	HT	WT	AGE	DOB	HOMETOWN	2023 SCHOOL / COMMITMENT	YEAR	TWITTER
	Batista, Yulian	R	R	6'8"	285	18	6/17/2004	Bronx, NY	Central Alabama CC	Fr	@yulianxbatista0
	Bogue, Logan	R	R	6'2"	210	19	3/6/2004	Mount Airy, GA	Georgia Tech	Fr	@logan_bogue
	Collins, Colby	R	R	6'1"	195	20	6/14/2002	Parkland, FL	Marshall	RS So	@ctcollins30
	Dielman, David *	L	R	6'2"	215	18	6/28/2004	Powell, OH	Marshall	Fr	@daviddielman1
	Edmondson, Clayton *	R	R	6'2"	185	19	6/24/2003	Greensboro, NC	UNC - Asheville	So	@clayedmondson16
	Gaudette, Caden	R	R	6'2"	205	19	6/12/2003	Alpharetta, GA	Georgia Tech	Fr	@cadengaudette
	Hargett, Hunter	R	R	6'2"	205	20	2/27/2003	San Diego, CA	Yavapai JC (AZ)	So	
	Kilker, Michael	R	R	6'3"	195	20	8/17/2002	Hazleton, PA	West Virginia	So	@kilker_michael
	Mabe, Avery	R	R	6'4"	205	21	9/26/2001	Wytheville, VA	Virginia	Jr	@avemabe10
	McCoy, Jake *	L	L	6'0"	185	18	2/10/2005	Fort Mill, SC	Catawba Ridge HS (SC) / Wofford	HS Sr	@jake_mccoy12
	Porco, Robby	R	R	6'8"	235	19	4/4/2004	Warrington, PA	West Virginia	Fr	@robbyporco
	Wakefield, Josh *	L	L	6'1"	185	18	6/8/2004	Peoria, AZ	Iowa Western JC	Fr	@joshwakefield
	West, Manning	R	R	6'6"	235	19	7/2/2003	Winder, GA	Oklahoma St	Fr	@manning_west18
	Weyrich, Nicholas	R	R	6'3"	200	20	3/11/2003	London, OH	Marshall	So	@weyrnicholas
	Wheeler, Trey	L	L	6'0"	187	19	10/8/2003	Indianapolis, FL	South Carolina	Fr	@tr3ywheeler
	Williams, Isaac	R	L	6'3"	205	20	4/20/2003	Youngsville, NC	UNC - Asheville	RS Fr	@isaacwilliams
	Williamson, Noah	R	R	6'0"	205	20	5/5/2003	Port Matilda, PA	Allegheny College of Maryland / Eastern Michigan	So	@noahkwil

#	CATCHERS (3)	B	T	HT	WT	AGE	DOB	HOMETOWN	2023 SCHOOL / COMMITMENT	YEAR	TWITTER
	Cincinnati, Kyle	R	R	5'9"	180	20	01/28/2003	Sinking Spring, PA	Maryland Eastern Shore	So	@cincinnati_kyle
	Moore, Reese	L	R	6'0"	210	19	10/24/2003	Adel, IA	Iowa	Fr	@rmoore_03
	Smith, Derek	R	R	6'3"	208	19	11/15/2003	Scottsdale, AZ	Oklahoma St	Fr	@derek_smith26

#	INFIELDERS (7)	B	T	HT	WT	AGE	DOB	HOMETOWN	2023 SCHOOL / COMMITMENT	YEAR	TWITTER
	Books, Jake	L	L	6'1"	200	19	12/4/2003	Royersford, PA	Coastal Carolina	Fr	@jake_books
	Harrison, Kaikea	L	R	5'11"	185	19	4/6/2004	Kailua, HI	Southern California	Fr	@kaikeah
	Hund, Christopher	R	R	5'10"	180	20	12/18/2002	Woodbridge, VA	Long Island	So	@hundchristopher
	Lovich, Jackson	R	R	6'3"	195	19	11/18/2003	Overland Park, KS	Missouri	Fr	@jacksonlovich
	Sanders, Troy	R	R	5'11"	170	18	12/17/2004	Tucson, AZ	Catalina Foothills HS (AZ) / Grand Canyon	HS Sr	@troy_sanders_ss
	Senese, Nico	R	R	6'3"	185	18	7/12/2004	Senola, GA	Georgia Tech	Fr	@nico_senese16
	White, Samuel	L	R	5'10"	200	19	05/23/2004	Aurora, ONT	West Virginia	Fr	@samwhite116

