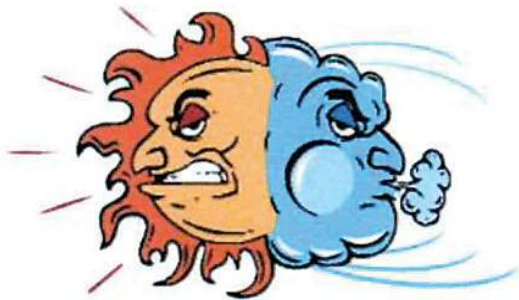




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## Grucci to expand in Pulaski County, add 45 new jobs

**Patriot Staff Report**

Governor Glenn Youngkin on Tuesday announced in Dublin that Fireworks by Grucci and Pyrotechnique by Grucci, the sixth-generation family business and worldwide fireworks design and performance company and manufacturer of fireworks and pyrotechnic devices for the U.S. military, will invest \$5.5 million to expand its assembly, storage, and distribution operations to Pulaski County.

The company will occupy the former Koinonia Tapes and Foams 30,000-square-foot facility in ShaeDawn Industrial Park off Route 100 in proximity to its manufacturing operation at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant.

Virginia successfully competed with New York for the project, which will create 45 new jobs.

"Magnificent displays of fireworks have brought generations of families together for more than a century because of pyrotechnics leaders like the Grucci family," said

Governor Glenn Youngkin. "The Commonwealth is a strategic gateway to markets served by a robust workforce, and we thank Fireworks by Grucci and Pyrotechnique by Grucci for recognizing these advantages and expanding their Virginia footprint into Pulaski County."

Noting one of his favorite things to do as governor is making economic development announcements, Youngkin said "what is happening across Virginia is a fundamental shift and growth from years of somewhat stagnant growth to rapid growth. What we've seen over the course of the last 14 months is 150,000 Virginians working today versus where they were just 15 months ago in the largest labor force Virginia has had in 50 years. Labor participation is at a 10-year high. Virginians are back to work."

Youngkin, Virginia's 74th governor, noted that, "Here we are in Pulaski County with an opportunity to talk about great jobs for a great

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## Carr seeks Cloyd seat on school board

Aaron Carr has announced his candidacy for the Cloyd District seat on the Pulaski County School Board.

"I am extremely honored to announce my candidacy for the Cloyd District School Board seat," Carr said in a press release this week. "I am excited about the opportunity to represent the parents, grandparents, guardians, students, faculty and citizens of Pulaski County."

In his release, Carr said he is quite involved with schools in the county.

"I currently have two boys in Pulaski County schools, and my youngest son will start his journey next year. Including cousins, we have eight children in Pulaski County schools as a family, and we are completely invested in ensuring it is the best school district it can possibly be."

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## WEEKEND WEATHER

### Saturday

Sunny, with a high near 80.

**Saturday Night** - Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

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## Graham hired as county's next school superintendent

**By WILLIAM PAINE**  
**The Patriot**

Last week, the Pulaski County School Board unanimously voted to hire Robert F. Graham as the new Pulaski County Public Schools Superintendent. Graham will replace Kevin Siers, who recently tendered his resignation.

The board made the announcement at a special called meeting held in the Pulaski County Middle School auditorium on the evening of Thursday, June 8th.

After school board chairwoman Beckie Cox opened the proceedings, Vice Chairman Timmy Hurst addressed administrators,

teachers and members of the public in attendance.

"The primary responsibility of the school board is to hire a Superintendent of the school division," Hurst stated. "The environment we find ourselves in today is an extremely competitive environment. Currently in the state of Virginia, there's approximately 20 openings for Superintendent of public schools. And those 20 openings, I'll tell you this, the great ones don't last longer. They don't last long. The most qualified applicants are not available very long."

Hurst continued by saying that, when PCPS Superintendent Kevin

Siers decided to resign and take the Superintendent's position in Franklin County, the board committed to immediately begin searching for a replacement. While acknowledging that "folks in the community" wanted to delay hiring the new Superintendent or potentially appoint an interim, Hurst insisted that this was not practical.

"Why should we wait if we can get the right person right now and that was the objective of this school board?" he asked. "Hiring a Superintendent in the middle of the year or at the end of the year

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# Carr

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“My wife and her brothers are graduates of Pulaski County High School and we expect our boys to graduate as Cougars as well. My wife, Alisha and I are very active in Pulaski Recreation sports as coaches, and we are thankful for the opportunity to be part of the growth of the children in our community.

“There is so much potential in our area, and I want to be a part of bringing out the very best in our kids and giving them every opportunity to be productive and successful members of our community,” Carr stated.

As a Vice President of Human Resources, Carr said he is consistently navigating big issues, building leadership teams, and ensuring the company he serves

has the human capital it needs to thrive.

“I believe that my experience will be an asset and a compliment to the school board as it pushes forward.

“As I have spent time collecting signatures and discussing issues, there have been some commonalities in the challenges we are facing, and the opportunities in front of us,” Carr said.

He listed a few of those, such as:

- Transparency – Clear and transparent communication to parents and our community. Nothing done behind closed doors.
- Fiscal Responsibility – Ensure our budget is in line with the number of students we are educating, while also preparing for the future and offering competitive compensation to our staff.
- Security – Bolster the security for our students and staff.



Aaron Carr with his wife, Alisha and their children.

- Policies - Ensure our policies are representative of the ideologies espoused by the community we are serving.
- Focus on Education – Our

school systems job is to educate our children in Math, Science, English, History, etc.,. It is our job and responsibility as parents to teach morals, religion, and sexuality.

- Parent Engagement - Guarantee parents’ involvement in their children’s education.
- Teacher Authority – Give teachers back the authority to run

their classrooms.

- Recruiting – Find the best teachers and keep them.

“We have an obligation and a responsibility to give our kids every opportunity to do great things,” Carr said. “It all starts with their education. I ask for your help and your vote in taking Pulaski County Schools to the next level. The future is bright.”

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## July 4th, 2023 Veterans Remembrance Ceremony plans are announced

The public is invited to attend the county’s annual July 4th Veterans Remembrance Ceremony to be held at the Pulaski Theatre, located at 14 West Main Street, Pulaski, Virginia, beginning at 1 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Pulaski County Courthouses Exhibits Committee.

At this year’s ceremony, local Vietnam Veterans will be recognized for their service to our country as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam in 1973.

The event’s guest speaker will be Ben King, Operations Director for the Virginia War Memorial. Local groups participating in the ceremony include the VFW Post #1184, AMVETS Post #40, Boy Scouts, Wilderness Road Chorus, and bagpiper, Andrew Meeks. The ceremony will conclude with a 21 gun salute and the playing of “Taps” on the lawn of the Old Historic Pulaski County Courthouse at the War Memorial.

Refreshments will then be served and tours of the courthouse will be conducted by members of the Courthouses Exhibits Committee.

All veterans and their families are encouraged to attend as we remember and honor our local veterans and active members of our military.

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# Grucci

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company that is choosing to expand right here. They have a choice every time ... where do I want to expand? Do I want to expand in Virginia, New York or someplace else. And it is so encouraging the decision has been made to expand, to grow, to hire more Virginians right here in Pulaski County.

“Virginia is on the move, and one of the exciting things is when we step back we understand why Virginia is on the move. It’s because we’re locking arms together and marching forward. Not looking over our shoulder but looking forward.”

Youngkin said Grucci has enjoyed a reputation as being the best since 1850!

“The company’s commitment to old fashioned values – which I believe aren’t old fashioned, they’re Virginia values, they’re American values that in fact recognize that family comes first. I think that’s what’s made the company so extraordinary. For decades, this company and this family have held onto that forever view, making a generational commitment to maintain the way they do business and to not compromise.

“They even have stated these values are timeless. Values of honesty, integrity and passion for their family and their business. These will stand the test of time.

“So, we are thrilled they have chosen to continue their family’s business, their family’s story here in Pulaski County and Southwest Virginia,” Youngkin exclaimed.

He noted that Grucci fireworks have been featured at eight Presidential inaugurations, the Olympic Games, and is recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest fireworks display ever recorded.

“Grucci is known for excellence, just like we do in Virgnia,” Youngkin said.

“We are proud to have this historic and world-renowned company expand its assembly, storage, and distribution operations in Pulaski County,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick. “In addition to fireworks displays that captivate millions around the globe, the Gruccis also manufacture pyrotechnic training devices for the U.S. military that prepare our troops. Virginia’s combination of connectivity, infrastructure, and talent provide the crucial elements for Fireworks by Grucci and Pyrotechnique by Grucci to thrive, and we look forward to supporting the company’s continued success in the Commonwealth.”

“Virginia offers our family and employees great incentives of viability, stability, and a path to expand and grow our business that is second to none,” said Felix Grucci, CEO of Fireworks by Grucci and Pyrotechnique by Grucci Inc. “This long-term investment and expansion to Pulaski is a testament to our continued commitment to the state of Virginia, the counties of Pulaski and Montgomery, and our employees. My son, Christopher, and his wife, Lemonia, both work-



**Gov. Glenn Youngkin (center) poses with Board of Supervisors (from left) Mike Mooney, Dirk Compton, Chris Stafford, Laura Walters and Jeff Reeves along with Del. Jason Ballard, State Senator Travis Hackworth and County Administrator Jonathan Sweet.**

ing within the family business representing the sixth generation, made a similar commitment by moving from New York to become residents of Virginia.”

“We love that Grucci is a sixth-generation family-oriented company, and we are very excited and honored to have them officially join our family of businesses here in Pulaski County,” said Laura Walters, Chair of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. “This project took a tremendous amount of effort to compete for and win, and I couldn’t be more grateful to our economic development team, our board, the EDA, VEDP, our state representatives, and Governor Youngkin for helping bring this world-renowned name in pyrotechnics to our community.”

“I first met Phil and Christopher and other Grucci employees two years ago at the Arsenal’s change of watch,” Walters recalled. “After the ceremony they graciously invited me to join them for lunch. As we chatted, I realized that Grucci, with their family ideology, would be a great asset to Pulaski County.

“After a few emails and a couple of months later, I received a request to meet and talk about Grucci coming to Pulaski County.

“A casual lunch and talking to Phil about why Pulaski County is the place to be ... long story short, after a lot of work by many, many people and here we are today,” she said.

Walters explained that Grucci’s new investment in Dublin is further incentivized by the Board of Supervisors and the county’s Economic Development Authority repurposing the building which was constructed in 2018.

“We are excited about the investment and great new jobs, but also because Grucci is a great fit for Pulaski County.


“Grucci is a big deal. I went home after that lunch and Googled to see how big a deal you were,” Walters said.

“Grucci is a community partner everywhere they’ve been,” Walters noted, adding the fireworks at last

weekend’s Claytor Lake Festival were presented again by Grucci as they have been for many years.

It was noted the company’s facility in RAAP has nearly 100 employees and has been there for some 25 years.

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership worked with Pulaski County and Onward New River Valley to secure the project for Virginia. Governor Youngkin approved a \$212,000 grant from the Commonwealth’s Opportunity Fund to assist Pulaski County with the project. Fireworks by Grucci is eligible to receive state benefits from the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program, administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Funding and services to support the company’s employee training activities will be provided through the Virginia Jobs Investment Program.



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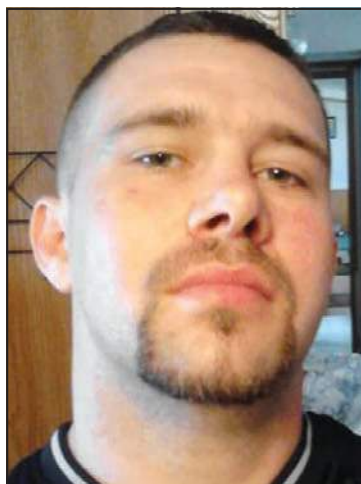




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**BRIAN NACOMA CHRISLEY**

Brian NaComa Chrisley, age 39 of Dublin passed away Monday, June 12, 2023

Born June 29, 1984 in Virginia, he was the son of Becky Lynn Hale Kimbrough and the late Tony Samuel Chrisley. He is also preceded in death by grandparents, Mary Lee Chrisley & John Rayburn.

