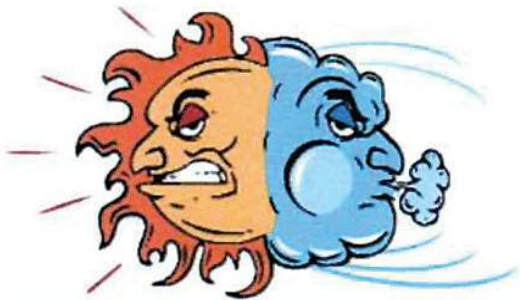




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## Investigation continues into Randolph Park blaze

**Patriot Staff Report**

An investigation continues into what caused the fire late last Friday afternoon that destroyed the Evelyn Alexander Waterpark facility at Randolph Park.

"Our Pulaski County Family saw something this evening that we never expected," said Shay Dunnigan, Director of Parks and Recreation for Pulaski County in an initial statement on the fire released late last Friday.

"The Evelyn Alexander Waterpark facilities were discovered to be on fire around 4:30 PM this evening. Our Parks and Recreation staff were able to call 911 and vacate the building without incident.

"We are incredibly grateful for our first responders, both within our community and from surrounding areas, who were quick to arrive and tackle this disaster with bravery and confidence," Dunnigan continued. "We are blessed to call you our friends and neighbors."

Dunnigan said fire fighters fought "this aggressive fire" for approximately 2 hours and unfortunately, were unable to salvage any of the building itself.

"The fire spread too quickly and aggressively," he noted.

Dunnigan said last Friday that all other park-related activities would continue as early as the next day on Saturday.

Dunnigan said plans to rebuild

would begin immediately, but "will take time with the goal of public pool access in 2024."

Later, Dunnigan issued another statement in the wee hours of Saturday morning with plans for operation of Randolph Park moving forward.

"We recognize that yesterday's events create a lot of questions from you regarding our Parks and Recreation operations. Please know that we are committed to serving our Pulaski County friends and neighbors and take that privilege seriously," Dunnigan said.

The statement continued...

What you need to know today:

See FIRE, page A2

## Area Republicans to gather in mass meeting to award party's nomination

**Patriot Staff Report**

Saturday is the big day for Republicans in the newly created 42nd House District that includes most of Pulaski County. That is the day a mass meeting at New River Community College will determine the party's House candidate in the November election.

The new 42nd District – created by the Virginia State Supreme Court during the state's last redistricting process – includes most of Pulaski County. Only the northwest portion of the county is not included. That portion resides in the newly formed 46th District.

Along with most of the county, the 42nd also includes the City of Radford, the northwest portion of

Montgomery County – including Christiansburg – and all of Giles County. It is a district with an estimated population of 84,571.

The new district also includes incumbent Delegate Jason Ballard of Giles County, who hopes to secure the GOP's nomination at Saturday's mass meeting in order to seek re-election in November.

Ballard has waged a strong advertising campaign over the last few months in an effort to inform voters within the new district of the mass meeting and how it works.

Ballard is seeking re-election to the House of Delegates after defeating former Delegate Chris Hurst in 2021. Ballard won the race in the old 12th District by

about 2,600 votes with 55 percent of the vote.

In seeking re-election, Ballard must first secure the Republican nomination during Saturday's mass meeting. He is being challenged for the nomination by Radford's Jody Pyles.

Pyles' campaign so far has centered around personal appearances and social media, as he is far behind Ballard in fund raising.

Holding a mass meeting such as Saturday's is not the traditional way of choosing a party's candidate. Other nearby House districts opted for the more normal primary run by state officials.

Such is the case in the new 47th District, where Del. Marie March

See HOUSE, page A2

### WEEKEND WEATHER

#### Saturday

#### Sunday

Sunny, with a high near 86. Calm wind becoming north around 5 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Saturday Night** - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Partly sunny, with a high near 75. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

**Sunday Night** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

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# Fire

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1. Randolph Park remains open and available to the public.

2. The Evelyn Alexander Waterpark Aquatic Building is a complete loss. When you visit Randolph Park, you will find this area to be secured with fencing. Please respect these physical barriers and help us keep everyone safe.

3. All Parks and Recreation sports will continue as normal. All games scheduled next week, and moving forward, are a go!

4. All scheduled weekend baseball/softball tournaments

will continue as normal.

5. All scheduled and future shelter reservations will continue as normal. All shelter facilities have been inspected and confirmed to be safe and accessible.

6. Walking trails, fields, playgrounds, shelters, public restrooms, the disc golf course etc. remain safe, accessible, and available for use!

7. The Evelyn Alexander Waterpark is closed until further notice.

**How to contact us!**

1. The Parks and Recreation offices will temporarily relocate our offices to the Bat and Ball Sports Complex at Randolph Park effective Tuesday, May 30. You can best access us by parking at the



basketball courts and walking to the complex.

2. We recommend you call or text us before stopping by the office. We expect to be in transition most of the week and not in the physical office full time.

3. The Randolph Park Main Office line is not available. Please connect with us by EMAIL or TEXT until we have our new

phones up and running.

**Jenna Kinder**  
Program and Activities Manager  
jkinder@pulaskicounty.org  
TEXT: 540.744.6273

**CJ Burgis**  
Recreation Coordinator  
cjburgis@pulaskicounty.org

of land donated by Ms. Evelyn Alexander. The park was named in honor of Ms. Alexander's parents, Randolph Alexander and Annie Crowgey Alexander.

Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers said Thursday that county officials are still waiting on insurance adjusters to investigate the amount of damage from the fire. He said he doubts estimates of damage will be provided for several weeks.

Akers said the pool/park opened originally in June of 2001.

The park has since served as a huge attraction to families all over the region – including many who made the park their summer vacation destination. An estimated 35,000 to 40,000 visit the park's pool annually.

## IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

### COUNTY OF PULASKI

#### 2023 FIRST HALF REAL ESTATE TAX PENALTY DEADLINE MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023

Pulaski County's 2023 1ST half real estate tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible, but failure to receive your bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

**Notice is hereby given that the Treasurer's office of Pulaski County will be open Monday through Friday, except holidays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to receive payment of the 1ST Half 2023 real estate tax. This tax must be paid on or before June 5, 2023 to avoid penalty.**

Tax payments mailed must be postmarked on or before June 5, 2023 and mailed to Pulaski County Treasurer, 52 W Main Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, VA. 24301. Please note: There is a 2.3% convenience fee charged by the credit card companies for all credit cards taken across the counter.

**The Pulaski County Treasurer's office is located in the old courthouse at 52 W Main Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, VA. Also, for the convenience of the taxpayer, there is a night drop box located at the back entrance of the courthouse. There are also options to pay online and by telephone on the tax bill.**

Melinda L Worrell  
Treasurer-Pulaski County

# House

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– currently the representative in the House for most of Pulaski County – is seeking the Republican nomination against Del. Wren Williams.

Those attending the mass meeting Saturday must be registered to vote and bring their photo ID.

Ballard notes in his ads that

this is the “only chance” residents of the district can vote for him.

“You must attend the meeting in person, there is no early voting or absentee balloting option,” his ad states.

Those attending will hear from both candidates at the meeting and then cast their vote.

Registration for the mass meeting is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Anyone in line at the 12:30 p.m. cut-off time will be registered to participate.

Adding to the importance of the mass meeting Saturday is the idea that the winner of the nomination fight will likely be unopposed in November.

# Two from Dublin killed in Wilderness Road shooting

On May 30, 2023 at approximately 6:20 pm the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office responded to 5997 Wilderness Road Lot 28 in Dublin, Virginia in reference to a report of multiple gunshots with potentially two victims inside the residence.

Upon arrival, deputies located a male and a female inside the residence with gunshot wounds, both of which were pronounced deceased by rescue personnel.

During the incident there were two minor children inside the residence, both were unharmed and taken to a neighbor's residence

until such time as the Department of Social Services could arrive and assist.

The male was identified as 27 year old Jimmy Ray Brewer III of Dublin, Virginia and the female was identified as 25 year old Ashley Nicole Ray, also of Dublin, Virginia.

The incident was determined to be isolated and no further threat to the public existed.

Both Brewer and Ray were transported to the Medical Examiner's Office in Roanoke and the investigation is still ongoing. No further information will be released at this time.

We would like to thank the Dublin Police Department, the Virginia State Police, Pulaski County Public Safety and the Department of Social Services for their assistance.

## NOTICE

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

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# 6th Annual Gusto Event set for June 17

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

Gusto Time is here again!  
The 6th Annual Gusto Event with GRAPeJAM is Saturday, June 17

As the weather warms the waters of Pulaski County and with Spring in full bloom, the time has come to fully immerse ourselves in the beauty, the power and the wonder of ... the paddle. What better way is there to appreciate the flowing waters of our little slice of heaven than to dip our blades into the clear clean waters of the New River and its tributaries?

The answer is simple. There is no better way!

Knowing this, it is with great pride that we declare that it is indeed Gusto time again!

This year, for the first time ever, the 6th Annual Gusto Event with GRAPeJAM will include the Kahuna Kayak Contest in addition to our Master Paddler and Bona Fide paddle board races.

Our iconic 5-mile Master Paddler race route wends its way up the wilds of Peak Creek before heading back downstream. Bona Fide paddle board racers circle around the massive stanchions of the I-81 Interstate Bridge before heading back to the marina. This year we're adding the Kahuna Kayak Contest, which will follow the same route as the Bona Fide.

All races start and end at the Rockhouse Marina on Peak Creek. The Paddle Board races start at 10:00 a.m. Saturday June 17. The Kahuna Kayak Contest begins at 10:30 a.m. sharp!

Don't own a paddle board or a kayak? No problem, these can be rented on race day at Mountain 2 Island at the Rockhouse Marina for a nominal fee. Note! It's first come first served -

As per usual, the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPeJAM), will be present and accounted for. After receiving a donation in the form of an oversized check from our generous sponsors, the lads and lasses of GRAPeJAM will entertain everyone with a few songs played in



authentic Appalachian fashion.

Food and drink and music will be available for all attendees, whether they choose to race or not.

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enough to win or place in any of these contests but finishing the course is an accomplishment in and of itself!

When I ran in three L.A. marathons, I wasn't expecting to win the race. My goal was to finish with a decent time. My times

weren't remarkable, in fact they were less than remarkable but I did run 26.2 miles without stopping ... slowing yes, but never stopping!

Simply finishing the course is the goal for many of our Gusto competitors but the thrill of competition is ever present because the person who wins the Master Paddler Award is truly a magnificent specimen of paddling prowess!

The same goes for the Fastest Female and the Junior Master Paddler and anyone who paddles hard enough to place in this year's Gusto competition.

So, come out and compete with us on the last Saturday of Spring on June 17, 2023 at the Rockhouse Marina on Peak Creek for the 6th Annual Gusto Event with GRAPeJAM.

Register for the races at Pad-

dleGuru.com or come early (well before 10 a.m.) on race day and we'll sign you but if you sign up the day of the race, bring cash or check.

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

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

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

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

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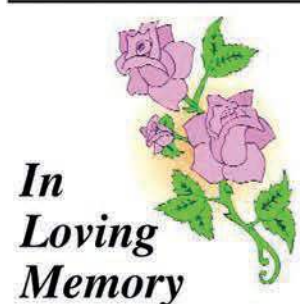
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# Area Obituaries

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**DONALD MELVIN WHITAKER**

Donald Melvin Whitaker, age 61 of Dublin passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2023 in the Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born June 15, 1961 in Pulaski, he was the son of the late Donald Elwood Whitaker and Lora Darlene Stuart Whitaker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandmother, Hazel Cook Stuart and grandfather, Melvin Dill Stuart and grandparents, Charles Francis Whitaker and Ollie Rhea Turner Whitaker.

Throughout the years, Melvin did a lot of volunteer work within his community. He had a love for music and played instruments by ear. He was such a comedian and could make anyone laugh.

Melvin is survived by Step-Mother, Carolyn Whitaker-Pulaski

His Long-time caregiver- David Hodges-Dublin

Sisters- Tammy Whitaker- Pulaski, Ramona Whitaker- Pulaski, and Linda Farris- Pulaski

Numerous Nieces and Nephews, Aunts, Uncles, and friends  
Special Friends- The Hodges Family, Mayberry, Joel Fulp and Gene Fulp and Michael Kelly

Funeral Services will be held Monday 2:00 p.m., June 5, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel,

Pulaski with Pastor Gladys Arnold and Barbara Maberry officiating. Interment will follow in the Ray Cemetery, Brookmont Road, Pulaski County.