#	OUTFIELDERS (5)	B	T	HT	WT	AGE	DOB	HOMETOWN	2023 SCHOOL / COMMITMENT	YEAR	TWITTER
	Belk, Ethan	R	R	5'11"	185	18	10/3/2004	Rock Hill, SC	Legion Collegiate Academy (SC) / Wofford	HS Sr	@ethanbelk3
	Fuhrman, Connor	R	R	6'0"	195	19	6/11/2003	Daleville, VA	South Carolina	Fr	@cfuhrman28
	Gauthier, J.P.	R	R	6'3"	200	20	9/30/2002	De Pere, WI	Illinois St	So	@pjgauthier2
	Strohmeier, Kellen	L	R	6'3"	203	19	1/4/2004	Dubuque, IA	Iowa	Fr	@kstrohmeier3
	Wentworth, Jack	R	R	6'2"	195	21	6/2/2002	Wakefield, RI	Seton Hall	So	@jackwentworth6

STAFF

GM JW Martin
Manager Clark Crist
Pitching Coach Chris Monroe
Hitting Coach Roger Hill
Fourth Coach Tommy Gregg
Trainer Jarrett Blankenship
Data Coordinator Austin Padgett

* denotes two-way player
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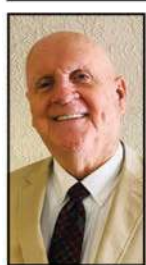
Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Madolyn Legg got two hits, three runs and knocked in two against GW.



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 Tues - 6am - 5:30pm SATURDAY
 Wed - Closed 6am - 4pm



Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Jesus Came To Save Lost Sinners

Some hypocrites in Jesus’ day, railed against Him for being a friend of sinners. “And Jesus answering said unto them, they that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” (Luke 5: 31, 32.)

John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ. The One whom God chose to announce and introduce the Savior to the world. We have a similar job to do, just like John the Baptist. We who have been blood washed and born again, have the knowledge of the saving grace of God, and His awesome power to save from the guttermost to the uttermost; and it’s up to us to introduce the Savior to those whom we meet in life.

We can’t just wait until somehow they wander into the Church House to try to win them to Christ. We are to go out into the highways and hedges and find them and bring them to Jesus. As for those who do venture into our services, we should accept them as they are, and show them that we love them in Christ, and care about them, no matter what they might have done or look like. They might not look like us; they might not be dressed as nicely as some of us; they might not even smell good; and they might be all messed up. People like this might very well be turned away at a lot of Churches as being undesirable. But if they are lost in sin, they are the very ones that Jesus came to seek and to save. Once a person accepts Jesus into their hearts and lives, they’ll be changed from who and what they were.

We need to get them saved, and let God clean them up. God can and will clean up their act a whole lot better than you and I can do it.

Who are we to judge who is fit to be saved and who isn’t? God loves us all equally, with a love that is greater than any other love can ever be.

And here’s a revelation for someone. You can’t do a thing to make God love you more. He already loves you as much as it is possible to be loved. He loves you so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that you can be saved. In fact, while we were yet sinners, Jesus died for us.

God has already proved how much He loves us. Now we need to prove to Him how much we love Him, by serving Him faithfully, all the remaining days of our lives after we are born again, and by giving Him the worship and the praise that He so rightly deserves.

When a soul is cleansed by the blood of Jesus, and filled with the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, they’ll be miraculously changed from everything they once were, into who and what God wants them to be.

God doesn’t just look on the outward appearance as man does, but He looks upon the heart; and when God finds a heart that is longing for Him, He will come in, embrace that person, and fill that longing down in his or her soul. And when He does, the prophecy of Isaiah and the promise of God will come true for them. “Although thy sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool; and though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as snow.”

The truth be told, some of us were pretty low down and wretched before the Lord saved us. It wasn’t until we got saved, and God implanted a new nature in us, that we started wanting to look like somebody who has been cleansed by the power of God.

It’s a good thing for you and me that Jesus was a friend of

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
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Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday School 7 p.m.
www.vhmdublin.org
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Pastor Allen Mahan, II
100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084
540-674-6061
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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)
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Pastor’s Name: Josh Kilbourne
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
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Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331
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Belspring 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.
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belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Memorial Baptist Church

995 Peppers Ferry Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Michael S. Jones
Sunday
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
Wednesday
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
(540) 980-4731
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

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
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announced on Facebook
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at
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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
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First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
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Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Draper’s Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

2755 Old Baltimore Road,
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Senior Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer
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Phone - 540-994-9015
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Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon
www.trinitypulaski.org

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Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Pulaski, Va.
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1021 Macgill Street
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www.pulaskigracemin.com
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Church 10:30 a.m.
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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children’s Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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5605 Dunlap Road
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Dublin, VA 24084
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www.dublinchristianchurch.com
Greg “Scooter” Breisch
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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
Children’s Classes 7:00 p.m.