Brian is survived by:  
Mother- Becky Lynn Hale Kimbrough – Roanoke  
Children – Elijah Chrisley – Wytheville, Kelsey Dunford – Wytheville

Brothers – Tony Chrisley – Draper, Rusty Chrisley – Draper, Samuel Chrisley – Draper

Sister – Cody Chrisley – Draper

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Family Friend – Teriq Montgomery

Visitation will be held Saturday, 5:00-7:00 PM – June 17, 2023 at Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski with a private family memorial at a later date.

To sign Brian's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



**GEORGE W. LAUGHEAD**

George W. Laughead, age 87 of Barren Springs, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2023 at Carrington Place (Wytheville). Born May 15, 1936 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Robert Griffin Laughead & Pauline Louise Kozen Laughead. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife of many years, Geraldine P. Bowman Laughead "The Redhead" and son, George W. Laughead, Jr., brothers, William and Robert Laughead and sisters, Pat McAdams and Anna Jane Laughead.

George was a veteran of the United States Army, attended Riverview Church of God (Draper) and retired from Volvo Trucks in 1997.

He is survived by his Daughters - Alison Laughead – NJ

Grandchildren – Matthew (Carli) Beckett

Great Grandchild – Cassi Rose Beckett

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A private family burial will take place at the Draper Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Draper.

To sign George's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



**BETTY JOAN PUCKETT LAWSON**

Betty Joan Puckett Lawson, age 96 of Draper, died Monday, June 12, 2023 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Montgomery. She was born on May 15, 1927 in Yukon, WV, and was the daughter of the late Violet Adams Puckett and the late Henry Terry Puckett. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; Morris O'Dell Lawson: siblings; Terry Puckett, Mary Lou Lusk, Anita Toller, Milton Puckett: Son-in-law; Randy Smith.

She is survived by her three children; Connie Smith of Pulaski, Larry Lawson of Draper, and Terry Lawson of Draper. Grandchildren: Traci (Bryant) Boyd of Rock Hill, SC, Terry Mo Lawson of Draper, Brandon (Bethany) Lawson of Max Meadows, James (Nicole) Smith of Pulaski, Brooke (Dustin) Cooper of Hardy, Tara (Michael) Ashman of Raleigh, NC, and Aaron Lawson of Draper. Great-Grandchildren: Adam, Bailli, Tanner Lee, Carter, Jaxon, Gavin, Ember, Lili, Hazel Belle, Tiegen, Harlee, Troy; Special friends include Mary Lawson of Draper, Shirley Hannah of Blacksburg, and Shirley Rigney of Pulaski, and Mary Rupe of Draper.

An Appalachian Matriarch, she was the sun at the center of her families universe. She was a source of constant comfort to family, friends, and the Draper community. She was a life-long member of the former Draper Christian Church (DOC). She leaves a legacy of love, compassion, and grace. She meant so much to so many!

Funeral service was held Thursday June 15, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home with Pastor Bobby Osborne officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. Pallbearers will be James Smith, Brandon Lawson, Adam Boyd, Carter Smith, Dustin Cooper, Bryant Boyd, Bill Alexander, Ronnie Alexander. Flowers are appreciated, but for those who wish, they may make donations in her memory to any local charity. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



**LINDA DARLIN AYERS STOOTS**

Linda Darlin Ayers Stoots, age 73 of Pulaski passed away Monday, June 5, 2023 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Dublin. Born December 5, 1949 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Coy Ayers & Genalue Andrews Burleson. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Wendy Smith and brother, Coy Wayne Ayers.

She is survived by her Husband – William Quinton Stoots – Pulaski

Children – Brian Waddell & fiancée, Desiree – Salem, Dallas Stoots – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Bradley (Heather) Cook, Carman (Cody) Shrewsbury, Emily (Wayne) Wright and Dakota Murphy

Great Grandchildren – Madeline, Jamie, Marley, Veah, Riley and Willow

Brother – John Burleson – Pulaski

Many nieces and nephews

Memorial services were held Thursday, June 16, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel – Pulaski.

To sign Linda's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

**MARY FRANCES WRIGHT MINNICK**

Mary Frances Wright Minnick, age 88 of Pulaski, died Tuesday morning, June 13, 2023 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) 540-980-1700

**LINDA FAYE FAGG O'DELL**

Linda Faye Fagg O'Dell, age 60, of Dublin died Saturday morning, June 10, 2023 at her residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) 540-980-1700

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**JAMES CALVIN CREGGER**

James Calvin Cregger, 74, passed away peacefully Sunday night, June 11, 2023. A man with many talents, a heart full of love and a soul that brought great joy, James was an avid student, always learning new things and constantly tinkering around as the "Project Man". 46 years of service to Xaloy, loved reading and cherished his time with family and friends.

Born on September 12, 1948, to John Adam and Myrtle Brewster Cregger who preceded him in

death along with a brother (Vernon Lee Cregger) and 2 sisters (Stella Farley and Virginia Irene Sebra).

Left to carry on his legacy is his daughter, Sherry L. Nack (Steven) of Pembroke and his son Adam S (Sonya) Cregger of Hillsville.

A very loving, supportive and kindhearted Fiancé, Joyce Phillips of Dublin.

James is survived by grandchildren, Lora Cregger and Zoe Barr, bother, Russell (Sevella) Cregger

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## Cregger

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of Pulaski and a host of nieces, nephews and other extended family.

The family will receive friends Sunday Night, June 18, 2023, from 5:00 until 7:00 in the chapel of Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski located at 815 Randolph Avenue.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday morning, June 19, 2023, at the Shiloh Christian Church on Lowmans Ferry Road at 11:00 with Pastor Gary Rorrer officiating. Interment will follow in the Shiloh Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, it was the request of James for donations to the Amyloidosis Foundation. Directions for your financial memorial support may be found by visiting [www.amyloidosisfoundation.org](http://www.amyloidosisfoundation.org)

The family is in the care of Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel. Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.stevens-funeralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevens-funeralhomepulaski.com)

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### CHRISTOPHER AARON ROOP

Christopher Aaron Roop, always know as Aaron, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at UVA Medical Center after a year-long illness. He was 41.

Aaron was the son of the late Lisa McDaniel Roop and Christopher Earl (Chris) Roop.

While Aaron worked much of his adult life as a pest control technician, his passion was fixing things. His grandmother McDaniel, affectionately called Nanny, remembers him as a child, taking apart things to see how they worked and then putting them back together.

He spent many, many hours in his garage working on cars and motorcycles and many more hours reading and learning about them. He totally restored his deceased uncle Mark's truck, an accomplishment of which he was very proud.

He was always ready to pitch in and help friends and family, especially his Nanny and his dad. He loved animals and had at least one pet at all times—but sometimes he had several cats and dogs sharing his world.

He was preceded in death by his mother Lisa, maternal grandfather Grover Douglas McDaniel, maternal uncles Mark and (infant) Stephen McDaniel, paternal grandparents Earl A. Roop and Clara "Jewell" Roop, and paternal uncle Billy "Gary" Roop.

Aaron is survived by his father Chris, his maternal grandmother/ Nanny Linda McDaniel (Arnold Davis), as well as paternal uncle Joseph Roop (Diane) and paternal aunts Catherine Roop (Gary), Linda Phillips (David), and Sabrina Bishop (Shannon) and several paternal cousins; maternal aunt Angela McDaniel and cousins Ethan and Brayden, great aunt Yonna Graham, great uncles Larry Hash (Gloria), Bobby Hash (Teresa) and maternal great aunts Mary Alice Whisenant (Buck), Carol Hodge (Ted), Rebecca Zandvliet (Peter) and numerous other maternal cousins; former wife Elizabeth Turpin; very special friend Chrystal Goldsworthy McLucas; and very close cousins and neighbors Tammy and Kenson Lunsford. Also surviving is his last remaining pet, his much-loved dog Skeeter, who will now go to live with a friend.

A memorial service for Aaron will be held at Dublin Presbyterian Church on July 21 at 11:00 AM. NO FLOWERS, please. In lieu of flowers, his family asks

that you make a donation to our local SPCA or Humane Society in memory of Aaron.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

### VICKIE COOK KIDD

Vickie Cook Kidd, 70, of Dublin passed away peacefully at her home Friday morning. Born on January 18, 1953 to William Clarence and Elizabeth Reece Cook who preceded her in death as well as an infant brother. Also preceding her in death is a daughter, Stephanie Kidd. Vicki was a joy to all who knew her. Full of genuine care and natural love to everyone who crossed her journey as she served others while fulfilling a Nursing career that lasted well over thirty years.

Left to cherish her memories are her loving husband for almost 48 years who cared for her continuously is James Pierce Kidd and devoted and supporting son, Matthew Kidd.

Also surviving are her grandchildren who always put a smile on her face, Alexus Kidd, Daniel Kidd Zepeda, Patricio Zepeda and Renata Zepeda. A host of cousins and extended family as well as her special friends at Carillion New River Valley Medical Center whom she worked bedside of for over twenty years.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, in the Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. Services were officiated by Dr. Alan Pearce, Pastor of the Draper Valley Baptist Church where Vickie worshiped God as much as she could.

Vickie's family is being served by the staff of Norris Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski. You may send online condolences by visiting [www.stevensfuneralhome-pulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhome-pulaski.com) Floral condolences may be sent by visiting [www.pulaskiflowers.com](http://www.pulaskiflowers.com)

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Eva McGuire Owen (Tom (dec.)), and Catherine Cox White (Jesse); as well as many nieces and nephews.

A special thanks to the nurses and staff at Kroontje Healthcare Center at Warm Hearth Village for their care and kindness during these last few months. The family also thanks her many friends and neighbors for their love and support.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Pastor Cameron Mitchell and Pastor Dan Agee officiating. Interment followed in the Sunrise Burial Park in Fairlawn. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Chosen People Ministries or Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church.

The family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneral-home.com](http://www.mullinsfuneral-home.com)

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### AMY MICHELLE LILLY PITTSENBARGER

Amy Michelle Lilly Pittsenbarger, age 30, of Dublin, went to be with her Lord and Savior, whom she served faithfully, on Monday, June 12, 2023. Amy was born on June 5th, 1993 to Charles and Shelly Lilly of Pulaski. She joined Paradise with her Paw Paw and Maw Maw Charles and Emilee Lilly, Sr., and Nana and Papa Arnold and Betty Altizer, along with her husband's father, David Pittsenbarger.

Amy leaves behind her loving husband Derrick Pittsenbarger of 9 years: her three children, who she loved so much, Violet, Levi and Remi. Amy's mission was to make sure her children

were raised to know God. Amy was blessed with two brothers, who she loved, and their wives, whom she considered sisters: Charles and Lindsay Lilly and Jacob and Kelsi Lilly of Pulaski. Amy was a loving aunt, to Mackena, Emmy, Lincoln, Gracelyn, Madi, and Mason. She was blessed with two brothers-in-law: Austen Pittsenbarger, and John Pittsenbarger: her sister-in-law; Emily Pittsenbarger, who she loved as her own brother and sister. She had a wonderful mother-in-law, Teresa Pittsenbarger.

Amy was a member of Pulaski Church of God, where she loved attending and always made sure that her children knew God. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" Matthew 25:21

The funeral service will be held Friday, June 16, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Pulaski Church of God with Pastor Donald Jones and Pastor Dan Lawson officiating. Pallbearers will be Roy Worrell, Kelvin Akers, Brian Colley, Austen Pittsenbarger, John Pittsenbarger, and Trever Simpkins. Interment will follow in Oakwood Cemetery.

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# Thank A Farmer

I recently read an article in the Roanoke Times about a report done by Stacker.com listing the Virginia counties with the most farmland. According to Stacker, they compiled a list of the top 25 counties “using data from the Agriculture Department’s Farm Service Agency. Farmers reported the data as mandated by participation in USDA income support programs, including Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage as well as loan assistance.”

When I read this, I realized that their list does not give a full picture of agriculture in Virginia and the Ninth District. Washington County wasn’t included in Stacker’s top 25 list when that county is well known to be a top agriculture county in the state.

According to Stacker’s list, four counties in the



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Ninth District are included in Virginia’s top 25: Wythe (#10), Bedford (#14), Franklin (#15), and Russell (#16).

But, as mentioned in the article, the list above only represents the farms and farmland that participate in USDA crop insurance and, therefore, leave out a significant chunk of farmland in the state. Particularly, it appears that it does not include land dedicated to livestock, so acres used for cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, etc. aren’t included. Case in point, the report says Virginia has 3,074,491 acres of farmland. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the real number is around 7.7 million acres.