The family will receive friends Monday from 1:00 pm until time of service at 2:00 pm at Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests sending donations toward funeral expenses to Bower Funeral Home.

To sign the online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



**ANTIONETTE RUTH POYDACK MORRISON**

Antionette Ruth Poydack Morrison, age 68 of Dublin passed away Friday, May 26, 2023 at her home.

Born January 26, 1955 in South Wenatchee, Washington, she was the daughter of the late Jim Poydack and Patricia Alicemay Poydack.

She is survived by Her husband- Jerry Lee Morrison-Dublin

One Son, and one Daughter  
Step-Son -Kasey Morrison and wife, Jessica

Five Grandchildren

A Celebration of Life will be held 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the homeplace, 4585 State Park Road #69, Dublin with Pastor Bill Handy officiating.

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

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

**CAROL ELAINE (REYNARD) CARITHERS**

Carol Elaine (Reynard) Carithers was born March 7, 1927 Danville, Illinois. She passed away on May 9, 2023 in Tucson Arizona at the age of 96.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Annabel Reynard and many nieces and nephews. She is in death by her husband Philip Carithers, twin brother Carl Reynard, sisters Olive Baldwin and Verla Reynard. As a school teacher, Carol shared her love of learning with generations of children.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 10:00 AM at Oakwood Cemetery.

Additional services to be held in Tucson, Arizona at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Carol's name to the First United Methodist Church of Pulaski or Christ Church United Methodist of Tucson.



**CHARLES FREDRIC "FREDDY" LAMBERT, SR.**

Charles Fredric "Freddy" Lambert, Sr., age 74 of Pulaski, passed away peacefully Friday evening, May 26, 2023 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center, with his family by his side. He was born on February 27, 1949 to the late Mamie Lambert and the late James A. Lambert.

Charles, known to most as Freddy, was a lifelong resident of Pulaski, and a graduate of Dublin High school. He was an avid hunter and fisherman for most of his life and enjoyed a lot of years spending time out on his boat with his beloved dog, Max.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother; A.T., and a sister; Janet.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Doris Lambert; his son; Charles Fredric Lambert, Jr., and his wife Susann; his daughter; Belinda McIntyre and her husband Paul, and two granddaughters; Kambry and Abby. Also left to cherish his memory are his brother; Jimmy Lambert of Jacksonville, FL; sisters; Frances Eldridge and Peggy Griffey of High Point, NC, and Brenda Rigney of Fries, and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Following his wishes, a private memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at a later date. The family wishes to thank the staff at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center, and a special thank you to Monica.

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

**BRENDA SUE BYRD QUESENBERRY**

Our precious Mom, Brenda Sue Byrd Quesenberry, age 75, passed away Monday, May 29, 2023 at the home of her daughter.

Born September 11, 1947 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Everett Dean Byrd and Annie Mae Parks Byrd. She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Connie Bishop, Janet Barbour, and Linda Heath.

She is survived by Children

Judy Quesenberry Baker and husband, Carl- Pulaski

Raymond Quesenberry and wife, Jennifer-Grahams Forge  
Grandchildren-Jacob Baker, Julie Baker, Janae DuCray and Evan Quesenberry

Great Grandchildren- Ashten, Jaden, Natalie Jackson and Tyler  
Graveside Memorial services



**RUTH KAREN MOORE NUNN**

Ruth Karen Moore Nunn, age 70 passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2023 in the Lewis Gale Hospital, Salem, Virginia.

Born August 18, 1952 in Radford, she was the daughter of the late Jack Moore and Mabel Sifford Moore.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sister, Judy Dyer and brother, Eddie Moore.

She is survived by Her husband- Robert Harold Nunn, Jr.- Barren Springs

Children- Susie Collins and husband, Glen- Hiwassee, Pam Dolumba- Goodview, Joseph Tolbert- Barren Springs, and Sabrina Tolbert- Vinton.

Grandchildren-Christian Braxton, Christopher Breedon, Wyatt Tolbert, Xian Huff, Ethan Payne, Brooklyn Tolbert, and Tyler Dolumba.

Great Grandchildren- Katori Huff and Rylie Huff

Brother- Jackie (Brenda) Moore- Snowville

Funeral services will be held Friday, 2:00 p.m., June 2, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Tim Blevins officiating. Interment will follow at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin

The family will receive friends Friday from 1:00 p.m. until service time at 2:00 p.m. to sign Karen's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 8, 2023 at Thornspring United Methodist Church Cemetery, Pulaski County.

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

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

**LINDA MARTIN AKERS**

Linda Martin Akers, age 74 of Draper passed away peacefully at her home on May, 23 2023. She was born in Pulaski County on May 3, 1949. She was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Frances Spencer Martin. She was preceded in death by her Husband Bruce Ed Akers in 2016, son Mark Akers and granddaughter Sierra Akers.

Both Bruce and Linda worked many years at Jefferson Mills.

Mrs. Akers is survived by Grandson

Dakota Akers (Pulaski)

Brother and Sister-In-Law

Glenn and Martha Martin (Pulaski)

Sister

Dorothy McFall (Mt Airy, NC)

Lifelong Best Friend

Janice Mitchell Long (Pulaski)

Many nieces and nephews are left to cherish her memory as well.

The family would like to thank Maggie Dalton and Trea Phillipott for the care they provided Mrs. Akers during her final days. Thanks to Medi Home Hospice for all they did to help Mrs. Akers and her family.

Memorial services will be held Friday, June 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the SWVA Veterans Cemetery, Dublin for Bruce and Linda, per her wishes, to honor his service time in the U.S. Army. To sign the online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

**BOBBY RAY KINGREA**

Bobby Ray Kingrea, 91, of Dublin passed away at home early Sunday morning. Bobby was born on June 13, 1931, to the late Arthur Roscoe and Alice May Kingrea. Bobby served our nation by joining the United States Army in 1951. His family and this country are forever grateful for the sacrifice he was willing to make to protect our freedoms and democracy. Bob was a loving and devoted family man with a huge but gentle soul. He was such a sweet and caring man. He loved his God and worshiped him every chance he could at Dublin Church of God.

Bobby is also preceded in death by two loving and devoted wives, Izola Virginia Boothe Kingrea and most recently, Virgie Stowers Kingrea who passed away in 2016. Also preceding Bobby are a brother, Billy John; Two sisters: Barbara Joyce and Eloise Troutt; three sons, Charles Gillis Mitchell, John Stowers (and his wife Phyllis), and Roger L Mitchell.

Surviving family members include his sons, Carson Mitchell, Larry Stowers (Vicki) of Draper and Roger Stowers (Wanda) of Connecticut. Daughters, Dinah Morris, Mabel Caudill and Wanda Pearce (Steve) of Dublin.

Surviving brothers are Ed Kingrea (Cheryl) of Pearisburg, and Jack Kingrea also of Pearisburg

Also left to carry on his legacy are 14 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren. Special granddaughter Regina Montgomery and her husband Kenney. Special great granddaughter who was always at his side (even in some mischief) Farrah Southard.

The family would also like to

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DOUGLAS RAY  
CULLIP

Douglas Ray Cullip, age 88 of Dublin passed away Thursday, June 1, 2023 at the home of his Son and Daughter-in-law after being in poor health for many years.

He was the son of the late Rhea Moses Cullip and Florence Keese Cullip. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one sister, Clara Winkler.

He was retired from the Radford Arsenal with 32 years of service. He was an auctioneer and real estate agent with McNeil Real Estate for many years. He also owned a farm.

He is survived by his

Wife of 68 years- Emogene Roseberry Cullip-Dublin

Son and daughter-in-law- Andrew “Andy” Ray Cullip and Becky Farris Cullip- Dublin.

Grandsons-

Drew Ray Cullip and wife, Audrey

Darrin Tyree Cullip and wife, Sue Ellen

Dustin Cullip and wife, April

Great Grandchildren-

Lily, Addy, Harper, AnnieBlu, Gatlin and Carder.

Sisters-

June Sullins- Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Kitty Schmidt- Carmel, IN

Nancy and Kenneth Alexander, Jr- Dublin

Several Nieces and Nephews

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, 11:00 a.m., June 6, 2023 at the Newbern Cemetery, Pulaski County with Jody Lyons officiating.

The family will be gathering at Andy and Becky’s home in Dublin

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the New Dublin Presbyterian Church and the Pulaski County 4-H Livestock Club.

Special thanks to the to VA hospital in Salem and Wytheville office for their support and care and also to the staff of Intrepid Hospice

To sign Doug’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneral-home.com](http://www.bowerfuneral-home.com)

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

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express their gratitude and love to Bobby’s special friend, Shirley Wilson. Bobby also had many loving and supporting friends at the Dublin Church of God.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 1, 2023 in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Services located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski. Committal followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery with military honors being presented by the Army National Honor Guard and the Pulaski VFW Post 1184.

The family is being cared for by the staff of Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel. Online condolences may be sent by visiting our website at [www.stevens-funeralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevens-funeralhomepulaski.com) Floral contributions may be sent by visiting [www.pulaskiflowers.com](http://www.pulaskiflowers.com)

Hurricane season expected to be normal

From NOAA

National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasters with the Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, predict near-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic this year. NOAA’s outlook for the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season, which goes from June 1 to November 30, predicts a 40% chance of a near-normal season, a 30% chance of an above-normal season and a 30% chance of a below-normal season.

NOAA is forecasting a range of 12 to 17 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 5 to 9 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 1 to 4 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA has a 70% confidence in these ranges.

“Thanks to the Commerce Department and NOAA’s critical investments this year in scientific and technological advancements in hurricane modeling, NOAA will be able to deliver even more accurate forecasts, helping ensure communities have the information they need to prepare for and respond to the destructive economic and ecological impacts of Atlantic hurricanes,” said Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo.

The upcoming Atlantic hurricane season is expected to be less active than recent years, due to competing factors — some that suppress storm development and some that fuel it — driving this year’s overall forecast for a near-normal season.

After three hurricane seasons with La Nina present, NOAA scientists predict a high potential for El Nino to develop this summer, which can suppress Atlantic hurricane activity. El Nino’s potential influence on storm development could be offset by favorable conditions local to the tropical Atlantic Basin. Those conditions include the potential for an above-normal west African monsoon, which produces African easterly waves and seeds some of the stronger and longer-lived Atlantic storms, and warmer-than-normal sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea which creates more energy to fuel storm development. These factors are part of the longer term variability in Atlantic atmospheric and oceanic conditions that are conducive to hurricane development — known as the high-activity era for Atlantic hurricanes — which have been producing more active Atlantic hurricane seasons since 1995.

“With a changing climate, the data and expertise NOAA provides to emergency managers and partners to support decision-making before, during and after a hurricane has never been more crucial,” said NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad, Ph.D. “To that end, this year we are operationalizing a new hurricane forecast model and extending the tropical cyclone outlook graphic from five to seven days, which will provide emergency managers and communities with more time to prepare for storms.”

This summer, NOAA will implement a series of upgrades and improvements. NOAA will expand the capacity of its operational supercomputing system by 20%. This increase in computing capability will enable NOAA to improve and run more complex forecast models, including significant model upgrades this hurricane season:

•In late June, the Hurricane Anal-



ysis and Forecast System (HAFS) will become operational. HAFS will run this season in tandem with the currently operational Hurricane Weather Research and Forecast Model System and Hurricanes in a Multi-scale Ocean-coupled Non-hydrostatic model, but eventually will become NOAA’s primary hurricane model. Retrospective analysis of tropical storms and hurricanes from the 2020-2022 seasons

show that this model has a 10-15% improvement in track forecasts over existing operational models. This new model was jointly created by NOAA’s Atlantic Oceanographic & Meteorological Laboratory Hurricane Modeling and Prediction Program and NOAA’s National Weather Service Environmental Modeling Center.

•The Probabilistic Storm Surge model upgrade on May 2, advanc-

es storm surge forecasting for the contiguous U.S. and new forecasts for surge, tide and waves for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Forecasters now have the ability to run the model for two storms simultaneously. This model provides forecasters with the likelihood, or probability, of various flooding scenarios including a near worst-case scenario to help communities prepare for all potential outcomes.