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5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
(and Facebook)
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Sunday School: 10:00 am

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

Pulaski Church of God

1621 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA 24301
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540-980-8880
www.pulaskicog.church
Sunday Services
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.
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1607 Randolph Avenue
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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

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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

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday’s Child Youth Group, Monday
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dora Highway Baptist Church

321 Dora Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301
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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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New Hope Chapel

1555 Case Knife Road, Pulaski, VA 24301
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Service Times
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Service

Grace Episcopal Church

210 4th Street, Radford, 24141
639-3494
Rev. Deacon William Yagel
Service: 10:30AM Sundays
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Morning Prayer services at 8:00am and
10:30am (live stream of service available)

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sinners. If He wasn't, you and I would not be saved today and on our way to heaven. I'm so glad that Jesus is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He is the friend Who will never leave us, nor forsake us, but He will go with us, all the way. He will never let us down. He will never betray a confidence. He is the One who will stand with us, for us, and beside us, when everyone else walks away.

One of my favorite gospel songs of all time was written by Joseph M. Schiven. "What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear; What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer."

John 15:13-15. "Greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

Jesus is the best friend that you and I can ever have. He is our Friend, our Savior, our Lord, our Deliverer, our Advocate with the Father, our High Priest, and the soon coming King of Kings. Bless His holy name, forevermore!

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 2. What city mentioned in Revelation is also the name of a city in Pennsylvania? Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Erie, Bethlehem
 3. How many times does the word "eternity" occur in the Bible? 0, 1, 74, 212
 4. From Numbers 12:3, who was the most humble man on earth? Jacob, Elijah, Noah, Moses
 5. "Here am I; send me" comes from which book? Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah, Malachi
 6. What's the longest book of the Old Testament? Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Philadelphia (Rev 1:11, 3:7), 3) 1 (Isaiah 57:15), 4) Moses, 5) Isaiah 6:8, 6) Psalms

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Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

Community Christian Church
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
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Pastor Johnny Howlett
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
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Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth
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Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
3826 Bob White Boulevard
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
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Pastor:
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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Psalms 25:16-18

Turn to me **and** be **gracious** to me, **for** I am **lonely** and afflicted. **Relieve** the **troubles** of my **heart** and **free** me **from** my **anguish**. **Look** on my **affliction** and my **distress** and **take away all** my **sins**.

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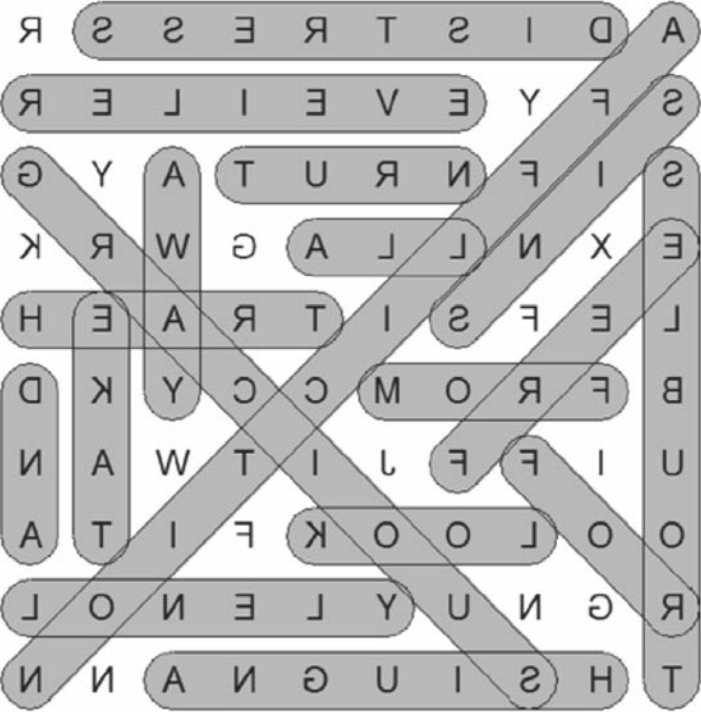
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They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,
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God puts no price tag on the Gift of gifts

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Can we bargain with God when it comes to what He offers mankind? After all, God is the one who gave mankind its own will, right? – G.W.

A: God does not bargain. We can't barter with Him. We must do business with Him on His own terms. He holds in His omnipotent hand the priceless, precious, eternal gift of salvation, and He bids us to take it without money and without price. Jesus

never offered a bargain. There is no parlaying or compromising. Christ demands total loyalty, and what a privilege it is to live for Him.