Having lived in Southwest Virginia most of my life and knowing that the agriculture profile of the region was inaccurate, I took it upon myself to do some research. The Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) gathers data every five years for their Census of Agriculture. According to the agency, it is the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every state and county in the nation.

As predicted, NASS’ numbers actually look much different than reported by Stacker.

According to their 2017 Census of Agriculture, the most recent year in which data is available, Bedford is actually #5 in top agricultural counties in Virginia with 211,087 acres of farmland, not #14. Four other Ninth District counties are included in just the top 10. Washington County is #7 with 176,344 acres; Russell County is #8 with 170,285 acres; Franklin County is #9 with 156,254 counties; and Wythe is #10 with 151,563 acres. According to NASS, the next census, the 2022 Census of Agriculture, will be published in 2024.

(I should also note, Bedford and Franklin counties are currently in the Ninth District as redistricting took place last year. In 2017, they were not a part of the Ninth.)

While the census does give people a good picture of how much of the Ninth District is dedicated to agriculture, it’s not just about acres of farmland. It is also about economic output. Virginia’s agriculture industry is the largest private industry in the Commonwealth, providing an impact of over \$82 billion to our state’s economy annually and almost 381,800 jobs. It is also the largest industry in the Ninth Congressional District.

Based on the 2017 Census, the Ninth District ranks third overall in market value of agricultural products sold in the state and first in four different categories of agricultural products sold. In the crops category, the Ninth is first in ‘cultivated Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops.’ Grayson County produces a vast majority of the Christmas trees in the state, with more than three times the area dedicated to growing Christmas trees than the next closet county, Floyd County, which is also in the Ninth!

In the livestock, poultry, and products category, the Ninth ranks first in ‘cattle and calves.’ Washington County has the most cattle and calves in the Ninth District with over 900 farms and 66,000 cattle and calves. Wythe is second with 573 farms and over 55,000 cattle and calves.

The Ninth also ranks first in ‘sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk’ and in ‘other animals and animal products.’ I look forward to seeing NASS’ updated statistics to see how the agriculture profile of the Ninth District has changed.

So, the point of all this data is that if you live in the Ninth Congressional District, be sure to thank a farmer this week. Besides providing food and other necessary products, farming families are the number one economic driver in this Congressional District. Neither you nor I should ever forget it.

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](http://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.

# Your Financial Life Depends on It

Dear Dave,

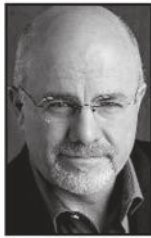
I’ve been struggling for about a year, ever since I made a stupid new-college-graduate decision to finance a car. It’s a 2018 Jeep Compass, and I owe \$21,000 on it. The trade-in value is about \$11,000, so I really got stung on the sticker price and everything else. I also have \$85,000 in student loan debt and around \$7,500 on credit cards. The good news is, I make \$63,000 at my job, and that should increase to \$75,000 by January of next year. My girlfriend and I are renting an apartment and engaged to be married in 2025. How do I clean all this up before then?

Austin

Dear Austin,

Well, the good news is, you have the rest of your life to never make this kind of mistake again. I’m really sorry you’re going through all this, son. What a horrible thing to experience right after college.

So, you’re \$10,000 upside down on a vehicle you owe \$21,000 on, right? The truth is, you’re kind of stuck. If you’re serious about getting out of this mess



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

and not repeating the same mistakes twice, you’re going to be working like a dog for the next year or two. Right now, you need a serious side job nights and weekends—maybe two. And I’m talking bare-bones living. No vacations, and no eating out for a while. You don’t need to see the inside of a restaurant unless you’re working there. Get what I’m saying? No unnecessary spending. Period. On top of all this, you’ve got to start living on a strict, written monthly budget.

Now, about your fiancée. I get the desire to fix things before you get married. But married people work together on this kind of stuff all the time. Be-

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# Is There Any Good News in America?

So much of the media has been focused on negative things that are happening in the U.S. and around the world, it seemed like a good time to explore whether there is ANY good news to encourage us. Well, the answer is a resounding “YES.”

Most have heard about the Asbury College revival which started February 8, 2023 when 20-Gen-Z students decided to remain and pray after a chapel service. The presence of the Lord filled the sanctuary, resulting in an outpouring of God’s grace. Between 50,000 to 70,000 visitors swarmed the Asbury campus hungry for a touch from God. But the outpouring didn’t end there. Through the use of social media, there were 116.1 million viewers on-line and the news sparked revivals in 200-academic institutions, many of which are still continuing. You can go to U.S. Revival Tracker to see where the revivals are happening.

Gen-Z has been described as the least religious group in America, but apparently God has other plans for these young, future world leaders.

Do you remember the “Jesus Freak” movement of the late 1960s and ‘70s, championed by youth pastor Greg Laurie and Chuck Smith? It started in California, and hundreds of young people were baptized in the ocean at Pirate’s Cove. This year on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th, an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 people witnessed 4,166 ocean baptisms at Pirate’s Cove of people declaring their faith in Jesus Christ – more than occurred on the first Biblical Pentecost recorded in the second Book of Acts.

The baptisms were a collaboration of 250 churches in Southern California, known as Baptize SoCal. The organization plans to expand their offerings of baptisms, worship and celebration on multiple beaches along the California coast. “The organizers believe that God

# One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

has more in store for California, as evident in the increasing resurgence and spiritual hunger among individuals and churches in the state, fostering a sense of unity and promoting widespread spiritual awakening.”

Outside the U.S., the spirit of Revival is very much alive – which should bring joy to all of God’s people. Sparked by the Asbury College Revival and the celebration of Pentecost 2023, the countries of Algeria, Brazil, Burma, Ethiopia, Finland, Norway, Iran, Spain, Thailand, Ukraine are experiencing Revival.

An article in Premier Christianity reinforces the good news that God is on the move around the world but because there isn’t major media coverage, people don’t know it’s happening. It explains, “In the context of majority world Christianity, moves of God tend to happen in places of poverty, persecution, upheaval, and desperation. They are mostly removed from news cameras and since they unfold outside the Anglosphere, they tend to be off the map for the vast majority of Christians in the West.”

Could we experience a similar Revival in the NRV if our churches came together in unity, with the purpose of seeing Gen-Z, as well as all age groups, experience the joyous love of God? Wouldn’t it be amazing to have thousands of people baptized in Claytor Lake and then share the Good News throughout Virginia? With churches in unity, it could happen here!



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

# Democrats are making a crazy bet

President Joe Biden’s fall at the end of the Air Force Academy graduation ceremony was a brief event. He tripped, got helped up, and walked off under his own power.

Sometimes, though, a small thing is fraught with meaning -- and with peril.

Biden’s stumbles are not minor incidents, or a laughing matter. We aren’t talking about a manufactured narrative about President Jerry Ford’s alleged clumsiness played up on “Saturday Night Live.” Biden is 80 years old, is in decline, and has a stiff, shuffling gait that makes you hold your breath when he’s negotiating stairs or any place with potential obstacles. At his age, once the falls start, they usually don’t stop.

Democrats should be thinking long and hard whether this is the vessel they want to ride into 2024 -- and to portray as up for performing the job of president of the United States in a second term extending all the way until January 2029.

A couple of weeks ago at the G-7 summit in Japan, Biden lost his balance going down steps at the Itsukushima Shrine to greet Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. He managed to right himself with some focus. He stuck the landing and could shake the prime minister’s hand like nothing happened.

But how close was he and the United States to major international embarrassment and a seismic political event? A couple of inches either way?

If Biden were to do a face plant, even down a few steps, it could be very ugly. It’d be a symbol of U.S. decrepitude. It’s one thing to have a senior senator from California who obviously should have hung it up several years ago; it’s another to have a U.S. president lacking the ability to get around easily and safely anymore.

He also could get seriously hurt. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, 81, fell a couple of months ago and had to be hospitalized. He suffered a concussion and a broken rib.

I don’t say this with any pleasure. Anyone who has dealt with an elderly parent in decline knows aging and its attendant loss of capacity are frustrating, heartbreaking and humiliating.

In their apparent willingness to acquiesce to another Biden nomination, Democrats are looking away from the enormous risk his frailty poses to their prospects.

A bad fall or some other health event could happen on a catastrophic political timetable -- if something happened to Biden in late October 2024, it could easily throw a close race to his Republican opponent. Hillary Clinton’s polling took a hit in 2016 after her fainting spell on Sept. 11.

While the public often sympathizes with politicians with health troubles (see Sen. John Fetterman), any adverse Biden event would confirm widespread doubts about his capacities and the wisdom of him running again. Rather than simply the victim of circumstances out of his control, he’d likely look

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# Sixth Annual Gusto Event happens this Saturday

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

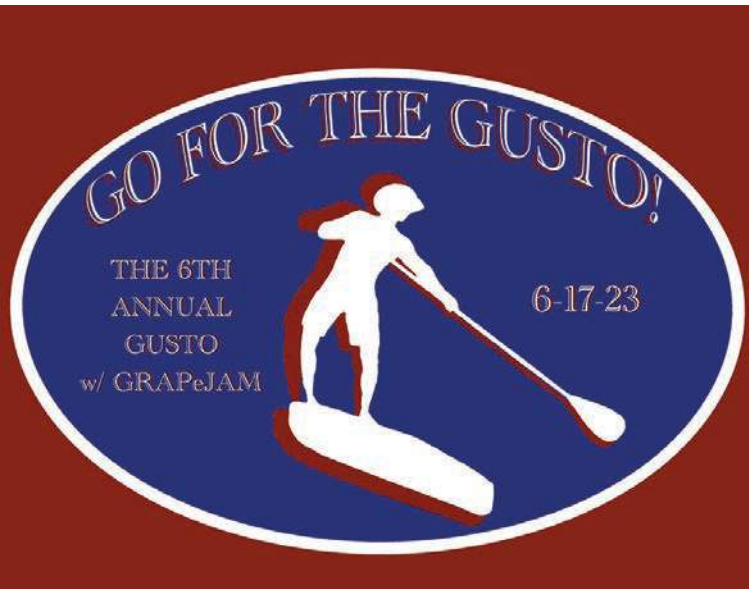
The Gusto changes a little bit every year and the 6th Annual Gusto Event with GRAPeJAM is no exception.

The first four years of the Gusto paddle board race took place at the Gatewood Park reservoir, which, in addition to serving as a recreation area, provides drinking water to the Town of Pulaski.

The 3rd Annual Gusto incorporated the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPeJAM) into the mix by giving the youngsters a place to perform in public, as well as

providing a substantial monetary donation to this non-profit thanks to the generosity of our race sponsors. Ever since then, the Gusto event has included GRAPeJAM in the festivities.

Last year, the 5th Annual Gusto event flowed further downstream from its original home to the Rockhouse Marina on Peak Creek. As before, the 5th Annual Gusto consisted of two stand up paddle board races, the 5-mile Master Class and the 2.5-mile Bona Fide Class contests but instead charting a course around the reservoir, racers paddled up Peak Creek before returning to the Rockhouse to cross the finish line.



ance, Conrad Brothers Marine, MOVA Technologies, First Community Bank and Gilmer Sadler Attorneys.

Gusto sponsors also include the Patriot newspaper, the Fine Arts Center for the NRV and Mountain2Island at the Rockhouse Marina.

Those who don't have a paddle board or a kayak will be able to rent them on site but in that case, it's best to call ahead to the Rockhouse Marina (540-980-1488) because its first come first served.

The Master Class and the Bona Fide Class paddle board races start at 10 a.m. at the Rockhouse Marina. The Kahuna Kayak Contest begins at 10:30. Racers can register at PaddleGuru.com or at the Rockhouse Marina Saturday morning before the race begins. Those registering on the day of the race should come no later than 9:30 a.m. Race day payments must be by check or cash.

*Until then, it's best to remember that:*

*When paddling downstream  
Life floats by like a dream  
But even when the currents run slow  
And the headwinds blow  
You must always push forward to  
Go for the Gusto!*

## Beware of swimming related diseases

By Laura Reasor  
Associate Family and Consumer Science Agent

Swimming pools, hot tubs, splash pads, oceans, lakes, and rivers are often contaminated with germs that can lead to swimming-related illnesses. The most common symptoms are diarrhea, skin rashes, ear pain, cough or congestion, and eye pain.