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TOWN OF DUBLIN TAX NOTICE  
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The Town of Dublin Real Estate tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of additional penalty and interest charges that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment. Taxes must be paid or postmarked on or before June 5th, 2023 to avoid penalty and interest.

The Dublin Municipal Office, located at 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, excluding holidays, to accept payments. For your convenience there is a payment drop-box outside the municipal building, payments can be mailed to P.O. Box 1066 Dublin, VA 24084 or paid online at [www.dublintown.org](http://www.dublintown.org).

By: Rebecca L. Wright, Treasurer  
Town of Dublin



The Spy

On May 29th, we honor our fallen service men and women, having died while serving in the United States armed forces. Memorial Day is a chance for all Americans to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice made by their fellow citizens, many of whom being friends or family members.

With redistricting, the Ninth District has been expanded to include Bedford and Franklin Counties. During this Memorial Day, I am especially reminded of the Bedford Boys, otherwise known as the Virginia National Guard – Company A of the 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, one of the American units at the forefront of the D-Day invasion of Normandy during World War II. When Company A stormed Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, there were 35 soldiers from Bedford. By the end of the campaign, 23 would be dead, making Bedford, Virginia, the town with the highest per capita deaths.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

A few years ago, when I took my boys to visit with a D-Day veteran, I showed them the opening scene of the movie Saving

Private Ryan. Though a reenactment of that day, the movie depicted what our Bedford Boys experienced, coming off those boats and immediately taking fire from the Germans. Just thinking of the horror brings tears to my eyes. Thinking of their heroism makes me proud to be an American.

I want to thank every serviceman and woman for their service and sacrifice, and also the families and loved ones supporting our soldiers. Their sacrifice allows us to enjoy the freedoms and liberties we hold so dear.

Memorial Day also marks the unofficial start to summer. The weather is warm, schools are letting out, and baseball season is in full swing.

As a history buff, I find connections to our past all around us. In this case, I was thinking about Memorial Day and baseball and was reminded that the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is in Cooperstown, New York. Cooperstown has an interesting connection to not only our country's founding, but also American literature.

Cooperstown was named after William Cooper, who owned the land and was a county judge in the late 18th century, later elected to the New York state assembly.

His son, James Fenimore Cooper, was an American writer, famous for his novels including colonial and Native American characters. His most famous novel, The Last of the Mohicans, was an instant bestseller. In 1992, it was famously adopted into the award-winning movie of the same name.

But the novel I want to talk about, written five years earlier than The Last of the Mohicans, was Cooper's The Spy. Set during the American Revolution, at "The Locusts", a home in Scarsdale, New York, the novel tells the story of homeowners, the Wharton family, and other characters who seek refuge, both loyalists and revolutionaries, whose allegiances are unknown to the family.

It is widely believed that The Spy was inspired by Cooper's family friend, John Jay. Jay, a Founding Father of the United States, and author of five of The Federalist Papers, served as the sixth President of the Continental Congress. Later he served as the first chief justice of the United States and as the second governor of New York.

He is also known as the "Founding Father of U.S. Counterintelligence." During the Revolutionary War, he played a key role directing clandestine operatives and running counterintelligence missions.

In 1776, he headed a New York state executive body called the Committee for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies, recognized as the nation's first dedicated counterintelligence agency. While heading the committee, investigating a loyalist plan for a surprise attack on the core of the Continental Army in New York City, he uncovered a plot against General George Washington by his bodyguards. Having allied themselves with the British, the guards hoped to capture or assassinate Washington. Fortunately for Washington, Jay and his Committee foiled their plan.

After the war, Jay traveled to Great Britain in 1794 to settle unresolved issues between Great Britain and our fledgling country. These efforts resulted in the "Jay Treaty," which averted another war with Britain. Years later, Jay co-authored the New York State Constitution.

During this Memorial Day period, we should all think of patriots from 1776 to 2023, who we owe a debt of gratitude.

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.

Freedom in America's Pulpits

"And let not the ministers of the Gospel neglect their duty; let them remember the example of the Apostles, who embraced every opportunity to testify to their zeal for the civil and religious liberties of mankind..." 1774, New York Committee of Correspondence

With the 2024 election cycle approaching, potential Presidential candidates are beginning to try to win the favor of voters. Some will be sincere in their desire to serve the nation while others will be deceptive and corrupt with personal profit as their goal.

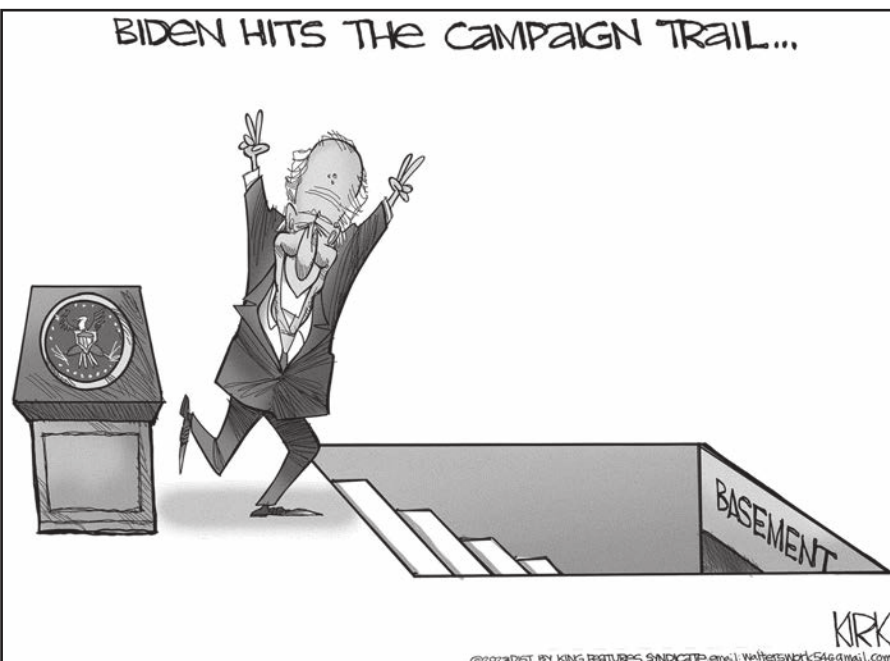
Back in the old days (prior to 1954) when ministers would encourage their flock to vote responsibly, they gave Election Sermons to help their parishioners determine which candidates were worthy of their sacred vote. They understood that the moral character and political character of our nation were

intertwined and that civil government is founded on an agreement between God and citizens to establish political systems that promote the common good. Voters were instructed to support people of proven wisdom, integrity, justice, and holiness.

Dr. Matthias Burnett preached a typical Election Sermon on May 12, 1803, stating that voters should pay close attention to the character and qualifications of the candidate. He encouraged them to vote for candidates who cherish and cultivate a spirit of unity, promote virtue and good morals; and that the candidates should let the love of God, their country and mankind rule their heart and actuate their conduct.

Here is an actual excerpt from that sermon: "...They should be able men, such as fear God, men of truth,

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The debt deal: Could it have been better?

By CAL THOMAS  
Tribune Content Agency

It was either the best deal that could have been reached given the political makeup of the House, Senate and White House, or it was a bad deal that might have been much better had Speaker Kevin McCarthy and House Republicans held out for more.

Kevin Roberts, president of The Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington, D.C., think tank, is on the side of those who think it could have been made better: "Most fiscally conservative and pro-growth policies contained in the House-passed (bill) were stripped out or diluted. When Americans last gave their representatives in Washington this much support to rein in the government in 2011, Congress signed into law the Budget Control Act, which cut discretionary spending roughly 15 times more than the deal in front of us today. The new agreement essentially leaves untouched Biden's slush fund for 87,000 new IRS agents to audit American families. Additionally, this bill will likely lead to increased overall spending levels next year, giving up on the \$132 billion in real upfront cuts promised by (the bill). In exchange, this bill would give the Biden administration and the federal bureaucracy a blank-check debt limit suspension for two years."

On the other side is The Wall Street Journal, which editorialized: "The deal is a significant victory for GOP priorities, in return for raising the debt ceiling that had to be raised anyway. Mr. Biden tried to jam the GOP into a clean debt increase, but Republicans forced him to the table when they passed the Limit, Save, Grow bill. The lesson is that political unity pays."

There are some good provisions in the agreement, including capping non-defense spending at \$704 billion for fiscal 2024, which is higher than Republicans said they wanted when they proposed a return to 2022 spending levels. "Clawing back" unspent COVID-19 funds is helpful, but will members find a way to spend it on other things instead of applying it to debt reduction? I am doubtful. There are work

requirements for some able-bodied people now receiving food assistance.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, mocked the deal and Speaker McCarthy's claim that the agreement "did not have one thing for Democrats." Cruz said "There are \$4 trillion" things in the deal for Democrats. He was likely referring to an estimated figure of the amount the debt has to increase in order for the country to extend borrowing for two years. Reuters reported the deal lifts the cap by \$4 trillion.

As mentioned many times in this column, the federal government does not suffer from a lack of revenue; it suffers from a lack of discipline. It spends more than it takes in, but keeps asking for more. How many times do we have to hear from Democrats that "the rich" aren't paying their "fair share"? Why shouldn't that be turned around and they be forced to defend their wasteful spending and refusal to reform entitlement programs?

The agreement is likely to be changed by the time it reaches the president's desk, if it gets there in time to ward off a default, which itself is a construct that needs to be reformed. The debt ceiling isn't a ceiling. It is an open roof with the sky being the limit for politicians to spend more.

Maybe the agreement is a first step and maybe more steps toward fiscal responsibility will be taken should a Republicans win the White House and a congressional majority in the next election.

Let's not forget, though, that Republicans don't have clean hands when it comes to spending. As The Wall Street Journal editorial reminds, Donald Trump "joined Mr. Biden in attacking entitlement reform."

It's not yet a done deal. Plenty more could happen before the measure is approved, or not. Whether approved in the current or another form, given past scenarios it is more likely to benefit the politicians and their careers than a majority of overburdened and fed-up taxpayers.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Daniel Penny wasn't a vigilante

Pretty much everything you need to know about the Daniel Penny case you can learn from the "Death Wish" movies.

Or so you might conclude if you took seriously the left's analysis of the tragic incident in a New York City subway car last month that led to Penny, a former Marine, getting charged with second-degree manslaughter.

The upshot of this commentary is that conservatives favor "vigilantism" and support it, of course, because it's a bulwark of white supremacy.

"The Republican Embrace of Vigilantism Is No Accident," according to New York Times columnist Jamelle Bouie.

Greg Sargent and Paul Waldman rapped Ron DeSantis in The Washington Post for his support of Penny: "DeSantis's celebration of vigilantism is a new low in MAGA extremism."

"Daniel Penny shows how much the right loves white vigilante violence," averred the headline on a piece at the Public Notice Substack.

Jon Marshall, an associate professor at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, was quoted in another Washington Post piece, "What we're seeing now for Daniel Penny after he killed Jordan Neely is that he fits within a long, ugly history of some media and politicians glorifying vigilante violence."

There are many problems with this line of argumentation, beginning with the fact that Daniel Penny wasn't a vigilante. Merriam-Webster defines a vigilante as "a member of a volunteer committee organized to suppress and punish crime summarily (as when the processes of law are viewed as inadequate)."

There can be loner vigilantes, of course. If, say, someone Penny cared about was harmed by a mentally ill homeless man, and he started riding the subways looking for mentally ill homeless men like Neely to take vengeance on, that'd be vigilantism.

This is a version of the scenario that set the Charles Bronson character Paul Kersey on his path of blowing away New York City's muggers and lowlifes in the series of movies.

By contrast, conservatives are, as a general matter, viewing Penny as a defender of himself and, most importantly, those around him -- not an avenging angel administering the justice that Alvin Bragg refuses to.

Indications are that Penny (and his fellow passengers) sincerely believed Jordan Neely, suffering from untreated mental illness, was a threat to people on the train. There's still much we need to know about the particulars of the case, but the impulse to protect others is deeply admirable and rare.