Consider the age-old question: The best things in life are free, are they not? The air we breathe is not sold by the cubic foot. The water that flows crystal clear from the mountain stream is free for the taking. Love is free; faith is free; hope is free. We can't reject God's grace on grounds that it is too cheap, for the most precious things in life come to us without money and



My
Answer

Billy Graham

without price. Only the cheap, tawdry things have a price tag upon them. Salvation is free — but it is not cheap!

God puts no price tag on the Gift of gifts. Preachers are not salesmen, for they have nothing to sell. They are the bearers of

Good News — the good tidings that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3), and that the "grace of God... has appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11). Money can't buy it. Man's righteousness can't earn it. Social prestige can't help us acquire it. Morality can't purchase it. It is as the Prophet Isaiah writes, "Without money and without price" (Isaiah 55:1).

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

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

LIFE HAS JUST GOTTEN SO BORING AROUND THE FARM.

I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME WE BOTH GO PACK UP AND CLEAR OUT... HIT THE ROAD...

MAYBE "FLY THE COOP"?

WOW, DID ANYONE NOT SEE THAT ONE COMING?

by Gary Kopervas

KIND OF CUTE...

KIND OF CREEPY...

COUPLE'S MASSAGE

TRIPLET'S MASSAGE

by Jeff Pickering

THE TIRES ON OUR CAR ARE GOING BALD.

RUB RUB RUB

MAYBE I SHOULD GET THEM SOME TOUPEES?

by BUD BLAKE

LOOKIT THIS SWELL BOARD, TIGER

THAT'S TOO WIDE

TOO NARROW

TOO HIGH

THAT'S TOO WEAK

ACROSS THIS FENCE WILL BE PERFECT!

OLIVE

OH, LOOK AT THEM. YOU'RE TELLING ME THEY'RE FRIENDS NOW?

WHAT DOES HE HAVE THAT I DON'T?

SETTING UP LINDEN AND SUTRA FOR A DATE IS A GREAT IDEA!

I FEEL LIKE AN IMPORTANT CHARACTER IN A ROM-COM!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLITNOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

by Dave T. Phipps

AHH YES, THE 4 SEASONS- SUMMER, FALL, WINTER AND GARAGE SALES.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: A equals P

HDXC GKV AKAVFWEX WC XIAEG

IXWQKH HNED FKEL KT IWFX

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

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Talk
SCHEEP

Practice
MUSCOT

Noise
CARMOL

"He wants you to wait outside, _____!"

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ACROSS

1 Cuts off

5 Cookout, briefly

8 Gridlock sound

12 Jacob's brother

13 Actress Lucy

14 In — land

15 Goatee's spot

16 Here (Fr.)

17 Saharan

18 Submit

20 Give temporarily

22 Blue blood

26 Tour vehicles

29 Toe count

30 Actress Hagen

31 Sciences' partner

32 Auction signal

33 Urban haze

34 Vitamin stat

35 Architect I.M. —

36 Stinging insects

37 Administrative worker

40 Lean to one side

41 Redacted

45 Poker variety

47 — Victor

49 Art Deco master

50 Carton sealer

51 Texas tea

52 Albacore, e.g.

53 Cold War initials

54 '60s war zone

55 Once around the sun

DOWN

1 Nobelist

2 Walesa

3 Job-safety org.

4 Ache

5 Ice cream parlor orders

6 Russian pancakes

7 Took part in a bee

8 Mel of many voices

9 Hearing aids?

10 Inventor Whitney

11 Knee protector

19 1040 org.

21 Many millenia

23 Unemotional

24 Perched on

25 Labels

26 Biting remark

27 Pakistani

28 New companies

32 Uncharged particle

33 Full feeling

35 Crony

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38 Duck down

39 Kingdom

42 Loyal

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45 R-V link

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8. New York

9. Georgia

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states border Canada?

2. THEATER: The musical "My Fair Lady" is based on which play?

3. SCIENCE: Who was the first person to win Nobel prizes in two different sciences?

4. MOVIES: Which 1997 movie featured a character named Jack Dawson?

5. TELEVISION: What is the name of Ross's pet monkey in "Friends"?

6. LANGUAGE: How many languages exist worldwide?

7. FOOD & DRINK: Which country produces Manchego cheese?

8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many track and field events are in a decathlon?

9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had the most children?

10. MUSIC: What is the title of Britney Spears' first album?

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WORD LADDERS

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

BRAID

GRIPS

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Answers

1. 13.

2. "Pygmalion," by George Bernard Shaw.