Individuals are at risk if you swallow, have contact with, or breathe in mists or aerosols from water contaminated with germs. You can also get them by having contact with chemicals that are in the water or that evaporate from the water and turn into gas in the

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air. Other swimming-related illnesses – such as skin, ear, respiratory, and eye infections – can be caused by germs that naturally live in the water and soil. If the chemicals used to kill germs (like chlorine or bromine) in pools, hot tubs, and water playgrounds are not kept at the right level, these germs can multiply and make swimmers sick.

Children, pregnant women, and those with health problems/compromised immune systems are most at risk for swimming-related illnesses. To protect yourself from the most common illnesses, keep water out of your mouth and dry your ears after you swim.

If you have your own pool or hot tub, check the pH of the water with test strips after disinfecting to reduce the most germs. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), one of their studies found that more than 10% of routine inspections of public pools and water playgrounds led to immediate closure because of serious violations, such as improper pH levels.

Don't spend your favorite summer days sick!

## Dave

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lieve it or not, there's no perfect time to get married. I mean, it sounds like you two have already decided to go there and figured out neither one of you are perfect. That's just called being human. So, there's really no reason to wait on tying the knot at this point. And the truth is, the two of you can whip your finances into shape faster and much more efficiently working on it together—as a married couple.

Austin, I want you tear into this debt like your life depends

on it. Because guess what, dude? It does!

— Dave

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foolhardy for having taken on, once again, at age 80 or 81, the physically, mentally and emotionally taxing enterprise of a national campaign.

Moreover, it would make Biden the issue in the campaign when the whole idea is supposed to be that he can repeat his role as the default candidate, making the other guy, especially Donald Trump, the focus of the race.

All of this should be factored into any calculus of how electable Biden is or how strong a candidate he is against Trump. It's understandable that Democrats feel they are stuck

-- there's no good way to leverage an incumbent out of office and there aren't readily evident strong candidates waiting in the wings.

The conservative intellectual James Burnham famously said, "If there's no alternative, there's no problem." There may be no good alternative to Biden for Democrats, but having to hold your breath every time he climbs or descends the steps of Air Force One is a big problem and one that isn't going away from now until Nov. 5, 2024.

**Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.**

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Each individual who registers for the Gusto will receive the eye-catching moisture-wicking red Gusto jersey and participants will also receive the unique and fabulous Gusto bracelets indicating their rankings at race's end.

Top finishers in the Gusto will also receive funky fresh race to-

kens courtesy of Mountain2Island at the Rockhouse Marina.

It's important to note that of all those who have ever competed in the Gusto race series, not one person has regretted their participation. In fact, many claim to have had life changing experiences.

All this for the rock bottom registration fee of \$25!

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# Graham

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is not fair. It's not fair to the division. It's not fair to the employees of Pulaski County Public Schools and it's absolutely not fair to the children who attend our schools. So, it was very important we put a leader in there as soon as possible."

After noting that the board interviewed more than 20 "great candidates" for the Superinten-

dent's position, Hurst made the announcement that those in attendance came to hear.

"Pulaski County Public Schools is very pleased to announce that the next Superintendent of Pulaski County Public Schools will be Robert F. Graham."

The announcement was met with thunderous applause and shouts of approval from the audience.

Hurst then made a motion to hire Graham as Superintendent and this was followed by a unanimous vote by school board mem-

bers.

After Graham received official approval from the board, departing Superintendent Kevin Siers was asked to speak.

"I cannot think of anyone better suited to come into Pulaski County and take over the good work going on here with our incredible kids and great families," Siers stated. "We accomplished so much in the last seven years. I know this is the best person to keep that momentum moving forward and I'm very happy the board has selected him."

Chairwoman Cox stated that Graham was clearly the best choice and brought 34 years of public education experience to the position.

"For years, we have lost staff to the other end of the bridge," said Cox. "We are delighted to bring back Rob Graham back to where he has previously worked. Once a cougar always a Cougar."

Graham then came to the table and signed his contract.

Robert Graham had indeed worked in Pulaski County Public Schools previously.

In 2003, Graham moved from northern Virginia to Radford and began his career in PCPS as Principal at a pre-school. He then served as Assistant Principal at Dublin Elementary School for a two-year stint. He subsequently took a position in PCPS's central office as Coordinator of Student Instruction under Linda Hill. Dr. Sowers was the PCPS Superintendent at that time.

In 2006, Graham was hired as Principal of an elementary school in Radford, where he remained until 2010. When a new Superintendent was hired that year, Graham took the post of Assistant Superintendent of Radford City Schools. When that Superintendent retired in 2015, Graham was appointed as Radford City Public School Superintendent and remained in that position until his recent resignation.

After signing his contract, Graham addressed the audience. He began by stating that his professional life had recently become "difficult and challenging," and that he had sought the council of his mother regarding his career.

"She said Robby, when one door closes another one will open," Graham recounted. "Well, she was partially right. If she said Robby, when one door closes another very special door will open, then she would have been 100 percent correct."

"I'm absolutely thrilled to be back in Pulaski County Public Schools," Graham continued. "I want to thank Dr. Sears for encouraging me to apply for this position and also for being a very dear friend over these last very difficult six months in RCPS."

Graham did not elaborate on his career "difficulties" and when asked directly as to why he left his position at Radford City Public Schools, Graham stated that, "I think it was just time for a change ... time for a change and when this

opened up, I thought, why not finish my career where I started my career?"

Graham finished his speech by thanking the board and the citizens of Pulaski County who have "showered me with great support over the last few days."

"Lastly, I want you to know that I'm going to make some unintentional mistakes in Pulaski," Graham said. "We're all human but I do also want you to know that the decisions that I make will always be in the best interest of the children in this special division and that I will do everything that I can to provide for them the best education possible."

A reception was held in the school's dining area after the meeting was adjourned.

Siers' resignation was not anticipated. The Pulaski County School Board extended Superintendent Kevin Siers' contract in January 2022, so that instead of expiring in July 2023, it was set to expire in the summer of 2026. At that time, Siers' salary was set at \$148,938. This included a motor vehicle allowance of \$750 per month, full insurance benefits and reimbursement of business-related travel expenses for distances greater than 50 miles, among other perks.

As per his contract, Siers' salary was raised by 5% that same year to reflect the same increase to teacher's salaries in the subsequent 2022-2023 budget. The Superintendent's amended salary is \$156,385.

The 2023-2024 school budget included another 5% increase in teacher's salaries, so that had Kevin Siers remained, his annual salary would have been raised to \$164,204.

According to Chris Calfee of the Radford City School Board, Robert Graham's annual salary as Superintendent was approximately \$154,000 when he resigned. Radford City teachers will be receiving a pay increase of 5 to 7

percent for the next fiscal year and, just as in Pulaski County Schools, this will directly affect the Superintendent's salary. If the \$154,000 figure is accurate, a five percent increase would raise the Radford Superintendent's salary to \$161,700 annually. A seven percent increase would up the Radford Supervisor's annual salary to \$164,780.

As of the morning of Wednesday June 14, Robert Graham's new contract had yet to be posted in the PCPS Board Docs website. After a FOIA request was made to view the contract, the PCPS administration wrote back to say that the new contract could now be viewed on Board Docs under the June 8 meeting agenda.

The contract reveals that Robert Graham's annual salary will be \$175,000 and that his contract extends to July 1, 2027. In addition, in June of each year, the school board has agreed to contribute \$5,000 for the Superintendent's benefit to a tax-sheltered annuity. As before, the Superintendent's salary will be adjusted upwards to reflect any increases in teacher's salaries during his tenure. All benefits listed above in the former Superintendent's contract will also remain in place.

Outgoing Superintendent Kevin Siers' contract for the Superintendent position in the Franklin County School system has not been released to the public but it seems likely that he will receive a substantial pay increase, as well.

Robert Graham will begin his term as Superintendent for Pulaski County Public Schools on July 1, 2023. The school board members Graham will be working with in 2024 is yet to be determined, as all seats on the Pulaski County School Board are up for election on November 7 of this year.

## Dublin man struck, killed by train Monday

A Dublin man was killed Monday after being struck by a train.

According to a Pulaski County Sheriff's Office press release, officers from the department responded to the Norfolk Southern train tracks in the area of 5982 Old Route 11 in reference to an individual being struck by a train.

After arriving on the scene, an individual identified as Brian

Chrisley, 39 of Dublin was located and had succumbed to his injuries.

Sheriff Mike Worrell would like to thank Dublin Police Department, Dublin Fire Department, and Pulaski County Public Safety for their assistance.

No further information will be released at this time, the release stated.

## State Police issue update on fatal crash on I-81

Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal crash in Wythe County. The crash occurred June 8, 2023, at 8:10 p.m. on Interstate 81 at the 73 mile marker.

A 2018 Ford Fiesta was traveling south on I-81 when it ran off the right side of the interstate. The Fiesta overcorrected, ran off the left side of I-81, crossed through the median and entered the northbound lanes. The Fiesta

then struck a tractor-trailer and a 2007 Honda GL 1899 motorcycle traveling in the northbound lanes.

The driver of the Fiesta, Brittny L. Connatser, 38, of Rural Retreat, Va., died at the scene. She was not wearing a seat belt. A 44-year-old male passenger was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

The operator of the motorcycle, Ivan I. Kononchuk, 56, of Tucker, Ga., was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment of serious injuries. The passenger on the motorcycle, Oksana P. Shore, 48, of Tucker, Ga., died at the scene. Both were wearing helmets.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, a 51-year-old male from Texas, was not injured in the crash. He was wearing a seat belt.

The crash remains under investigation.

## ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES



JENNY COCHRAN LAWRENCE

Jenny Cochran Lawrence of Belspring, Virginia passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. She was born February 4, 1933, to Henry Andrew Cochran and Alma Talbert Cochran Lucado.

Mrs. Lawrence was a 1950 graduate of Dublin High School.

She retired from Hercules (RAAP) where she worked in QC. She was later employed by Kroger.

She was predeceased by her husband, John T. Lawrence, Sr.;

sons, John T. Lawrence, Jr. and Kenneth C. "Kenny" Lawrence; brothers, Robert Cochran and Bill E. Cochran; and sister, Juanita Likens.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer "Vicki" Lawrence Presley (Randy) of Palm Bay, Fla.; grandson and caretaker, John Thomas Lawrence III (Adrian); granddaughters, Allison Presley Grice of Palm Bay, Fla. and Jessica Lawrence of Dublin, Va.; great granddaughters, Kaitlyn Lawrence, Tori Foster, Ashtyn Lawrence, and Giuliana Grice; great grandson, Dakota Lawrence; brother, Jim Cochran of Chuluota, Fla.; and many other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, 2023, in Hickman Cemetery in Pulaski with Rev. Marcus Harrison officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Good Samaritan Hospice.

The Lawrence family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

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# School Board, Siers say their farewells

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The Pulaski County School Board said their public good-byes Tuesday evening to School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers, who is leaving at the end of the month to become superintendent in Franklin County.

“You’ve been with us quite a few years now,” noted Chairman Beckie Cox. “I feel like we’ve been through a lot of high moments, a lot of low moments in this county. Heck, we’ve been through a pandemic together.

“But we survived. That’s not to be taken lightly. All of our students, all of our staff survived,” Cox said.

She continued that she wanted to introduce everyone to “Someone that you probably didn’t get to know.”

“Most people know Dr. Siers as an educator, being the superintendent for seven years. But I bet you didn’t know that he makes some of the best gravy, actually the best gravy, I have ever tasted. I thought my mom made the best biscuits in the world. I was wrong. Dr. Siers’ biscuits are by far fluffier and better than my mom’s ever were and the gravy is wonderful. If you didn’t get an opportunity to do that, then you really missed out,” Cox said.

“Maybe not all of you realize that Dr. Siers is a multi-generational military veteran and is proud of that service, and we thank you for that service. We can never thank you enough for that service,” she continued.

“This may not be popular to



Pulaski County School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers (center) poses with school board members (from left) Tim Hurst, Penny Golden, Dr. Paige Cash, Bill Benson and Beckie Cox.

say in some places,” Cox noted, “but he’s also a Second Amendment supporter. Bet you didn’t know that. He’s an avid hunter and he is very supportive of teaching, giving our youth instruction on how to safely handle guns and to hunt.

“Did you know that about Dr. Siers? There’s a lot left to this man that we didn’t find out,” Cox said.

“He believes in every child and that, given proper and loving encouragement, children will thrive beyond their supposed at-risk lim-

itations. He totally believes that no matter where that child comes from, whether it be poverty, disability, no matter which part of the county they’re from, no matter the conditions you live in, that you have the opportunity to succeed and education is what takes you there. And Dr. Siers encouraged each and every child in the school system that he ran across. He definitely loves children. He believes that education is for all, and it is the best tool to provide opportunity for success for your future. And

he’s right. I believe he’s right. And it is the best tool for that.”