Most people intuit this, and presumably even more so if they have ever been in the confined space of a subway car, with the cops nowhere to be found and

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# Nation

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hating covetousness...men of good natural understanding and competent...men acting under the belief and awe of God as their inspector and judge...truly honest and upright in their principles and views, not governed by the sordid motives of self-interest...but by a sincere regard for the public good.”

Evangelist Charles Finney was a fiery orator during the Great Awakening in America. He explained the connection between religion and politics: “The Church must take right ground in regard to politics... Politics are a part of a religion in such a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to the country as part of their duty to God...(God) will bless or curse this nation according to the course (Christians) take in politics.”

For the first 250 years in our nation’s history, America’s religious leaders believed it was their right to speak their conscience on issues of politics and morality from the pulpit. But all that changed in July 1954 when D-Texas Senator Lyndon B. Johnson’s amendment to a 1954 tax bill allowed the Internal Revenue Service into the churches, restricting what they can and cannot say. The bill prohibits all 501©(3) non-profit organizations from endorsing or opposing political candidates.

“In 1954, Senator Lyndon Johnson added language to pending tax legislation to prevent two non-profit groups that opposed him in 1948 from speaking out against him in his 1954 re-election. The vexing perception is that the IRS is empowered with sweeping powers to strip a church’s tax-exempt status if clergymen express particular views on a candidate,” explained representatives of the 107th Congress.

According to testimony by D-Rep from Tennessee, Bob Clement regarding the Johnson Amendment, “There were no hearings. Rather, restrictions were imposed on people of faith as revolutionaries began their quest to remove any reference to a Creator from our one nation under God. The restrictions ban all forms of political expression, which has prompted some churches to avoid distributing voter guides and from taking positions on issues that are debated in political campaigns. ”

Since then, several unsuc-

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everyone else looking at their shoes, with someone acting aggressively or irrationally.

What progressives are doing is taking praise for someone who stepped up in a difficult circumstance and twisting it into something perverse, dangerous and racist.

The fevered theorizing is quite impressive, even by today’s standards. According to the Public Notice piece: “Conservatives are desperate to preserve the privilege of white violence, which is why the defenses of Penny sound so rabid and so unhinged. For conservatives, a world in which white men are held accountable for racist murder is a world without law, without order.”

Despite the effort to enlist Daniel Penny in the Klan, there’s no indication that he was

cessful attempts have been made to overturn the Johnson Amendment. In June 2001 during the 107th Congress, NC Rep. Walter B. Jones introduced HR2357 “The Houses of Worship Political Speech Protection Act” which was written to restore the rights of all religious organizations to determine for themselves what they can and cannot teach from their pulpits or communicate to their congregations and the public without fear that their tax status may be in jeopardy.”

Former Rep. J.C. Watts R-Oklahoma “I am pleased to be a co-sponsor of this legislation to stop harassing churches and other places of worship when someone mentions politics. Those of us who support this bill are not advocating turning religious organizations into political parties. Rather, the legislation before us would permit the occasional discussion of issues of importance to congregations comprised of voting citizens. The gag rule on pastors, priests, rabbis and other religious leaders was not part of the Bill Of Rights.”

On May 4, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order 13798 to defend the freedom of religion and speech for the purpose of easing the Johnson Amendment’s restrictions. While this Executive Order does not overturn the Johnson Amendment or exempt religious organizations from the restrictions on political campaign activity, it does direct the government (IRS) to not take adverse action against religious organizations or other similar 501©(3) organizations.

Section 1. Policy. It shall be the policy of the executive branch to vigorously enforce Federal law’s robust protections for religious freedom. The Founders envisioned a Nation in which religious voices and views were integral to a vibrant public square, and in which religious people and institutions were free to practice their faith without fear of discrimination or retaliation by the Federal Government. Federal law protects the freedom of Americans and their organizations to exercise religion and participate fully in civic life without undue interference by the Federal Government.

Sec. 2. Respecting Religious and Political Speech. All executive departments and agencies shall... respect and protect the freedom of persons and organizations...to engage in religious and political speech. In particular, the Secretary of the Treasury shall ensure, to the extent permitted by law, that

motivated by racial animus and no reason to believe that he would have acted differently if confronted with a mentally ill person of another race acting menacingly.

Of course, if Penny had reacted the same way countering a perceived threat from a white man, the tragic event would be a blip; it’s the catnip of a purported racial incident and the opportunity to put Penny, with no justification, in the company of long-ago racists acting extralegally to intimidate and kill Black people that makes the case irresistible for progressives.

Penny’s appointed role is to be an archetype, the “white vigilante,” with no room for nuance or complication -- or even an accurate definition of vigilantism.

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

the Department of the Treasury does not take any adverse action against any individual, house of worship, or other religious organization on the basis that such individual or organization speaks or has spoken about moral or political issues from a religious perspective...

However, numerous common sense Executive Orders initiated by President Trump were on the chopping block during Biden’s first 30-days in office. A document authored by the Freedom From Religion Foundation, entitled “Secular Agenda for the 117th Congress & Biden Administration” proposed changes or recinding several Trump EO’s regarding religious freedom, including EO 13798. Members of the FFRF include atheists, humanists, nonbelievers, secular (religious) organizations and freethinkers.

Here are a few of the FFRF proposed actions:

Draft a new regulation that would not allow for religious services exemptions in the event of a public health emergency with HHS

Modify or Repeal (Trump’s) Executive Orders 13798 and 13831:

EO 13798, Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty which rolled back restrictions on religious institutions, particularly surrounding political speech and birth control.

EO 13831, Establishment of a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative which has made it easier for faith-based organizations to access government funds, and directed this initiative to consult various faith leaders on government issues.

As former Rep. J. C. Watts articulated, “Churches have integrity. They are sacred places, protected under law and deserving of the liberties afforded to the rest of our great nation. The First Amendment rights of our consituents shouldn’t be curtailed because they happen to be sitting in a pew or on bended knee.”

Note: The Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) is an American nonprofit organization that advocates for atheists, agnostics, and nontheists. Formed in 1976, FFRF promotes the separation of church and state, and challenges the legitimacy of many federal and state programs that are faith-based.

Executive Orders can be found at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/presidential-documents/executive-orders>

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# Kaine wants answers from postal service on delivery delays

**By Sarah Roderick-Fitch**

(The Center Square) – Sen. Tim Kaine is pressuring the U.S. Postal Service to address mail delivery issues plaguing some regions of Virginia.

Kaine is pressing for answers regarding “persistent issues” with mail delivery across the commonwealth and how the postal service plans to fix them.

“I am concerned that Virginia communities as far-flung as Smyth County in southwest Virginia, the Richmond area (nearly 300 miles away from Chilhowie by highway), and Arlington, across the river from Washington, D.C., are all experiencing missing bills, medications, tax documents, and days/weeks without mail,” said Kaine.

In Kaine’s letter to Scott Slusher, director of government liaison for the postal service, the senator cites varying complaints his office has received from constituents regarding significant delays in mail delivery.

The senator highlighted instances his office was alerted to mail delivery issues. In February, Thomas Bridge Water Corp. in Marion reported more than 1,800 households waited over two weeks to receive their bills.

When the senator’s office followed up, at least half of the company’s customers reported significant delays in receiving their March bills, leading to many customers complaining the issues led to repeated late charges.

“[Delayed mail delivery] has caused issues not only for us as a company, but also for our customers who are upset over past due/late fee charges caused by the delay in delivery. We are constantly receiving phone calls from customers, complaining about these issues. We have not shut any one’s water off but penalties and fees are most definitely an issue,” the letter from Thomas Bridge Water Corp. reads.

Residents in Chilhowie notified the senator’s office regarding utility bills delivered past the due date, despite being sent out two weeks prior. Similar complaints were fielded in the following two months.

In addition, a company in Henrico reported they failed to receive mail for two weeks, while a resident in Roanoke only received mail twice a week. Some Virginians even experienced significant delays in receiving essential items

such as medications.

Kaine’s office noted they received a response from the local post office apologizing for issues, blaming the delays on intermittent staffing problems.

Kaine added that delayed deliveries weren’t the only issue plaguing the postal service in Virginia. Some residents reported never receiving vital items.

“Not only are Virginians waiting long periods of time for their deliveries, I’ve heard from some who have noticed that critical items are never delivered at all,” Kaine wrote in the letter.

“A Virginian in Arlington repeatedly went several days without mail over the period of several months and did not receive specific items, including a Virginia Auto Registration from the DMV and a Virginia driver’s license,” Kaine said.

Kaine noted in previous correspondence from the postal service that problems stemmed from staffing shortages, specifically due to the pandemic. The senator wants to know why staffing remains a problem three years post-pandemic. He also asks the postal service to identify specific regions of the commonwealth with “bottlenecks” of service and how they plan to address the challenges.

“I request that you review these concerns, provide information on how these are being addressed, and share what factors are causing what appear to be systemic challenges with processing mail promptly and getting it successfully to the right place,” Kaine concluded.

The Center Square reached out to the postal service for comment, which had yet to respond at the time of publication.

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# The man and the mansion

**Bluefield Entrepreneur  
Chris Disibbio sells  
historic Fort Chiswell  
Mansion**

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

On a hill above the crossroads of one of the most traveled roadways in the east, a massive colonnaded brick house overlooks the merger of Interstates I-81 and I-77, as these highways pass by the town of Fort Chiswell, Virginia. This imposing antebellum structure,

which is on Virginia's historical register, is known as the Fort Chiswell Mansion.

The town's name is derived from the fort built by Colonel James Chiswell back in 1758. Soon after the fort was completed, James McGavock who had recently immigrated from Ireland, joined the militia and found himself stationed at Fort Chiswell. McGavock eventually settled in the area and prospered in his newly adopted home. McGavock is known to be a signer of the Fincastle Resolutions of 1775, which are widely regarded as the precursor to the Declaration of Independence.



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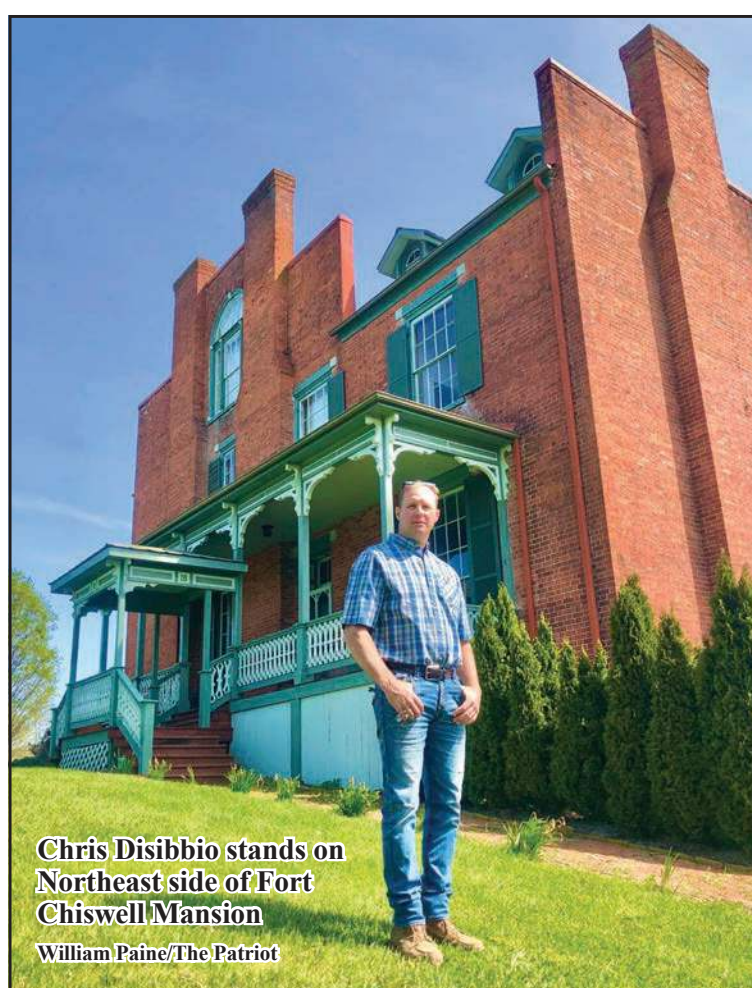
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Chris Disibbio stands on  
Northeast side of Fort  
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James McGavock's grandsons, Stephan and Joseph McGavock, inherited the property and built the Fort Chiswell Mansion in the Greek Revival style. Today, the white columns adorning the front of the mansion can still be seen from the interstate. When the Fort Chiswell

Mansion was completed in the year 1840, travelers passed through this same valley on their way westward on the Great Wilderness Road.