3. Marie Curie, physics and chemistry.

4. "Titanic."

5. Marcel.

6. More than 7,000.

7. Spain.

8. 10.

9. John Tyler, who fathered 15 children.

10. "... Baby One More Time."

WORD LADDER

Answer

BRAID, BRAND, GRAND, GRIND, GRINS, GRIPS

SCRAMBLERS

1. Secret 2. Speech; solution

3. Custom; 4. Clamor

Today's Word

MOTHER

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Americanisms

"The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous."

— Frederick Douglass

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

CryptoQuip

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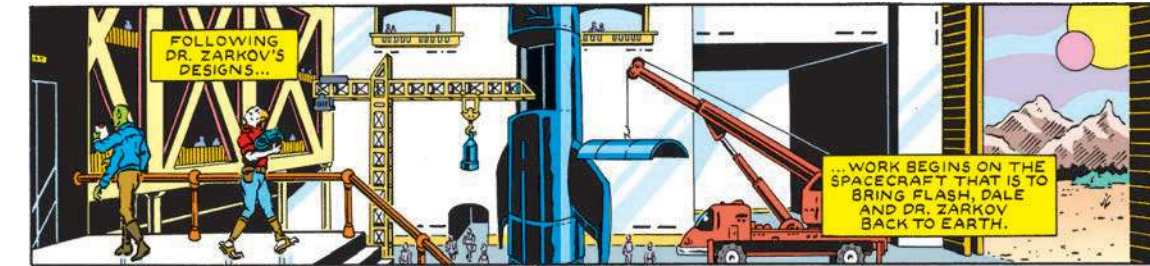
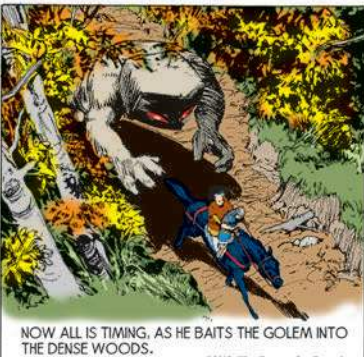
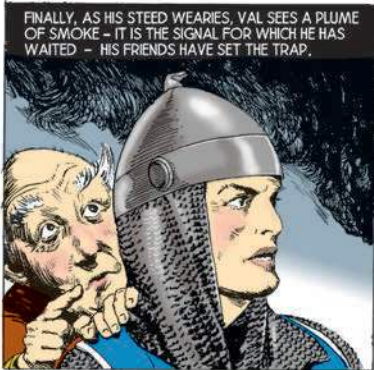
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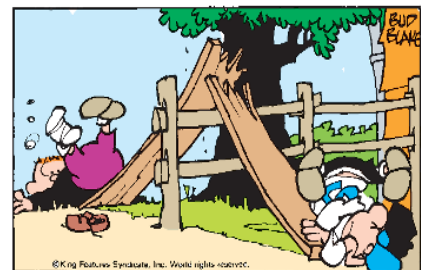
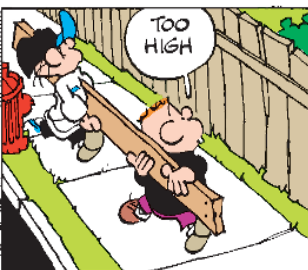
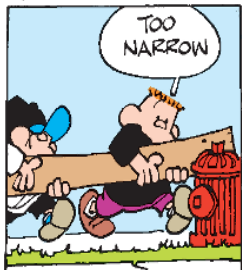
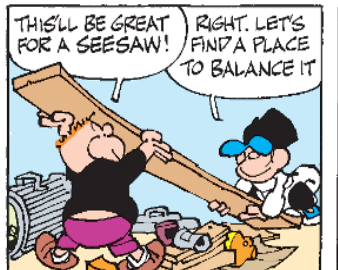
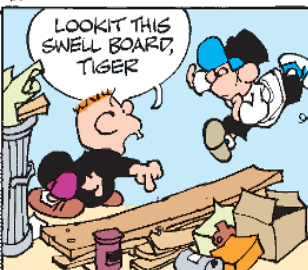
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: GOOD MORNING

Amour Femme Mademoiselle Oui
Au revoir Fille Merci beaucoup Raison
Bonsoir Homme Monde Temps
Excusez-moi Madame Non

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CryptoQuote
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

LPW'M KHM MOH EHTN PE
KPIAWU SH UNHTMHN MOTW
MOH HYRAMHGHWM PE VAWWAWU.
— NPSHNM ZAQPITZA

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Don't let the fear of
losing be greater than
the excitement of winning.
— Robert Kiyosaki

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COMMON FRENCH WORDS

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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