Cox continued that Siers is a local history buff with a wonderful knowledge of Pulaski County history.

“When this high school was built, way back in the days of Superintendent Ken Dobson, the superintendent then said that a new middle school would follow – a new consolidated middle school. Ken Dobson had the longest tenured superintendency around and he believed wholeheartedly that a consolidated middle school was what was best.

“But it took Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers to bring that vision to life. We could not have done that without his leadership,” she said.

In his farewell comments, Dr. Siers first thanked the school board for the opportunity to come to Pulaski County seven years

ago, and for all the support they had shown him and his administrative team.

“The incredible list of accomplishments since 2016 is a direct result of your dedication to the children of Pulaski County,” Dr. Siers said.

“The fact that you stayed the course under some incredibly difficult circumstances is a testament to your strength and character,” he said of the board.

He thanked the faculty and staff at each school and the school board office, calling them “an incredible group of educators whose professionalism, work ethic and genuine love for children are what makes Pulaski County one of the best school divisions in the state.”

“I’ll leave here with no concerns about the future of our kids because I know they remain under your care and guidance,” he said.

He also thanked the students of the county, saying, “Your positive outlook on life is an inspiration, your kindness to others is unmeasurable, and your successes make all of us proud.”

He also expressed thanks to the people of the county, saying, “the sheer number of people who have reached out to express their appreciation for everything that we’ve accomplished over the past few years and to wish me well in my transition to Franklin County has been humbling.”

“Some of the best people I have ever known reside in Pulaski County, and I will forever be grateful for their friendship, guidance and support during my time here,” Siers said.

“There’s no doubt in anyone’s mind that the Pulaski County School System is a better school system now than it was seven years ago, and that could not have happened without the generosity and support of this community” he closed.



Pulaski County Public Schools photo

## PCHS Little Theatre Named For McCoy

By unanimous vote Tuesday, June 13, the Pulaski County School Board passed an official resolution recognizing Jeff McCoy and his many years of service with the school system. The resolution honored McCoy by naming the PCHS Little Theatre the Jeff McCoy Theatre. McCoy was a career educator for Pulaski County Public Schools having worked as an elementary classroom teacher, school counselor, and theater arts instructor for 44 years. McCoy has entertained the Pulaski County community with hundreds of dramatic productions featuring thousands of hours of student performances; he has achieved, with three, more team state championships than any other coach or sponsor in the history of Pulaski County High School.

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### Junior Varsity Softball Team Honored For Perfect Season

The Junior Varsity Lady Cougar softball team made history by achieving a perfect 18-0 season this year. This is the first undefeated season by a softball team in either high school level in Pulaski County Public Schools history. The team won in dominating fashion, outscoring their opponents 297-47 with games that included five shutouts, 14 wins that were by 10 or more runs, and six games that were won by 20 runs or more. The team finished with an overall batting average of .461 and an on-base percentage of .567. Throughout the season, the Lady Cougars not only dominated most opponents, but they also showed exceptional sportsmanship and class, many times going above and beyond in their attempts to not run up the score on teams. The team remained positive and motivated throughout the season, displaying a work ethic that earned them a place in the history books. The JV Softball team is made up of Carley Hight, Addison Dean, Sara Ritter, Ava Souder, Alexis Dishon, Sophia Hall, Emma Nester, Emma Ritter, M'Kayla Hairston, and Shelby Dobbins. The JV team was coached by Head Coach Amanda Dishon, assistant coach Andy Hall, and assistant coach Gary Brightwell.

## College baseball down to eight teams

College World Series opens with UVa, Wake Forest still alive from ACC

By ALBERTO CAMARGO | NCAA.COM

The eight-team Men's College World Series field is set. Here's a quick summary of each team's season and how they clinched a spot in Omaha, as well as some names to know heading into the MCWS.

**Florida (50-15)**  
How the season went: The Gators have been one of the nation's strongest teams all season, consistently towards the top of rankings. They finished 20-10 in SEC play, winning eight of 10 series against conference foes. They bowed out of the SEC Tournament to Vanderbilt but still



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Virginia head coach Brian O'Connor has been to the CWS five other times, with a national championship in 2015.

earned the No. 2 seed. Florida won four of five in the Gainesville Regional and swept South Carolina in the super, exacting revenge on the Gamecocks for the regular season sweep the Ga-

tors suffered in Columbia. Who stood out: On the mound, Hurston Waldrep and Brandon Sprout have been consistent workhorses as starters, each approaching 100 innings on the season.

Waldrep is in great form, going a career-high eight IP to close out South Carolina in the Super Regional. The likes of Phillip Abner and closer Brandon Neely are also rock solid in the bullpen.

The Gators have plenty of talent in the lineup. Wyatt Langford and Josh Rivera are both on-base machines with real power and three other Gators have double-digit home runs.

Among all the stars on this team though, Jac Caglianone is the main event. His two-way play has grabbed headlines with his ability to hit for average and power combined with his electrifying stuff on the mound. There's a reason he's one of three Golden Spikes Award finalists.

**LSU (48-15)**  
How the season went: The Tigers were about as unanimous as any preseason No. 1 in recent memory. They lived up to lofty

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## Brown tapped to lead Cougar hoops

By RODNEY YOUNG  
The Patriot

Pulaski County High School has named Daniel "Dan" Brown as its new boy's head basketball coach.

Brown is a former Cougar basketball player, as he played for Coach Allen Wiley. He is a 1980 graduate.

After graduating, Coach Brown would attend Bluefield College and play basketball for the Rams.

There he scored over 1,000 points from 1980-84.

In 2015, he was inducted to the Bluefield College Sports Hall of Fame. His roommate at Bluefield was the former Galax and Fort Chiswell girls' basketball coach, Howard Mayo.

Brown was the captain of the Rams team in 1983 and 1984. In those years he averaged a double-double in points and assists. He helped lead Bluefield to the National Little College Athletic Association National Tournament (NLCAA) in 1984.

He was an assistant coach with Bluefield and in 1985 he helped them to the NLCAA as national runners-up.

Brown has coached at Heritage-Newport News and Warwick High Schools. He has coached both boys and girls teams.

Coach Brown is the owner of the Guiding Young Girls Mental Health Agency in Virginia. The agency helps support families that deal with children with behavioral issues.

In 2015, Coach Brown when he was inducted into Bluefield College Hall of fame said, "I don't know how to say to express how grateful I am for the award."

He then said, "I never thought this day would come. Basketball at Bluefield College was like family. What I am today would not have happened if I hadn't come to Bluefield College."

Coach Brown has come home to take on the task of taking over the boys basketball program at Pulaski County. Indeed Daniel "Dan" Brown has work to do.

## Truex wins easy at Sonoma

By REID SPENCER  
NASCAR Wire Service

SONOMA, Calif. — What a difference a year makes.

After struggling mightily last year at Sonoma Raceway in the debut season for NASCAR's Next Gen car, Martin Truex Jr. pulled off a dominating 180-degree turnaround in Sunday's Toyota/Save Mart 350.

Overcoming an inopportune caution and leading a race-high 51 of 110 laps, Truex scored his second victory of the season and his fourth at the 1.99-mile road course, most among active drivers and second only to Jeff Gordon's five in track history.

Truex's 33rd career victory, by a 2.979-second margin over runner-up Kyle Busch, was a far cry from last season's lackluster performance, when Truex started 28th and finished 26th.

"Hats off to my team," said

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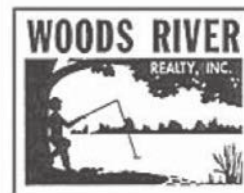
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia  
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
Case No. CL23000263-00  
Pulaski County Circuit Court  
45 Third Street, NW, Ste. 101, Pulaski, VA 24301

JAMIE MIRANDA BUCHANAN V. BRIAN TIMOTHY BUCHANAN

The object of this suit is: OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that BRIAN TIMOTHY BUCHANAN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 10, 2023 at 1 p.m..

MAY 31, 2023

Trisha L. Albert,  
Deputy Clerk

## LEGAL NOTICE



## Town of Pulaski BZA Public Hearing

The Town of Pulaski Board of Zoning Appeals gives notice of a public hearing to be held on June 22, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Train Station 20 S Washington Ave, Pulaski, VA 24301, to hear citizen comment regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals intention to act on the following requests for a variance:

- A request by Mr. Joe Hoff for a variance to Section 4.4.3 of the Town of Pulaski's Zoning Ordinance for properties located at 601 Stuart Ave. [081-7-182-10] and parcel 081-7-182-11 on Stuart Ave. both zoned R-4, Multi-family Residential for a proposed lot line adjustment resulting in 2 lots smaller than 10,000 sq. ft.
- A request by Calfee C.C.C. LLC for a variance to Section 4.7.2-2 of the Town of Pulaski's Zoning Ordinance for properties located at 1 Corbin-Harmon Dr. [072-14-1] which is zoned RO for a setback adjustment of a playground from 50 ft. to 5 ft.

Copies of the variance applications and corresponding ordinances may be reviewed at the Zoning Administrator's office, 42 First St. Pulaski, VA Monday-Friday between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM. All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Zoning Administrator by Friday, June 22th.

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

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# Fairgrounds to be busy over next two weeks

By DONALD TRAUSNECK  
The Patriot Equine Reporter

For lovers of all things horse related, the next two weekends will provide plenty of thrills and enjoyment at the New River Valley Fairgrounds in Dublin.

Friday through Sunday, the benefit rodeo extravaganza for St. Jude's Hospital will take center arena. Then comes the New River Valley Fun Show Saturday, June 24.

Events begin today (Friday, June 16) with the Eddie Wagoner Memorial Ranch Rodeo. On Saturday, there will be team roping, plus 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."

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

Lawson said the annual rodeo has grown beyond her expectations. "I never imagined," she said. "We could only hope it go to half the size it is, and it's just turned into a wonderful event."

The idea for the rodeo came to Lawson after her daughter, Reed, 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 says Reed received excellent care, as

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## LEGAL NOTICE



## Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, June 26, 2023, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matter:

- Transfer of Tax Parcel 047-014-0000-001, 047-014-0000-01A, 047-001-0000-023("former Dublin Middle School Property") from the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors to the Pulaski County Economic Development Authority.

Comments may be presented orally or in writing via mail to above address, fax (540-980-7717), or e-mail to bos@pulaskicounty.org. A copy of the plat is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7705.

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.

## LEGAL NOTICE

## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain and Wetlands

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

Revised Notice: This is to give notice that the New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) under 24 CFR part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the Appalachian Regional Commission POWER grant program and the Department of Housing and Community Development Project (22-PW-02A) is located in the 100-year floodplain and a riverine, and the NRVRC will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by both Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project area includes the development of a new concrete boat launch on the bank of the New River in Pulaski County off Hazel Hollow Rd. The project area is approximately .81 acres, located entirely within the 100-year Floodplain and partially within a riverine. The project provides motorized and non-motorized boat access to the New River at Sheffey Park, thus expanding the recreational opportunities for Pulaski County residents and tourists. This project will benefit the livability of our region and the burgeoning outdoor recreation economy. The Pulaski County boat launch at Sheffey Park is one of four new/enhanced boat launches that will extend the existing 37 miles of the New River Water Trail (Giles County) to the rest of the region, totaling 61 miles upon completion. The project includes several related components: construction of a boat launch, parking suitable for vehicles with trailers, and a foot path connecting Smith Farm Park (currently being developed). The project is located at 7422 Hazel Hollow Rd., New River, VA 24141.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the NRVRC at the following address on or before June 26, 2023- New River Valley Regional Commission, 6580 Valley Center Drive Suite 124 Radford, VA 24141 Attention: Kathleen Armstrong, Regional Planner II/Community Designer. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9 am to 5 pm at the above address and electronically by request. Comments may also be submitted via email at karmstrong@nrvc.org.