The Fort Chiswell Mansion remained in the McGavock family until 1918, when it was eventually sold. Since then, there have been

only a handful of owners and until recently, Chris Disibbio, a native of Bluefield, West Virginia, could include himself on this list.

In 1998, Chris Disibbio owned two gas stations, as well as a fair amount of heavy equipment, and several very large trucks. In addition to this, Disibbio was the owner/operator/chef of the trendy Key Ingredients Restaurant in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Business in Bluefield was good and Disibbio was thinking of expanding his Key Ingredients restaurant to a second location. It was during this time that he found that the Fort Chiswell Mansion was up for auction.

"I figured that the visibility with this place, particularly where it was situated at the crossroads of two interstates, would be a good place to establish my food concepts," said Disibbio. "Here I could do it in a setting that lent itself to my high quality, nutrient-dense, freshly prepared food."

"On top of that, I always passed the place as a kid when traveling from Bluefield to Claytor Lake," Disibbio continued. "I saw it up here on the hill ... It's a landmark that has always fascinated me. When I realized that I may have the opportunity to own it, I wanted to see if I could make it happen."

Chris Disibbio did indeed "make it happen" by bidding \$250,000 for the mansion and the five-acres of land that make up the grounds. After his successful bid, Disibbio found himself to be the new owner of one of Southwestern Virginia's most significant historic structures.

"There was a lot more work that went into it than what I had initially realized," admitted Disibbio. "I just knew that I was willing to do whatever it took to create my vision."

Aside from the McGavock brothers themselves, it's doubtful that any previous owner of the Fort Chiswell Mansion took as much time and effort to restore and even improve on this stately structure and its grounds. The owner prior to Disibbio was a woman named Arvella Brown. Coincidentally, Brown was also restaurateur, who came to Virginia from Washington D.C. to retire. When she died, she left the mansion to the church she attended in Wytheville.

"Arvella left the place to the Petunia Christian Church, which was charged with her final wishes of creating somewhat of a museum or a place that the public could come and see," stated Disibbio. "She always wanted to open it to the public."

Upon completing a feasibility study, the church determined that there was no way of coming up with the resources to make Arvella's dream into a reality or of even maintaining the historic mansion. It was determined that church had to sell the property and Disibbio was at the right place at the right time to make the purchase.

"So, I continued on my quest to accomplish my goals, which were coincidentally what Arvella Brown had wished to see happen at the place," said Disibbio. "That made me feel good about what I was doing, as well."

What he was doing was a complete renovation and restoration of the structure, so that it could be made ready for the public.

"We updated the entrances and roads," Disibbio recounted. "We repaired the stone walls and did the landscaping and planted trees. We rebuilt all of the columns on the house. We put in gas fireplaces and did all the plaster work. We redid the roof. We redid sashes and woodwork and all the porches."

In addition, Disibbio added a third-floor bathroom to the mansion as well as a commercial kitchen, an ice cream shop and retail store in the outlying buildings.

These renovations occurred over several years but in the meantime Disibbio utilized the mansion and its grounds for special events. Disibbio hosted two Seed To Soul Festivals, which promoted the growing of wholesome foods, while providing food and entertainment to festival goers. Disibbio also used the mansion to host to weddings, car shows, barbecues, future Farmers of America meetings and even Healthy Foods Foundation conferences, which featured lectures delivered by Virginia Tech professors.

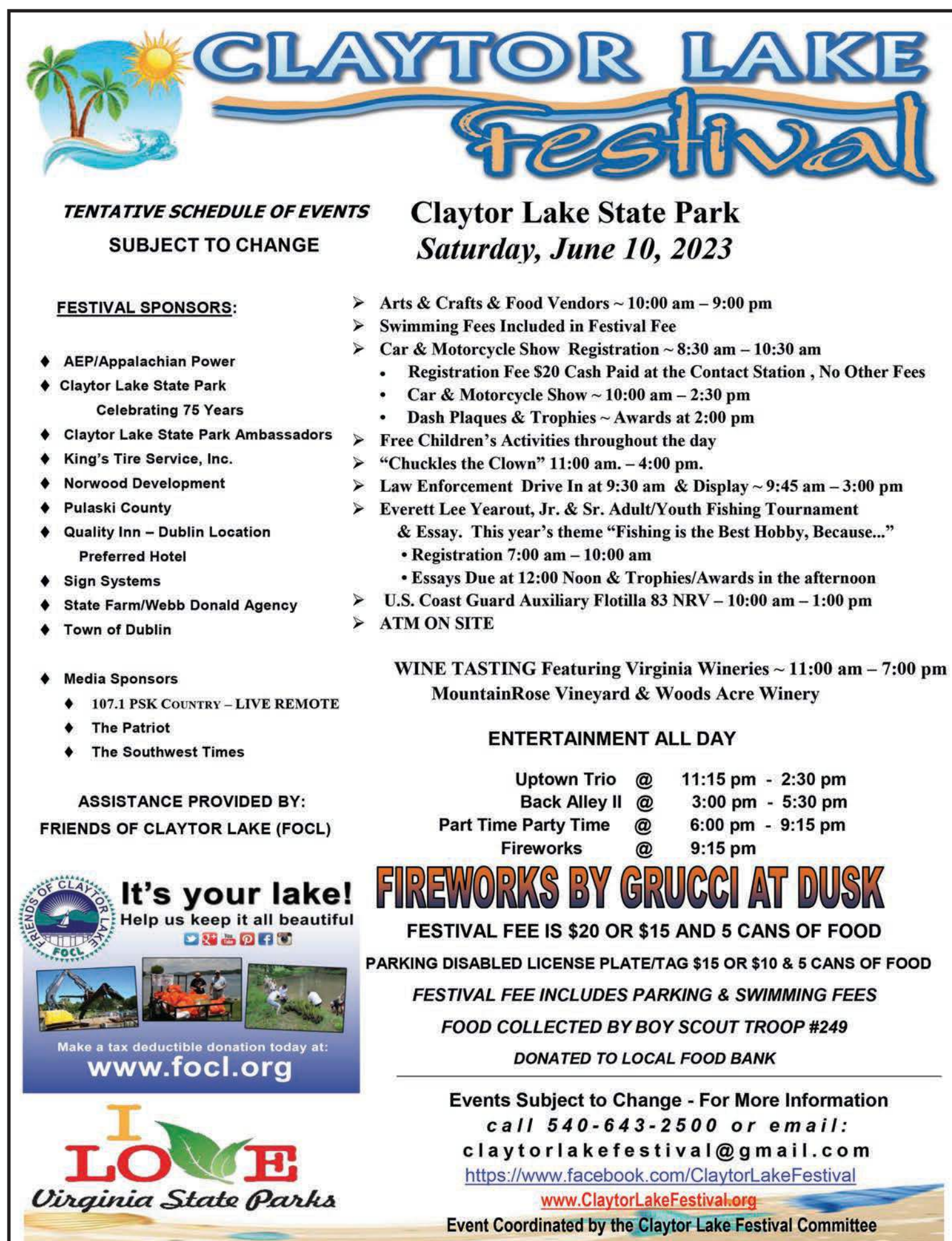


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# Mansion

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To bolster the idea that nutrient dense foods are a key ingredient to a healthy lifestyle, Disibbio built a huge, and period appropriate, timber frame structure adjacent to the mansion.

“We originally built the timber frame for the Key Ingredients for Life nonprofit organization to establish the Farmer’s Market, so that local farmers and food growers would have a place to come and sell their goods on my site,” Disibbio explained. “One of the biggest challenges that I was incurring, was sourcing food for my restaurants.”

Though Disibbio staged several events at the Fort Chiswell Mansion through the years, the economic anchor for his business there was that of serving food, something that Disibbio has been dedicated to for most of his adult life.

“Except for one day that I went to a funeral, I prepared every single plate of food that was served here for 10 years,” said he.

In addition to the food, those venturing to the Fort Chiswell Mansion, often from the interstate, were eager to tour the historic venue. Disibbio hired amateur historians, Rupert Hill and Davy Davis, to conduct these house tours. Davis can trace his ancestry all the way back to the McGavock brothers.

“Davy Davis and Rupert Hill were here one day when I was cooking in the kitchen and I had told them a story about my grandmother, whose maiden name was Massey,” Disibbio recounted. “She was related to Judge Massey, who was shot in the Carroll County Courthouse in 1912. Davy, being the historian that he is, went and sat with Rupert for about 15 minutes. Then he came back into the kitchen and said ‘Chris, you are a McGavock. As a matter of fact, you are more of a McGavock than I am!’ He drew out the entire family tree, from the Masseys down to me.”

“Wow ... that was a chilling moment,” Disibbio continued “So, a lot of the time along the way, through some of the struggles, I questioned ‘Why am I here? Why am I doing this? Why am I taking all these years and money to ac-

complish this?’ I knew it was something that was in me. I don’t know how to really describe the relationship in my mind that I have with my predecessors, who lived and resided and built this place. I suppose no one will really understand. I just felt compelled to do it.”

And yet, after nearly a quarter century of ownership and, by his own estimate, more than a million dollars invested in renovations, Chris Disibbio decided to sell the Mansion.

Why?

“COVID,” he answered. “COVID crushed my dream. I stayed open for seven months during the COVID crisis and finally realized that it just didn’t make any sense to try ... to try to remain open. All of our business came from groups and gatherings and weddings and tour buses and the restaurant. These were the revenue arteries for my business. Everything was heavily impacted by COVID.”

After a pause, Disibbio continued to recount events of his recent past.

“I had several things that for years I’ve been saying I needed to do but never had time to do them,” he said. “So, I finally decided that if I’m not able to be productive here, then maybe I should go ahead and focus on doing some of these other unfinished projects in Bluefield.”

After having applied for several COVID related grants, Disibbio managed to secure only one Economic Injury Disaster Loan. This helped some, but not enough to keep the property economically viable.

“At that time, I had just about paid everything off,” Disibbio stated. “All the renovations, the restorations, the upfitting ... I was paying for it as I as I went. I only owed a total of about \$120,000 on the entire property and I found myself in a situation where I wasn’t cash flowing. Then I came to terms with the idea that ... maybe I will have to sell this place.”

With that, Chris Disibbio put the Fort Chiswell Mansion up for sale and he soon received an offer for the full asking price.

“I had an opportunity to sell the place to an individual that is in the adult entertainment business ... strip clubs,” Disibbio recounted. “I declined to negotiate or sell simply because of the purpose that he wanted the place for.”

Three months later, another interested buyer came calling in the form of Will Adkins. He, along with his twin brother Mark, formed the Waterfront Group, which owns properties in several states.

“Will ... Mr. Adkins, arrived by his helicopter and landed here at the mansion and we spent three or four hours together that day,” Disibbio recounted. “Shortly after then, we made a deal.”

Towards the end of the meeting, Chris Disibbio accepted Will Adkins offer of \$2.5 million for the iconic 19th Century structure. But Adkins wasn’t quite finished with Disibbio.

“I figured that I would gather up my personal belongings and go on my way and see what the next stage in my life was supposed to be,” Disibbio recounted. “Then Mr. Adkins told me that he wanted me to work for him. I told him I didn’t know that I wanted to work for anybody and offered to work for free for six months just to help him through the transition period. I’d never worked as someone’s employee before but Mr. Adkins is very, very, very persistent when he wants something and ultimately wound up hiring me. I agreed to work for six months, so it’s now 13 months later and we plan to open the mansion up again sometime this year.”

Before the Fort Chiswell Mansion again opens to the public, this time under new ownership, Disibbio was tasked with completing several additional improvements to the property, such as enlarging the timber frame that stands adjacent

to the Mansion. Adkins also wants to resurface the road entering the property and to connect to the county’s water line before he makes the Mansion available for public events but no reopening date has been set.

But that’s not all. Adkins has also tasked Disibbio with managing and renovating properties within the Waterfront Group, which owns vineyards, golf courses and several high-end residential developments.

“So, in my position ... although I never got a job description, I could be doing anything from maintenance work on one of our properties to designing buildings or buying land or selling land or negotiating deals,” Disibbio explained.