Date: June 9, 2023



# CWS

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expectations most of the season, holding the No. 1 ranking for months. A below-par May dropped them down a few pegs. Entering the NCAA Tournament as the No. 5 seed, LSU has rounded back into form, winning five straight on the road to Omaha.

ha.  
Who stood out: Where do we start? At the plate, it's Dylan Crews. His slash line jumps off the page: .433 batting average, .570 OBP, 17 HRs and 64 RBIs — stats worthy of a Golden Spikes finalist nomination. Tommy White leads the team in homers (22) and RBI (97) with an average of .377. It's far from a two-man show, though — six other

Tigers have driven in at least 40 runs this season.  
In case you were wondering the third Golden Spikes finalist, it's LSU's star ace Paul Skenes. He's truly a spectacle on the mound, overpowering hitters with triple-digit fastballs and then fooling them with his strikeout pitches. Even when the ball isn't in Skenes' hand, it doesn't get any easier against the LSU bullpen. **Oral Roberts (51-12)**  
How the season went: The Golden Eagles are possibly the hottest team in baseball. They won their final 15 games of the regular season to win the Summit League regular season title, won three to win the conference tournament, then swept the Stillwater Regional. Winners of 21 in a row, they took an eight-run lead against Oregon in the Super Regional opener — in the first inning. Then proceeded to blow it, losing on a walk-off. With their season on the line, the Eagles flipped the script, walking off the Ducks to force a Game 3 they would win 11-6 to become just the third regional 4-seed to ever reach Omaha. Who stood out: The Eagles may have lost their 21-game win streak, but Jonah Cox's 47-game hitting streak remains. It's the third-longest in DI baseball history, and with one win at the MCWS, could reach the 50-game mark. Oral Roberts has three spectacular starters with one absolutely unhittable reliever: Cade Denton. The big right-hander can close out any lead as well as he can provide some long relief, all while keeping batters to a .210 average. **Stanford (44-18)**  
How the season went: The Cardinal has been the class of the Pac-12 all season, taking eight of 10 conference series. Stanford was blitzed out of the conference tournament but still earned the No. 8 seed. After fighting back from a loss in the regional to move on, the Cardinal met Texas in the Super Regional. A Game 1 loss at home meant another comeback needed to happen — and those two wins will live on forever. With the season on the line, Quinn Mathews hurled 156 pitches and struck out 16 batters in a complete game win for the ages. Then, in the winner-take-all, an all-time wacky finish. Who stood out: Mathews is no stranger to marathon outings, even if the 156 smashed his previous career high. He's thrown over 100 pitches in all but two starts this season and racked up 120 innings — nearly double anyone else on the staff.

The Cardinal's lineup is highlighted by Alberto Rios, the Pac-12 Player of the Year and leader in several statistical categories. He has been the dynamic bat at the center of many of Stanford's offensive showcases this season. Expect him to do the same in Omaha. **TCU (42-22)**  
How the season went: TCU is a tale of two seasons. Sitting at 23-20 on May 1, the Frogs have won all but two games since and rode their red-hot offense to a Big 12 Tournament title. TCU has yet to lose in the post-season and come to Omaha on an 11-game winning streak, giving Oral Roberts a run for the title of the hottest team. Who stood out: The power comes from Brayden Taylor, but the baserunners are by committee. Seven different Frogs sport an on-base percentage over .400. Cole Fontenelle is perhaps the best all-around bat in the lineup. The TCU pitching rotation has seen plenty of adjustments throughout a tumultuous season. The one constant presence has been Kole Klecker, the Frogs' ace. His numbers are strong all around, none more than his .209 opponent batting average. **Tennessee (43-20)**  
How the season went: These Vols ran hot and cold all season. Long win streaks seemed as common as three or four losses in quick succession. They lasted just one day in the SEC Tournament. On the road in the regional, Tennessee swept the field, including an all-time wild win over No. 3 Clemson in 14 innings. On the road again in the next round, the Vols fought back from a Game 1 loss and several weather delays to reach Omaha at the expense of Southern Miss. Who stood out: In such a well-balanced offense, it's hard to pick just one name, but Christian Moore is well-rounded, hitting for average, power and disciplined at the plate, too. There's plenty of power spread around the lineup, though the brute force of a Blake Burke home run is quite the spectacle. The Vols have some electric talent in the bullpen, too. Chase Burns has shifted from the rotation to be a stellar reliever with triple-digit heat. Andrew Lindsay has been Tennessee's best starter after stepping in midseason to join a good 1-2 punch in Drew Beam and Chase Dollander. **Virginia (50-13)**  
How the season went: The Hoos have reached the 50-win mark for the fifth time and the first since 2014. They have been around the top of the ACC all season and won

the Coastal Division regular-season title, but bowed out to North Carolina in the ACC Tournament. After sweeping its home regional, Virginia dropped the first super regional game to ACC foe Duke. But the Hoos' bats turned up to flip the script, winning Games 2 and 3 by 10 runs each to advance. Who stood out: UVA has six starters who have yet to miss a game this season, a great mark of consistency. The standout of the group is Kyle Teel, the nation's best catcher and one of the best players period. It's saying something to stand out among six other hitters hitting .300. On the mound, all three UVA starters are money, which means the bullpen must be gold. Jake Berry, Jay Woolfolk, Evan Blanco — all three are dynamite in relief. Most leads are safe in the hands of these three. **Wake Forest (52-10)**  
How the season went: The nation's No. 1 seed has been playing like it for months now. Wake Forest overtook LSU for top spot late in the season, but the Deacons have been playing like the team to beat for months. There are too many program records to list here, but this should summarize it well: this team is likely the best in program history and has been on a historic tear. The team's +59 run differential in the NCAA Tournament is the best of all-time entering the MCWS. Who stood out: The name is Rhett Lowder. Wake Forest's ace on the mound has befuddled batters all season. The Deacons have yet to lose a game he has started, and he's completed six innings in all but two. He's racked up accolades as the leader of an all-around dominant pitching staff. At the plate, there are two names to mention: Nick Kurtz and Brock Wilken. Both get on base in more than half of their at-bats. The former leads the team in average, the latter in home runs and RBIs. Alongside them are Pierce Bennett and Justin Johnson, who each have driven in 60+ runs this season. Alberto Camargo is the lead reporter for NCAA men's and women's soccer. He has worked at the USF Oracle and the Knoxville News-Sentinel. His writing has appeared in several newspapers around the USA Today South Region. Follow him on Twitter @albarettoe.

## JOBS



### Pulaski County PSA Sanitation Worker

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Sanitation Worker I with the Pulaski County Public Service Authority. Applicants must have the ability to perform continuous heavy manual work in the collection and loading of residential solid waste. Ability to lift a minimum of 25 pounds to a maximum of 75 pounds on a daily basis. Ability to step on and off back of refuse truck numerous times daily and the ability to routinely walk a minimum of two miles. Applicants must also pass a drug and alcohol and background check.

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Interested individuals can apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or submit an application from [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org) to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director at [tnichols@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:tnichols@pulaskicounty.org).

Position open until filled

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**Public Hearing Notice - County Budget Amendment**  
The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, JUNE 26, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski on an amendment to the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget as follows:

<b>General Fund</b>		
Revenues:		
General Property Taxes	\$	931,346.00
Other Local Taxes		275,000.00
Revenues from Use of Money & Property		383,000.00
Charges for Services		10,750.00
Miscellaneous Revenues		352,000.00
Recovered Costs		30,000.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,982,096.00</b>

Expenditures:		
General and Financial Administration	\$	23,500.00
Judicial		82,108.00
Public Safety		673,659.00
Public Works		499,837.00
Health & Welfare		13,700.00
Parks Recreation and Cultural		290,500.00
Community Development		53,000.00
Non-Departmental Expense		14,000.00
Transfers to Other Funds		331,792.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,982,096.00</b>

<b>COVID RELIEF FUND</b>		
Revenues:		
Federal Revenues	\$	582,000.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>582,000.00</b>
Expenditures:		
Non-Departmental Natural Disaster Expenses	\$	582,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>582,000.00</b>

<b>School Construction Fund</b>		
Revenues:		
Transfer from Reserves	\$	3,132.45
Revenues from Use of Money & Property		84,046.27
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>87,178.72</b>

Expenditures:		
Education	\$	87,178.72
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>87,178.72</b>

<b>EDA Fund</b>		
Revenues:		
Revenue on Use of Money & Property	\$	67,650.00
Charges for Services		6,700.00
Recovered Costs		770,577.00
Non-Departmental Revenue		131,150.00
Transfer from Reserves		179,706.00
Transfers from Other Funds		1,460.88
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,157,243.88</b>
Expenditures:		
Community Development	\$	1,053,243.88
Debt Service		4,000.00
Transfer to Other Funds		100,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,157,243.88</b>

<b>Internal Service Fund</b>		
Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$	403,700.00
Transfer from Other Funds		331,791.67
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>735,491.67</b>
Expenditures:		
General and Financial Administration	\$	735,491.67
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>735,491.67</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,544,010.27</b>
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## JOBS



### Come Join The Pulaski County Team! Heavy Equipment Mechanic

Applications are being accepted for the position of a Heavy Equipment Mechanic with the Pulaski County Garage. This position performs difficult skilled mechanical work on specialized construction and automotive equipment. In addition, the Heavy Equipment Mechanic will diagnose mechanical defects, troubleshoot issues, inspect engines and conduct repairs in a timely manner.

Applicant must possess a valid commercial driver's license (CDL) issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia and a Virginia State Inspectors License. In addition, applicant will demonstrate any combination of education and experience equivalent to completion of eleventh grade and considerable experience in repairing automotive, light and heavy power-driver equipment. Selected applicant must undergo alcohol and drug testing requirements. The salary scale for this position is \$40,001 - \$64,002 and is commensurate upon education and experience.

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- Sick, vacation and birthday leave
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Position is open until filled.

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## Radio Field Day set for June 24

The New River Valley Amateur Radio Club (NRVARC) will be participating in the national Amateur Radio Field Day exercise on Saturday, June 24th at Randolph Park in Dublin, VA.

Since 1933, the annual event, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), has provided an opportunity for amateur radio operators (often called "Hams") to gather with their equipment in a field-type operation simulating emergency operations.

Local individuals from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Dublin, Pulaski, Pearisburg, Floyd will join over the air with thousands of other Amateur Radio operators across the country demonstrating their emergency communication capabilities.

This event is open to anyone interested in electronics, communications, or just wanting to explore a new interest. It's also a great opportunity to explore the real-world application of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Want to learn more? Individuals and small groups are welcome to drop by at the Randolph Park picnic shelter area on Saturday June 24th any time between 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM to look around, talk with hams, or for a personal tour. From I-81 South, take the Dublin Exit 98, proceed to the first stoplight, take a left at McDonald's and proceed 1/2 mile to the entrance of Randolph Park. See what modern Amateur Radio can do. The folks there can even help you get on the air!

Visit our website at <https://www.n4nrv.org> for up-to-date information on the club, it's activities, and to learn more about amateur radio.



# NASCAR

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Truex, who was winless in the 2022 campaign. “To be so bad here last year and to come back and do that with the same car basically, it’s really unbelievable. Just proud of them. We’re having a great year. I feel really good about our team...

“Man, it just feels incredible to have a day like that and a run like that and a team like I have. They’re doing everything right, and it’s a lot of fun to drive these cars... This is why you go through years like we had last year. You just keep fighting. You never give up on it. You always believe in each other.

“We haven’t changed anything on our team other than parts and pieces. It’s just through a lot of hard work of a lot of people.”

On Lap 33, Truex passed Joe Gibbs Racing teammate and pole winner Denny Hamlin for the top spot, after Hamlin led the first 32 laps and won the race’s first stage. For the next 18 laps, it appeared that Truex and Hamlin would deliver a 1-2 punch to the rest of the field.

That was before a tire from Zane Smith’s Ford bounced off the inside pit wall into the middle of pit road on Lap 50. The resulting caution turned the race upside down and handed the lead to Busch, who had pitted seven laps before the yellow.

Busch won the second stage—his second stage victory

of the season—but Truex caught the No. 8 Chevrolet on Lap 69, outbraking Busch into Turn 7 and regaining the lead. Truex pitted on Lap 75 but reclaimed the top spot five laps later and held it until Hamlin hit the wall in Turn 12 on Lap 92, ping-ponged between the two frontstretch barriers and broke the right rear toe link on his Toyota.

Chase Elliott, Tyler Reddick and Ryan Blaney stayed out on older tires during the ensuing caution, but Truex made short work of those drivers, retaking the lead off Turn 4 on Lap 97, with Busch following him into the second spot.

Busch chased Truex over the final 14 laps—to no avail.

“I wish we had a little bit more,” said Busch, who won last Sunday at World Wide Technology Raceway. “I tried really hard at the end to at least try to keep Martin honest. Felt like I could beat him a little bit on a lap, then I would mess up. He would beat me by a little bit more on the next lap. We were just kind of trading a little bit there. He was able to pull away there late...”

“We gave it everything that we had. We made a lot of changes. We got a lucky break there with a yellow with only three laps on tires, so we were able to kind of cycle to the front. Once we got up there, we could maintain pace with some of the good cars and have a good top-three speed race car. Just kind of flip-flopped the race a little bit.

“Good fortunes for us. Nice to come out here with a P2 after a win last week.”



(Photo by Donald Trausneck)

Janet Jones of Radford rides RH Little Money to a strong finish in the IBRA meet May 27 at Lewisburg, WV. She currently holds the lead in the second division of the Virginia International Barrel Racing Association standings and volunteers at the St. Jude Rodeo Extravaganza being held this weekend.

## Equine

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did her family.

As Reed recovered from the surgery, her family’s Chilhowie

community wanted to hold a benefit for the child, but the family decided the money would be put

to better use at St. Jude. So, the family decided to pay it forward with the rodeo benefit. Lawson grew up barrel racing and has passed her love for it on to her daughters, Ryleigh, 9; Reed, 8; and Remi, 5.

Admission to the event will be \$5, or children 5-under free. However, donations to St. Jude Hospital will be accepted.

The NRV Horse Show June 24 will begin at 10 a.m. with open barrels and then youth barrels, followed by five game classes. After a break, the show will continue for a total of 34 game, show and speed classes. The entry fee for all but two of the classes is \$9 per horse/rider. Ribbons will go to the top six places and other prizes will be awarded.

This is meant to be a fun show, beginner and family friendly. The show is sponsored by the Blue Ridge Horse Force.

(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.)

Upcoming Events

June 16-17 – Billingsway Monthly Series Rodeo, Crockett. Friday night at 7, Saturday at 6.

June 16-18 – Rodeo Extravaganza for St. Jude, Dublin Fairgrounds.

June 17 – Pine Spur Hunt Club Open Horse Show, Vinton.

June 24 – New River Valley Horse Show, Dublin Fairgrounds.

June 24 – Tazewell Horse Show, Jeff Hill Memorial.

June 24 – DC Productions Barrel Bash, Abingdon.

June 24-25 – High Country Rodeo, Alleghany County Fairgrounds, Sparta.

## JOBS



### Pulaski County Library System Library Circulation Assistant

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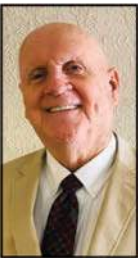
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

God the Son

In Genesis 1.1 the bible says, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Elohim is used in that scripture which is the plural name for God. Then the bible in Genesis continued to use plural pronouns to describe God. For example, Let US make man in OUR Image. Each person in the Triune God-head was present and took part in the Creation of all things. God the Father was there in the beginning. He spoke the creation into existence. God the Son, then God the Word, was there also in the beginning. God the Holy Ghost was also there, in the beginning. Moses wrote that the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. God is eternal. And since all three persons of the Godhead were present, in the beginning, and are eternal, all three persons are God.

The incarnation is when God the second person of the Triune Godhead became a human being to redeem us and save us from our sins. Jesus’ mission was to seek and to save, that which was lost. He came to this earth as the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed One, at a time when the people were expecting a King who would set up a literal Kindom and deliver them from Roman Oppression. He didn’t fit into the mold that they had prepared for Him. And so, even though many did accept Him as being the Messiah, with His kingdom being set up in the hearts of men, many, sad to say did not. They crucified their own Messiah.

However God in His infinite wisdom knew that this would happen and God used it to formulate His great plan of Salvation to save us from our sins. When Jesus, the Sinless Savior, gave up His life to die on Calvary, He became the sinless substitute for our sins, your sins, my sins and the sins of the whole world and died shedding his blood on the old rugged cross to wash away all the sins of those who would and will accept His sacrifice and believe in Him unto salvation.

Jesus is coming back again. As Jesus was being caught up and ascended back into heaven, an angel said, “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come again in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:1. John 3:13 says, “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.”

And as we, as born again, blood washed, children of God, live our lives, it is comforting and encouraging to know that Jesus is coming to this earth again, first to resurrect those who have died in Christ and then to catch away the saints who are still living at the time of His coming at the event that is called the Rapture of the Saints.

Matthew 16:13. “When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Phillippi, He asked His disciples saying, “Whom do men say that I the son of man am? And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptist; Some, Elias, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But Whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father Which is in Heaven.”

The first name that came up

Church Directory

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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:  
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11 a.m. Sunday worship  
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
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Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett  
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Worship, 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.  
Phone: 980-2046

Draper 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.

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Sunday School: 10am  
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Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday School 7 p.m.  
www.vhmdublin.org  
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Dublin Baptist Church

Pastor Allen Mahan, II  
100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084  
540-674-6061  
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org  
Website: dublinbaptistva.org  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

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

Belspring Baptist Church

6887 Depot Street  
Belspring, VA 24058  
Pastor Darrell Linkous  
Service Times:  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and  
Youth Group: 7 p.m.  
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081  
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

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Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  
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Joe Ratcliff, Pastor  
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7318 Manns Drive  
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Draper’s Valley Presbyterian (PCA)

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trinitypulaski @gmail.com  
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
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www.trinitypulaski.org

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Sunday School: 10:00 am

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Youth Minister: Charlie Prince  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
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Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study  
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220 Magazine Street  
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# McCraw

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was John the Baptist. Some speculated that Jesus was John the Baptist, risen from the dead. Others thought Jesus was Elijah, come back from heaven. Still others speculated that Jesus was Jeremiah or one of the other great prophets. But Jesus was none of these. Jesus was God the Son, the Christ, the Redeemer, and the Savior of the world.

Then Jesus asked the second and more important question. "But whom say YE that I am?" And old outspoken Peter hit the nail right on the head. He said "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." I'm sure the other disciples heard it and also believed.

Sometimes we have the tendency to ignore what some who talk a lot have to say. And we shut them out because frankly we get tired of listening to their constant speaking. But every once in a while, they have something to say that is worth listening to like Peter did on this occasion.

The biggest compliment we can ever give to others is to listen to what they have to say.

A lot of times, when we are discussing a matter with someone else, while they are speaking to us, we are so busy thinking about what we are going to say next, we don't even hear what they have to say.

So if you want to improve yourselves, as most of us do, why not try becoming more of a listener, and less of a talker. My dad said to me one time, "Son when you are in a group of people who are talking back and forth, you stay quiet and listen to what they are saying, and when it's over, you'll know more than they do, because you'll know what you know and you'll know what they know too." And I found out that that bit of wisdom has helped me to become a better listener. We all need to listen more and talk less.

"Jesus Christ is God in human flesh, and the story of His life, death, and resurrection is the only Good News the world will ever hear." Billy Graham.

Col. 2: 9,10. "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the God-head bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:"

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

9. John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

## Bible Trivia

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

2. From 2 Samuel 18:18, who erected a memorial to himself because he did not have a son? Onesimus, Absalom, Spartacus, Isaiah

3. Where is Satan called "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience"? Galatians 1, Ephesians 2, Colossians 3, Titus 4

4. What widowed prophetess was 84 years old on seeing the young Jesus in the temple? Anna, Jezebel, Hagar, Abigail

5. Which book foretold of the Messiah being born in Bethlehem? Ezra, 1 Kings, Amos, Micah

6. From Genesis 35:22, how many sons did Jacob have? 1, 3, 6, 12

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Absalom, 3) Ephesians 2:2, 4) Anna, 5) Micah 5:2, 6) 12

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

### Community Christian Church

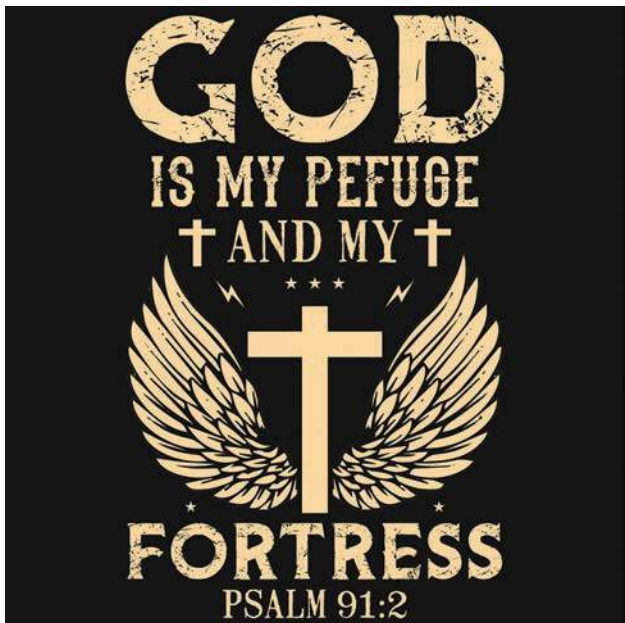
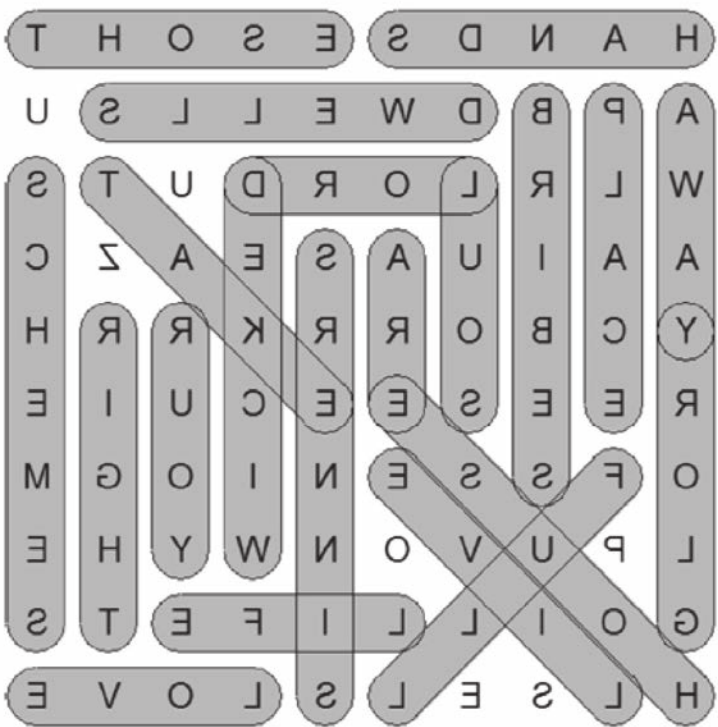
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084  
540-674-4308  
Pastor: Bill Neeley

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

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

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers



### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

GALATIANS 3:27,28



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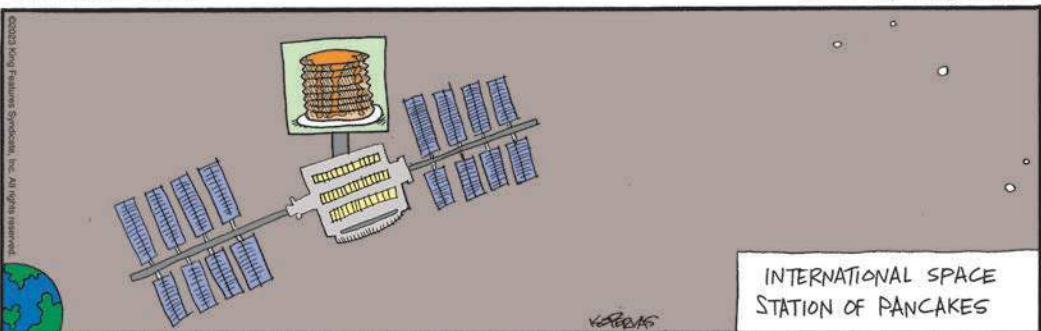
NOW I CAN PULL UP SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS AND WORK ONLINE.