One might say that Chris Disibbio came out ahead with his venture into this historically significant structure. But though he’ll be working to open the Fort Chiswell Mansion to the public again, he’ll be doing so as an employee and not an owner.

For the last decade or so, this Wythe County property has been at the forefront of Chris Disibbio’s thoughts and actions. No doubt the sale of the Fort Chiswell Mansion was a bittersweet experience for this Bluefield born entrepreneur but perhaps, too, the sale imparted some sense of relief to the former owner.

“Any restaurant done right is more than a 40-hour full time job, especially in a setting like this and especially when you set a high standard for food,” Disibbio opined. “The age of the structure means


that there’s always something that needs routine maintenance or repairs. It was a full-time responsibility. If I wasn’t doing the landscaping or mowing the grass or trimming the trees or pruning the apple trees or planting a garden or repairing shutters or preparing to paint the place or working on the timber frame or booking events or talking to customers or acquiring the food, prepping the food, cooking the food ... then I was repairing plumbing and electrical and just constant ... you know, maintenance work.”

Still, it sounds as though Disibbio will be plenty busy under the direction of his new his new employer. When he isn’t working, Chris lives with his wife Rhonda in Mooresville, North Carolina.

All those years ago, when Chris Disibbio decided to place a bid on the Fort Chiswell Mansion, he had a vision of providing people with a deliciously unique experience in a fabulous setting. He made that happen and by most any standard, Disibbio left this historical jewel in better shape than he found it. He is now permanently part of the legacy of the Fort Chiswell Mansion.

“Anything I’ve owned in the past ... I’ve never thought twice about selling,” Disibbio confided. “I’m not saying that I’m thinking twice about this but ... it’s rewarding to think that the mansion will continue to evolve in a manner that would be befitting of the place.”

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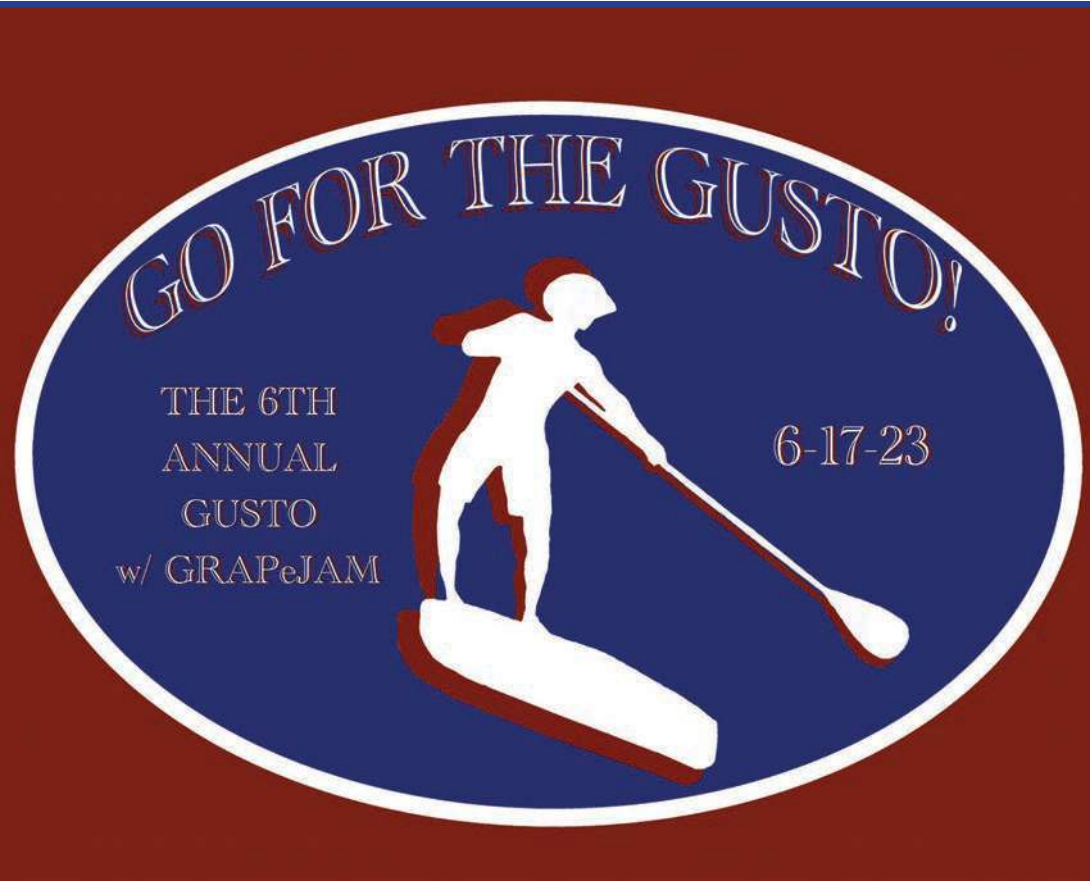
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ACC celebrates success in 2022-23

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – Atlantic Coast Conference unpreceded NCAA Championship numbers, and the league may not be finished yet as athletic competition for the 2022-23 academic year winds to a close.

Notre Dame men’s lacrosse claimed the ACC’s league-record ninth NCAA team championship of the academic year when it defeated Duke in Monday’s national title game in Philadelphia. The ACC has now won 16 team national championships in the last two academic years, also a conference record.

“It has been an extraordinary year for the ACC, and we are so proud of our student-athletes, coaches, and programs,” said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. “The ACC’s historic accomplishments over the last two years are a tribute to the leadership at our member institutions and I applaud them for their ongoing dedication.”

ACC teams have won NCAA championships this academic year in the following sports:

- Women’s Cross Country – NC State
- Field Hockey – North Carolina
- Men’s Soccer – Syracuse
- Women’s Swimming and Diving – Virginia
- Fencing – Notre Dame
- Women’s Tennis – North Carolina
- Men’s Tennis – Virginia
- Women’s Golf – Wake Forest
- Men’s Lacrosse – Notre Dame

**Still on the Table**  
While NCAA Division I competition for the 2022-23 academic year has reached its twilight stages, the ACC is well positioned for even greater team success.

The NCAA Men’s Golf Cham-

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Tech announces 2023 Hall of Fame class



Malcolm Delaney



Kyle Fuller



David Wilson (hokiesports.com photos)

BLACKSBURG – The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame has added to its prestige this week, as it announced its seven newest members as part of the 2023 class on Tuesday.

The 2023 class of inductees includes:

Bob Bowman, a three-sport athlete that earned 12 varsity letters at Virginia Tech and claimed two Southern Conference wrestling titles.

Malcolm Delaney, a two-time AP All-American (honorable

mention) that currently ranks third in program history in career assists and points.

Kyle Fuller, an All-American in 2013 with All-ACC recognition in three seasons and the No. 14 overall pick in the 2014 NFL Draft.

Carrie Mason, a four-year starter for the Hokies that finished her career as the school’s all-time leader in 3-pointers made and games started at the time.

Jazmine Reeves, an integral piece of the Hokies’ 2013 Col-

lege Cup side that was the first Hermann Trophy semifinalist and first-team NSCAA All-American in program history.

David Wilson, the 2011 ACC Player of the Year and second-team All-American that still holds the program’s single-season rushing yards record.

Alexander Ziegler, a three-time NCAA champion and seven-time All-American that claimed four ACC titles in his career at Tech.

The seven-member class will be honored during the Tech vs.

Purdue football game weekend. The hall of fame dinner and ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 8 at The Inn at Virginia Tech. As in years past, the hall of fame class of 2023 will be recognized at halftime of the football game on Saturday, Sept. 9.

With the addition of this year’s class, the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame will reach a total of 225 members. The hall of fame, which was established in 1982, is located at the south end of the Cassell Coliseum ambulatory.

NASCAR heads back out west

From NASCAR

After an outstanding debut last season, the NASCAR Cup Series will be returning to the World Wide Technology Raceway for this weekend’s Enjoy Illinois 300 presented by TicketSmarter this Sunday, June 4 at 3:30 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio – the 15th race of the 26-race regular season.

World Wide Technology Raceway, located in Madison, Illinois just outside St. Louis, was originally built as a drag strip and road course in 1985 and was originally known as St. Louis International Raceway Park. In 1994, new ownership acquired the track. The

existing tracks (drag strip and road course) were demolished over the course of 1995–1996 and a new oval speedway and drag strip were constructed.

The current 1.25-mile oval that is World Wide Technology Raceway has a unique shape and different degrees of banking in each set of turns. The backstretch is confined to run parallel with Illinois Route 203, making Turns 1 & 2 a tighter radius than Turns 3 & 4. Turns 1 & 2 have similar characteristics to New Hampshire Motor Speedway while Turns 3 & 4 are similar to Phoenix Raceway. The track’s egg shape mimics the legendary Darlington Raceway. The facility now has more than 700 acres welcom-

ing fans this weekend.

The first NASCAR national series race held at World Wide Technology Raceway was a NASCAR Xfinity Series race held on June 26, 1997 - Elliott Sadler won the event.

Though this will only be the second NASCAR Cup Series event this weekend at the 1.25-mile track, World Wide Technology Raceway has hosted 15 NASCAR Xfinity Series races from 1997-2010 and 22 NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series races from 1998-2010 and 2014-2022.

Team Penske’s Joey Logano is the defending winner of the inaugural NASCAR Cup Series race at World Wide Technology Raceway – one of 19 different

tracks the Connecticut native has won at in the series. Eight other drivers entered this weekend have won in either the NASCAR Xfinity Series or the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series at World Wide Technology Raceway, led by Kevin Harvick with three NASCAR national series wins at the 1.25-mile track (NXS 2000, 2001 and NCTS 2010); followed by Christopher Bell (NCTS 2016), Kyle Busch (NXS 2009), Justin Chastain (NCTS 2019), Ross Hales (NCTS 2018), Brad Keselowski (NXS 2010), Martin Truex Jr. (NXS 2004) and Bubba Wallace (NCTS 2014) each with one victory.

All the on-track action begins for the NASCAR Cup Series this weekend with practice and Busch Light Pole Qualifying on Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m. ET on FS1.

**Blaney becomes 10th different winner this season, sixth to knockout big winless streak**

And just like that another large winless streak is snapped. Team Penske’s Ryan Blaney hustled to a crown jewel win in a rain-delayed Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway becoming the 10th different winner in the NASCAR Cup Series this season. Blaney also conquered a winless streak that had reached 59 races. He is the sixth different driver this season to snap a winless streak of 25 races or more, joining Ricky Stenhouse Jr. (199 races), Martin Truex Jr. (54 races), Denny Hamlin (33 races), William Byron (30 races) and Kyle Busch (28 races).

As the most recent winner in the NASCAR Cup Series, Ryan Blaney jumps off the winless list this season and has secured his spot in the Playoffs for the seventh-time in his career (2023, ‘22, ‘21 ‘20, ‘19, ‘18, ‘17). This year, the North Carolina native has posted one win (Charlotte), four top fives and eight top 10s. And to boot, Blaney is ranked second in the series driver standings, just one-point behind standings leader and Trackhouse Racing driver Ross Chastain.

As the series heads to World Wide Technology Raceway for the Enjoy Illinois 300 presented by TicketSmarter this Sunday, June 4 at 3:30 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio, watch for Ryan Blaney to continue to ride his wave of success. In last year’s inaugural Cup Series event at WWTR, he finished in the top-five (fourth) and led 12 laps. Loop Data also has him ranked in the top five in several pre-race categories: Average Running Position (6.780, third-best), Driver Rating (118.2,

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## YARD SALES

Huge yard sale at 328 Roseberry Street, Dublin, Friday and Saturday, 6/2-6/3. Lots of household items, some furniture, clothes, shoes, games and much more.

Yard Sale: Huge yard sale Saturday, June 3 at 5905 Thorspring Road.

Garage Sale, Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd at 6445 Ruebush Road, Dublin. Adult and children's clothing, furniture, household items, collectibles, books, and much more! Hours will be Friday: 7:30 - 5:00, and Saturday: 8:00 until 2:00 weather permitting.

**GARAGE SALE-** Multi family Friday June 9 & Saturday June 10, 8am-4pm  
4624 Shelburne Rd, Radford/Snowville  
L-Shaped bunk beds/desk combo, home decor, 8'x11' area rug, household items, TV, heater, Shark Sonic Duo floor cleaner, DVD's, kids and adults clothes, children's books, toys, dog pen, and much much more!