OK, IT'S BEEN 5 MINUTES AND YOU'RE SENDING ME A FRIEND REQUEST?

by Dave T. Phipps

## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



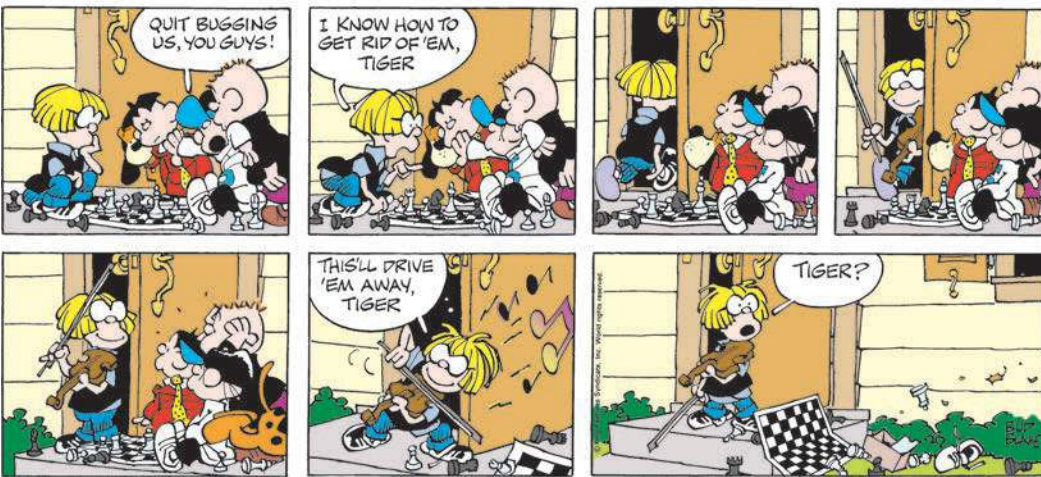
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by Jeff Pickering



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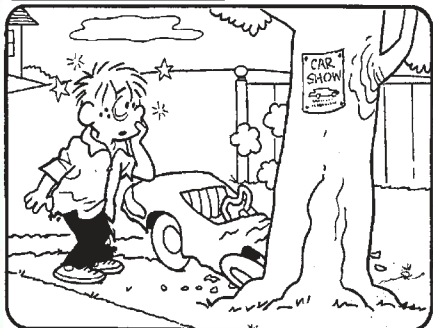


## OLIVE



## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## 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: F equals N

UQS ZLVFA EQCBW'G BLLGS

CFECGLN HXWS QCG AVHG

JNSUUZ GLNS. C ULBW QCH

"UQCG ULLUQ GQXBB JXGG."

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## SCRAMBLERS

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

Peace

LICENSE

Waver

ARTFEL

Rebuke

ICHED

Banner

PRESTO

## TODAY'S WORD

"You asked her how old she is... Of course, she's a \_\_\_\_\_ witness, you idiot!"

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- Potential syrup
- Ship's front
- Dutch cheese
- Family card game
- One with will power?
- Cover with blacktop
- Kind of stove
- Mid-month date
- Solo of "Star Wars"
- Pie chart divisions
- Exact
- Fan's cry
- "East of Eden" brother

- Blend
- Interior design
- Curved molding
- Signing need
- Chicago paper, briefly
- Irritable
- "Mayday!"
- Blackbird
- Summer mo.
- Orders of pancakes
- Snarls
- Annoy
- Pulitzer winner James
- Soup cooker

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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15			16					17		
		18				19		20		
21	22				23		24			
25				26		27		28		29 30 31
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46	47	48			49		50			
51					52		53			54 55
56					57				58	
59					60				61	

- Katy Perry hit song
- Hunt for Wilder's "Town"
- Leer at
- Nashville venue
- Dead heat

## DOWN

- Dine
- Year in Cancun
- Driving hazards
- Wunderkind
- Seminary

- subj.
- Monet's supply
- More ironic
- Disparaging term
- Pedestal part
- Declare
- GI dining hall
- Sluggish need
- Scoundrel
- Highlander
- Senate staffer
- Chill in the air
- Ballot marks
- Eccentric
- Sty cry

- Baseball stats
- Curio cabinet
- Refusals
- Actor Brynner
- Viscid
- Bas-relief medium
- Noah's boat
- Poi base
- Awestruck
- Patricia of "Hud"
- Dance move
- "— the ram-parts ..."
- Gigi's "yes"
- Three, in Rome

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## top ten

### World's Coldest Places

- Vostok, Antarctica
- Plateau Station, Antarctica
- Oymyakon, Russia
- Verkhoyansk, Russia
- North Ice, Greenland
- Eismitte, Greenland
- Snag, Yukon, Canada
- Prospect Creek, Alaska
- Fort Selkirk, Yukon, Canada
- Rogers Pass, Montana

Source: The Travel Almanac

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: When did "Sesame Street" debut on PBS?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the moon where "Avatar" takes place?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to a tall rock structure called the Finger of God?
- HISTORY: What was Babe Ruth's real first name?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many of Snow White's seven dwarfs have names ending in "y"?
- MUSIC: Which country did the band AC/DC come from?
- LITERATURE: How many books are in the primary Harry Potter novel series?
- GOVERNMENT: How many national parks are in the United States?
- FOOD & DRINK: In which country was the Caesar salad invented?
- ANATOMY: Where is the uvula in the human body?

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## WORD LADDERS

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

BLADES

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SPIDER

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## SCRAMBLERS

BLADES, GLADES, GLIDES, SLIDES, SLIDER, SPIDER

WORD LADDER

HOSTILE

Today's Word

1. Silence 2. Fatter; solution

3. Chide; 4. Poster

Answers

1. 1969.  
2. Pandora.  
3. Brazil.  
4. George.  
5. Five: Happy, Sleepy, Dopey, Sneezy and Grumpy. The other two are Doc and Bashful.  
6. Australia.  
7. Seven.  
8. 63.  
9. Mexico.  
10. Throat.

## King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

\_\_\_\_\_

## Americanisms

"My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do: be there."

— Max Lucado

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# PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

## All Dublin High Alumni

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

## June 17

**Tractor Pull**  
The NRV Antique Tractor Club will have a tractor pull on June 17th at 10 a.m. at the Ruritan National grounds in Newbern, VA.

**DHS Class of '60 Reunion**  
Dublin High School class of 1960 will celebrate its 63rd reunion on June 17th at the Dublin Lions Club starting 1 pm with lunch at 2 pm. The cost is \$13.00 per person. You can contact Joanne Hagy at 540-674-5030 or Tommy Spraker at 540-577-0722.

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

## June 18

**Pulaski County Juneteenth Celebration**  
Sunday, June 18, 2:00 - 5:00 pm  
Wilderness Road Regional Museum  
5240 Wilderness Road Dublin,

VA 24084  
Spend a fun afternoon celebrating Juneteenth this Sunday, 2:00- 5:00 at Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Dublin. Featuring a variety of kids activities and crafts, an African dance and drumming performance, cornbread tasting, a cake raffle, storytelling and childrens book giveaways, and a panel discussion on the history of slavery in Appalachia. Draper's Bakers and Lizard Licks will be there with treats! Sponsored by Wilderness Road Regional Museum, Calfee Community & Cultural Center, Pulaski County Library System, and Thriving Families Pulaski.

## June 26

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

## Aug. 4-5

**Class Reunion**  
Members of the Pulaski High School Class of 1973 will hold their 50th class reunion on Aug. 4 and 5, 2023. The event will be held at Thornspring Country Club and Event Center in Pulaski. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. Invites will go out later, but right now we need to determine the number interested in attending. Please email us at efsouthern@gmail.com to let us know if you plan to attend and provide your up to date address. You can write us at Class of '73 Reunion, P.O. Box 242, Pulaski, VA 24301. Also, join us on Facebook at "PHS Class of 1973 (Pulaski, VA)" Hope to hear from you soon!

## Aug. 26

**Dublin High School 50th Class reunion**  
The Class of Dublin High School 1973 will hold their 50th class re-

union on August 26, 2023. The reunion will be held at Thornspring Country Club and Event Center in Pulaski. Save the date cards have been mailed and if you haven't received one please email :cindyviers.cv@gmail.com or tcovey3@verizon.net or write DHS Class Reunion 1973, P.O. Box 233, Dublin, VA 24084. There will be more details mailed out soon.  
Join us on Facebook "Dublin High School - Virginia- Class of 1973.

## On going:

**Alcohol Anonymous**  
Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America-

ca located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066.

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

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

**Celebrate Recovery**  
Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step program where people gain freedom, healing and accountability for life's

hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Group Meeting at 6:15pm every Thursday at Valley Harvest Ministries, 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

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



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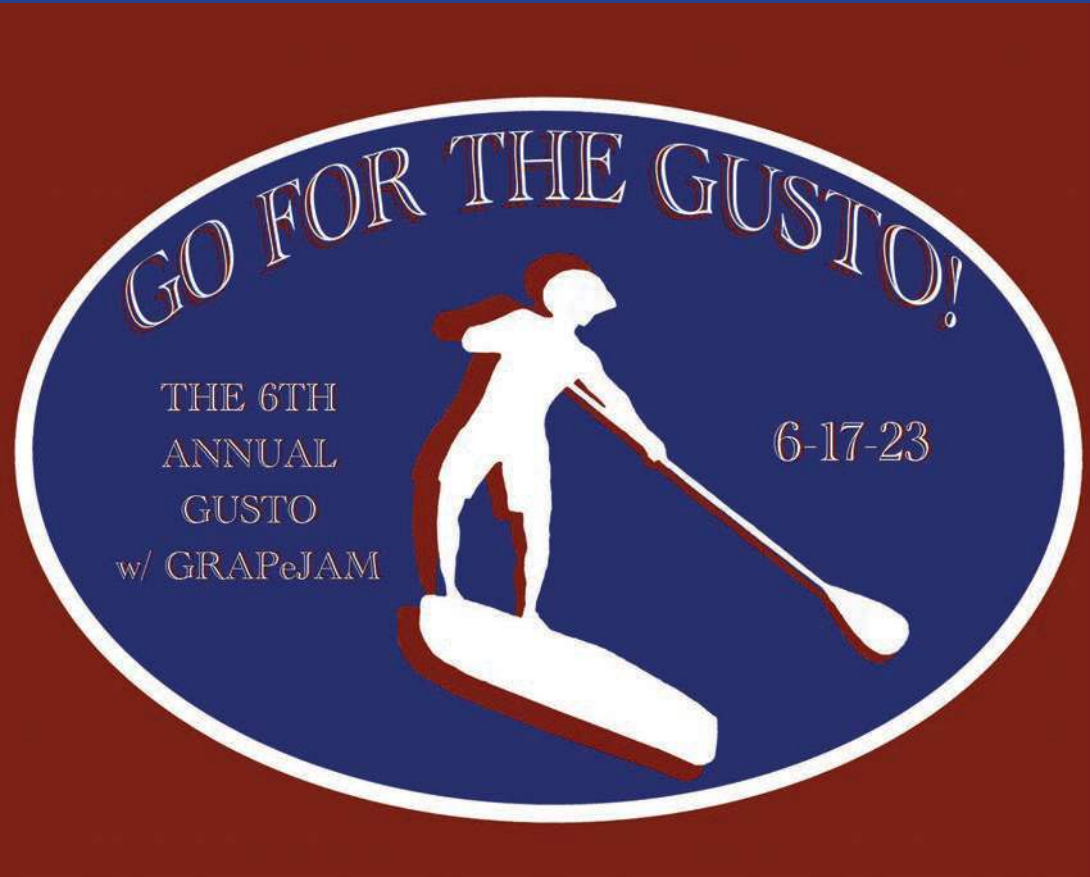
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**THE 6TH ANNUAL GUSTO w/ GRAPeJAM**

**6-17-23**

**The 6th Annual Gusto Event with GRAPeJAM happens on Saturday, June 17 at the Rockhouse Marina in Pulaski County U.S.A.**

Take note! The Master Paddler (5-mile) Paddle Board Race and the Bona Fide (2-mile) Paddle Board Race are set to start at 10 a.m. The Kahuna Kayak (4-mile) Competition begins at 10:30 a.m. that same Saturday - June 17.

All races start and finish at the Rock House Marina on Peak Creek - Rain or shine!

Competitors for the 6th Annual Gusto can register at PaddleGuru.com for a fee of \$25 or call (540) 577-5917 and ask for the Gusto!

Race entrants will receive a Gusto race jersey and a unique Gusto award denoting race rank.

**After the race, the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPeJAM) will receive a donation and then play a few tunes to celebrate!**

**This year's monetary donation to GRAPeJAM is made possible by the generosity of: The Travis Team, Foothills Chiropractic, MOVA Technologies, Pulaski on Main, Glenn Insurance Agency, Conrad Brothers Marine, First Community Bank, Interstate Construction, the Gilmer Sadler Attorneys.**



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