Morgan's Chapel Church Yard Sale - Saturday, June 3rd (8am to 2pm)  
There will also be a bake sale which will include hotdogs with homemade chili.  
6540 New River Rd, Radford (Behind old C & L Campers)  
**RAIN OR SHINE**

Yard/ Estate Sale: Saturday June 3 from 8 am - ??  
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June 2,3, and 4: Estate Yard Sale at 5762 Jones Drive, Dublin. Medical equipment, handicapped-equipped van, motorized scooters, household stuff. Just too much to list, come check it out. 8 until 2 daily.

Pulaski First Church Brethren 2 day yards sale. Friday June 2, 3-7 and Saturday June 3, 8-2. The yard sale is located at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind the DMV. We will be located at the picnic shelter for this event. Dinner sold on Friday and Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday will be sold. We will also have baked goods and crafts for sale.

Huge Yard Sale: Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 at 1018 Wilson Avenue, Pulaski. Starting at 7 a.m. Lots of items. We have three very nice curio cabinets for sale. Also handmade pouting dolls. Must come see for yourself. Items for everyone.

Join us for the annual RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH YARD SALE & MINI FLEA MARKET on Friday, June 2nd & Saturday, June 3rd at the entrance to Black Hollow Rd near the Dublin Fairgrounds. Tons of vendors!! Concessions on Saturday offered by the ROL Youth Group. Hope to see you there!

Indoor Yard Sale - Flea Market Event

June 24 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
UAW Union Hall  
5110 Cougar Trail Road  
Dublin

Sponsored by the Women's Committee of UAW Local 2069, the event is held to collect funds for projects that will provide help within the local community. To participate in this event, contact Tena Simpkins at 540-599-1682. Vendor spaces are on a first come - first serve basis and are not guaranteed until payment is received.

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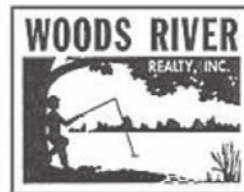
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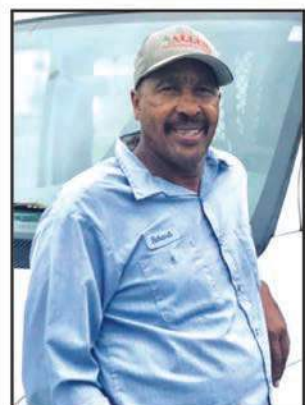


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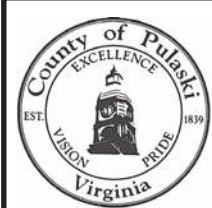
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## LEGAL NOTICE



## Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing to consider a Special Use Permit Application. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 13 ,2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

- SUP Permit Application submitted by Jody Lewis to allow 3 Campers/Campground located at Tax Map 116-001-0000-0074 at Julia Simpkins Road Hiwassee, VA 24347, Ingles District.

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Information regarding these items are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning & Zoning, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

For disabled individuals who may require 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 to arrange for these special accommodations.

# NASCAR

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second-best), Fastest Laps Run (38, second-best), and Quality Passes (52, second-most).

### Playoff Bubble: Just five postseason spots still open following Charlotte

Rolling into World Wide Technology Raceway this weekend, 10 different drivers have won in the NASCAR Cup Series this season. With a spot secured for the driver point standings leader without a win, currently occupied by Trackhouse Racing's Ross Chastain, that leaves just five spots available in 16-driver field to make the postseason.

The 10 drivers that have earned a spot in the Playoffs by virtue of their wins this season are William Byron, Kyle Busch, Kyle Larson, Ryan Blaney, Martin Truex Jr., Christopher Bell, Tyler Reddick, Denny Hamlin, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Joey Logano.

Ross Chastain regained the points lead in the NASCAR Cup Series following Dover Motor Speedway and has held the top spot since, but he is winless and currently only has a one-point advantage over Team Penske's Ryan Blaney in second.

The five drivers currently occupying Playoff spots on points are: 12. Kevin Harvick (+146 points over postseason cutoff), 13. Brad Keselowski (+102), 14. Chris Buescher (+76), 15. Bubba Wallace (+35), 16. Alex Bowman (+4).

It didn't take Alex Bowman long to bounce back into Playoff contention. He returned from injury last week at Charlotte with a Playoff waiver and ranked 17th in points. After posting a 12th-place finish at Charlotte, he has now jumped to 16th, up four points over Stewart-Haas Racing's Chase Briscoe in 17th – the first spot outside the Playoff cutoff.

Not far behind Bowman in the points are Sunoco Rookie of the Year candidate and Joe Gibbs Racing driver Ty Gibbs in 18th (-15 points) and Trackhouse Racing driver Daniel Suarez in 19th (-20 points).

In last season's WWTR Cup race Bowman finished 13th, Briscoe finished 24th, and Suarez finished 23rd. This weekend will be Ty Gibbs first appearance in at World Wide Technology Raceway.

Four of the drivers that finished in the top-10 in the NASCAR Cup Series race at World Wide Technology Raceway last season are still looking for their first win of 2023 - Aric Almirola, Erik Jones, Ross Chastain and AJ Allmendinger.

## 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

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 .75 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 17, 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 2, 2023

## JOBS



## Come Join The Pulaski County Team! Heavy Construction Crew Worker

Pulaski County is seeking applicants for a Heavy Construction Crew Worker. This position is responsible for mowing and maintenance of County properties and special projects as assigned. Applicant must be able to operate the following equipment: Tractor trailer with detached trailer, mowing equipment, tandem dump truck, road tractors with hitch trailers, track loaders, Excavator, rubber tire loader, bucket truck and other similar heavy equipment.

A valid Commonwealth of Virginia Driver's License is required with a CDL Class A Endorsement. Applicant must also pass a drug and alcohol, driving and background check.

This is a full-time position that includes full benefits such as health, dental, vision and life insurance, VRS retirement program, optional 457b retirement plan, paid vacation and sick leave, paid holidays and much more.

The salary scale for this position is \$28,540 - \$43,832 and is commensurate upon education and experience. Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download and 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)

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## LEGAL NOTICE



## Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the applications as listed below:

- Petition by Larry & Michelle Nipper, Variance to Article 4.7.C, Setback Requirement in a Low-Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 4160 Old Mill Road, Pulaski VA 24301 Tax Map # 074-001-0000-0043, Draper District.

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

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SUMMER MEAL SITES			
All Children/Students are eligible up to 18 years of age - no age limit for students with disability proof of identity or age is not required			
Pulaski Elementary	Meals available June 10 <sup>th</sup> - June 19 - 29, 2023 July 10 - 20, 2023  Closed June 30-2023	Meal times: Breakfast 7:45am -9:00am -Lunch: 11:15 -12:30 pm - available Monday-Friday	2004 Morehead Lane Pulaski, VA 24301
Pulaski County Middle School	Meals available: June 5 <sup>th</sup> - June 30 July 10 <sup>th</sup> - July 28, 2023 Closed July 3- 7, 2023	Meal times: Breakfast 7:45am -9:00am -Lunch: 11:15-12:30 pm - available Monday-Friday	4396 Lee Highway Pulaski, VA 24301
Randolph Park	Meals available: June 5 <sup>th</sup> - June 30 July 10 <sup>th</sup> - July 28, 2023  Closed July 3 - 7, 2023	Meal times: Breakfast 7:45am -8:45 am - Lunch: Noon-12:30pm - available Monday-Friday	5100 Alexander Road, Dublin, VA
Riverlawn Elementary	Meals available June 10 <sup>th</sup> - June 16 - 29, 2023 July 10 - 20, 2023  Closed June 30-2023	Meal times: Breakfast 7:45am -9:00 -Lunch: 11:15-12:30pm - available Monday-Friday	8100 Beth Nelson Dr. Fairlawn, VA 24141
Fairlawn Church of God - Vacation Bible School	June 26 - 30, 2023	Supper -5:00-5:30 PM	7858 Peppers Ferry Blvd- Radford, VA 24141
Camp Maranatha - New Hope	July 10 - 14, 2023	Breakfast 8:00 - 9:00 am Lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Available Mon. - Fri.	5847 Oak Grove Avenue Dublin, VA 24084
**Wilderness Road Museum	July 24 <sup>th</sup> -July 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Lunch: Noon - Closed Site **M-F	5240 Wilderness Road Dublin, VA 24084
**Ratcliffe Museum	July 17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	Lunch: Noon- Closed Site ** M - F	51 Commerce Street Pulaski, VA 24301
**Gateway Private School	June 5 - July 28, 2023 Closed July 3 - 7, 2023	Lunch: 11:00 - Noon Closed Site **M - F	205 5th Street Dublin VA 24084
Grace Fellowship Baptist Church - Vacation Bible School	June 14 - 16, 2023	Supper 5:00 - 5:30 PM	2640 Max Creek Rd. Hiwassee VA 24347
**Closed enrolled sites - All other sites are open to all Children/Students ***Open restricted All students (children) up to age 18 are eligible for meals - no age limit for children/students with disabilities  Meals are being prepared by the Pulaski County School Nutrition Program staff.  CALL the School Nutrition Hotline with questions: 540-643-0104 or call 540-440-0375 or email jessica.morrison@pcva.us  All meals consist of a minimum of the following items: 2oz. protein, 1oz. grain, ¾ cup fresh, frozen or canned fruit and ¼ cup fresh, frozen or canned vegetable & 8 oz. flavored or unflavored fat free or 1% bottled milk.			

# Nine killed in seven crashes on Virginia highways over holiday

RICHMOND – The 2023 Memorial Day weekend proved deadly for nine drivers and passengers, to include four motorcyclists.\* The holiday statistical counting period began Friday, May 26, 2023, at 12:01 a.m. and concluded at midnight Monday, May 29, 2023. The Virginia State Police not only participated in the nationwide, state-sponsored Operation Crash Awareness Reduction Effort (C.A.R.E.) during the Memorial Day weekend, but also the annual Click It or Ticket seat belt education and enforcement campaign. During the designated statistical counting period, Virginia Troopers cited 771 seat belt violations and 136 child restraint violations. “We are in the midst of schools letting out and summer travel plans

being made,” said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia State Police Superintendent. “If this past Memorial Day weekend is any indication of what Virginia’s highways may look like during the coming summer months, then we desperately need drivers and passengers to make a committed effort to buckle up everyone in a vehicle, share the road responsibly with motorcycles, and drive distraction free. Responsible, safe, and sober driving saves lives. It is really that simple.” Participation in the four-day Operation C.A.R.E. required all available Virginia State Police patrolling the highways to reduce traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries due to impaired driving, speed and failing to wear a seat belt. During the 2023 combined Memorial Day

C.A.R.E. initiative, Virginia Troopers cited 4,990 speeders and 1,924 reckless drivers, and arrested 89 impaired drivers. In addition, 169 felony arrests were made. Virginia State Police also assisted 1,447 disabled motorists. Virginia State Police investigated a total 1,846 traffic crashes statewide and inspected 634 commercial vehicles during the holiday weekend. The seven fatal crashes occurred in the City of Richmond, and Henry, Loudoun, Orange and Shenandoah counties. Both Henry and Loudoun had two fatal crashes occur in their jurisdictions. Two of the four fatal motorcycle crashes occurred in Loudoun County; the other two took place in Shenandoah County and the City of Richmond.

# Virginia Fallen Firefighters & EMS Memorial Service scheduled for June 3

RICHMOND – The Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VD FP) invites the public to attend the 2023 Virginia Fallen Firefighters and EMS Memorial Service on Saturday, June 3. The memorial service will begin at noon at the Richmond Raceway Complex in the Main Exhibition Hall. The Virginia Fallen Firefighters and EMS Memorial Service was established to honor firefighters and EMS personnel who perished in the line of duty, in accordance with the Virginia Line of Duty Act (§ 9.1-400). Emergency response personnel, government officials, and public safety members will gather to celebrate the courage and dedication of each honoree. The Memorial Service includes a keynote address, a Virginia Fire Services Honor Guard procession, a musical performance, and a fire and EMS apparatus display from departments throughout the Commonwealth. This year’s service will honor

ten fallen firefighters:

- Gary C. Campbell - Spotsylvania County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management
- TyVaughn N. Eldridge - Chesterfield Fire and EMS
- Christopher G. Griffin - City of Norfolk Fire Rescue
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- Gregory V. Thomas - City of Danville Fire Department
- Michael W. Webb - Callaway Volunteer Fire Department
- Herbert T. Wilcox - Rocky Mount Fire Department

For those who cannot attend in person, the Virginia Fallen Firefighters and EMS Memorial Service will also be streamed live on VD FP’s social media and website: [www.vafire.com](http://www.vafire.com).

# ACC

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pionships opened the decisive match play rounds on Tuesday with four ACC teams – North Carolina, Georgia Tech, Florida State and Virginia – among the final eight at the Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. Florida State softball opens play in the Women’s College World Series against Oklahoma State on Thursday night in Oklahoma City. The Seminoles are making their 12th appearance in the Women’s College World Series. The past two times the Seminoles have been in Oklahoma City, they have reached the Championship Series as they won the title in 2018 and were the national runner-up in 2021. The NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships are set for June 7-10 in Austin, Texas. A combined five ACC men’s and women’s teams are listed among the nation’s top 25 of the latest USTFCCA rankings. Nineteen ACC student-athletes will enter the competition with times or marks that rank among the top five in their respective events, including women’s Bowerman candidate Katelyn Tuohy of NC State, who set the NCAA record in the women’s 5,000 meters during the regular season (15:03.12). Tuohy also leads the nation in the women’s 1500 meters. Eight ACC baseball teams will be among the 64-team field as the NCAA Division I Championship gets underway Friday, including No. 1 overall seed Wake Forest. ACC champion Clemson is the No. 4 national seed, while Virginia is seeded No. 7 and Miami is No. 9. The ACC seeks to advance at least one team to the College World Series in Omaha for the 17th consecutive year.

**All in the Family**  
This is the fifth academic year in which there have been multiple

all-ACC NCAA championship games:

1995-96: North Carolina-Maryland field hockey and Maryland-Virginia women’s lacrosse.

2005-06: Maryland-Duke field hockey and Maryland-Duke women’s basketball.

2010-11: Maryland-North Carolina field hockey and Virginia-Maryland men’s lacrosse.


2013-14: Notre Dame-Maryland men’s soccer, Duke-Notre Dame men’s lacrosse and Maryland-Syracuse women’s lacrosse.

2022-23: North Carolina-NC State women’s tennis and Duke-Notre Dame men’s lacrosse.

Additionally, 12 ACC teams joined the conference’s NCAA championship squads in reaching the national finals or semifinals during the current academic year:

North Carolina Women’s Soccer – NCAA Finals  
Florida State Women’s Soccer – NCAA Semifinals  
Pitt Men’s Soccer – NCAA Semifinals  
Pitt Volleyball – NCAA Semifinals  
Louisville Volleyball – NCAA Finals  
Miami Men’s Basketball – NCAA Semifinals  
Virginia Tech Women’s Basketball – NCAA Semifinals  
NC State Women’s Tennis – NCAA Finals  
Boston College Women’s Lacrosse – NCAA Finals  
Syracuse Women’s Lacrosse – NCAA Semifinals  
Duke Men’s Lacrosse – NCAA Finals  
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ACC student-athletes have also captured 26 gold medals in NCAA individual events in 2022-23 (18 women’s, eight men’s).



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**Sat. June 10th: Sister Ginger Riggins**

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# Meetings, closings for Pulaski County in June

• Monday, June 5, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 5:30 p.m., (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, June 6, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget and Rates, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 5:30 p.m., (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

• Tuesday, June 13, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

• Tuesday, June 13, 2023, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). This Commission oversees land - use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

• Monday, June 19, 2023, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Juneteenth. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023, in observance of Juneteenth. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers

will be open and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

• Tuesday, June 20, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

• Tuesday, June 20, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; 6:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions and the interpretation of the County's Zoning Ordinances.

• Monday, June 26, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, June 27, 2023, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7351 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Village Oaks Plaza, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-633-5146). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

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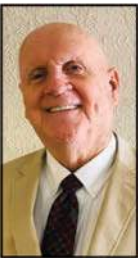
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

The Church, Persecuted But Not Destroyed

Part One

Acts Chapter 12 in a very thought provoking and fascinating book in the Bible. In this Chapter we see the harsh, cruel persecution of the Church growing with each passing day. It became so intense that the turn out to Church Services in Jerusalem was declining. The Jews hated the Christians and were persecuting them on every hand. To add to the utter dismay of the Christians, King Herod Agrippa, the puppet king of the Roman Empire, joined in with more oppression.

The Christians however faced the fiery trial of their faith by leaning on God and receiving renewed courage and strength to stand firm against intimidation and maltreatment.

Our God is an ever present help in times of trouble. He’s always there for us to help us get through the difficult times in our lives. When we run into opposition, adversity, persecution, or any other fiery trials of our faith, we can call upon God and our prayer answering God will send help from above. We can look unto the hills from whence cometh out help. Our help cometh from the Lord Which made Heaven and Earth. (Psalm 121:1) And God, Who never leaves us or forsakes us will always be there for us to help us through the lowest places of our lives.

When we lift up our eyes towards heaven, the place of the habitation of our God, and call upon His holy Name for help, we can expect to receive the deliverance that we need. Prayer changes things. God changes things. There is great power in heartfelt prayer and we ought to pray always. I came upon this great saying posted by Jennifer Flanders who is one of many who have also quoted it. “If you only pray when you’re in trouble, you’re in trouble.”

As Christians, we ought to always be praying, both during the good times and the bad times of our lives. We ought to stay prayed up. And if we are prayed up, then we know that when we call upon God for His help, that He’ll be with us to help us through the most trying times of our lives and to put down all evil that would rear its ugly head against us.

King Herod Agrippa began a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem. He had James killed. James was an Apostle and one of the chief leaders of the Church at Jerusalem. When Agrippa saw that it pleased the Jews, meaning the Jewish Religious Establishment, those who had plotted against Jesus and caused Him to be crucified, he had Peter captured and locked up in a prison. The Church had already been suffering persecution by the Jewish Religious Leaders, and now they were also persecuted by the civil Authority.

The word [persecute] means to hurt; to mistreat; to harass; to subject someone to hostility and ill-treatment; to oppress; and to trouble persistently.

His main target was the Leaders of the Church. James was the brother of John, one of the sons of Zebedee, and Herod had him executed. Next he went after Peter. He wanted to execute Peter as well. He thought if he could cut off the head, the body of Christ would die. If he could destroy the pillars of the Church, the Apostles, that the whole building would fall. However, the Apostles were not the real head of the Church. Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord, is the head of the body of Christ, the Church.

Severe and cruel persecution caused many of the Christians to leave Jerusalem and to move to

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Church Directory

**Draper Valley Baptist Church**  
3200 Lee Highway  
Draper, Va. 24324  
Pastor: Alan Pearce  
Service Times:  
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.  
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com  
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

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

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

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

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

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

**Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church**  
5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor Jason Crandall  
Worship Service starts a 9 a.m.  
Sunday School is 10 a.m.  
www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc

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

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

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

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

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

**Delton Church of God of Prophecy**  
4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324  
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM  
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services  
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Wednesday evenings- To be announced at  
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safety guidelines of social distancing, masks,  
cleaning, and disinfection.

**Heritage Church**  
6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin  
Joe Ratcliff, Associate Pastor  
Service Times:  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;  
Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
Website: www.heritagechurch.net  
Facebook.com/  
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**First Missionary Baptist Church**  
7318 Manns Drive  
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524  
(540) 639-5331  
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net  
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Associate Minister:  
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Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**Draper’s Valley Presbyterian (PCA)**  
2755 Old Baltimore Road,  
Draper, VA 24324  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews  
Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
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Phone - 540-994-9015  
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**Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA**  
2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski  
540-980-3624  
trinitypulaski@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
(Sept. - May)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
(June - Aug.)  
Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook  
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon  
www.trinitypulaski.org

**Trinity United Methodist**  
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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
528 5th Street, S.E.  
Pulaski, Va.  
Phone - 980-0820

**Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy**  
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Pulaski, VA 24301  
Church: 540-980-2118  
Cell: 276-233-8083  
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www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
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**Faith Bible Church**  
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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox  
540-980-5433  
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Children’s Church: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Children’s Meal: 6:30 p.m.  
Children’s and Youth’s Group  
Classes: 7 p.m.

**Dublin Christian Church**  
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P. O. Box 1330  
Dublin, VA 24084  
(540) 674-8434  
www.dublinchristianchurch.com  
Greg “Scooter” Breisch  
Minister  
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Sunday Evening Youth and Children’s  
Meetings 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and  
Children’s Classes 7:00 p.m.

**Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)**  
5436 Lead Mine Rd.  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor: Jerry King  
Website:  
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com  
(and Facebook)  
Office: 540-633-3761  
Email:

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

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

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

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

**Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.**  
4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/  
Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor,  
(540) 250-2974  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 7 p.m.  
Monday Bible Study  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

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

**Dora Highway Baptist Church**  
321 Dora Highway  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Harry Gunter  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Phone: (540) 320-0738  
**New Hope Chapel**  
1555 Case Knife Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Darrell Gray  
(276) 733-6080  
Service Times  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday Service

**Grace Episcopal Church**  
210 4th Street, Radford, 24141  
639-3494  
Rev. Deacon William Yagel  
Service: 10:30AM Sundays  
Email: office@graceradford.org  
http://www.graceradford.org  
Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church  
Morning Prayer services at 8:00am and  
10:30am (live stream of service available)



# McCraw

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other parts of the world to escape it. God allowed the persecution because it caused the Christians to leave Jerusalem and to go into the uttermost parts of the earth to preach the gospel, thus fulfilling their part of the great commission. God brought good out of the bad, proving again that all things work together for good, to them who love the Lord, who are the called according to His purposes. Some of God’s greatest promises are fulfilled while we are going through the greatest fiery trials of our lives.

Our faith is sometimes tested to the limits, because where there is faith, it is sure to be tested. The bible says we are not to think it strange when our faith is tested by a fiery trial. Everyone’s faith is tested at times, to give us the opportunity to prove that our faith is genuine. Its then we turn to God for strength and it is through the fire that our weakness is made strong.

“We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; we are assaulted but not defeated. Cast down but not forsaken. Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” (2 Cor. 4: 8-10)

Persecution of the Church always causes the Church to Grow. Jesus said, the gates of hell would not prevail over His Church.

The Church can’t go under for going over.

## Fish Fry

**Where:**  
New Mount Olive United Methodist Church,  
309 Russell Avenue  
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**When:** Saturday June 3, 2023

**Time:** 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

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# Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Hosea (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 8:2, how many demons did Mary Magdalene have in her? 1, 3, 5, 7
3. Who wrote in Proverbs 13:24, “He that spareth his rod hateth his son”? David, Solomon, Job, Ruth
4. From Judges 13-16, who was the strongest man on earth? Hercules, Samson, Obadiah, Timothy
5. During the great flood, how many humans were on the ark? 2, 4, 6, 8
6. In Psalms 68:5, who is “father to the fatherless”? Oneself, Heaven, Fool, God

**ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 7, 3) Solomon, 4) Samson, 5) 8 (Gen. 7:13), 6) God**

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10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

**Pulaski First Church of the Brethren**  
1749 Newbern Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Frank Peters  
Sunday School: 9:45  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
980-3798

**New Hope Church**  
3050 Lee Highway  
Pulaski, VA 24301 (540) 980-5506  
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Pulaski, VA  
Pastor Todd Garwood  
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**First Christian Church of Pulaski**  
524 N Jefferson Ave  
Pulaski, VA 24301-4618  
(540) 980-7144  
www.firstchristianpulaski.org  
Pastor: Timothy Moore  
Men’s Sunday School:10 am  
Worship: 11 am

**Aldersgate United Methodist**  
1946 Medallion Drive  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
(540) 980-1349  
Pastor Jim Goddard  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Dublin, VA 24084  
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

**St. Edwards Catholic Church**  
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and  
7th Street N.W., Pulaski  
Phone: 980-6511  
Fax: 980-6511  
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng  
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

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

**Community Christian Church**  
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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 26:3-4

for I have always been mindful of your unfaithful love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness. I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites.

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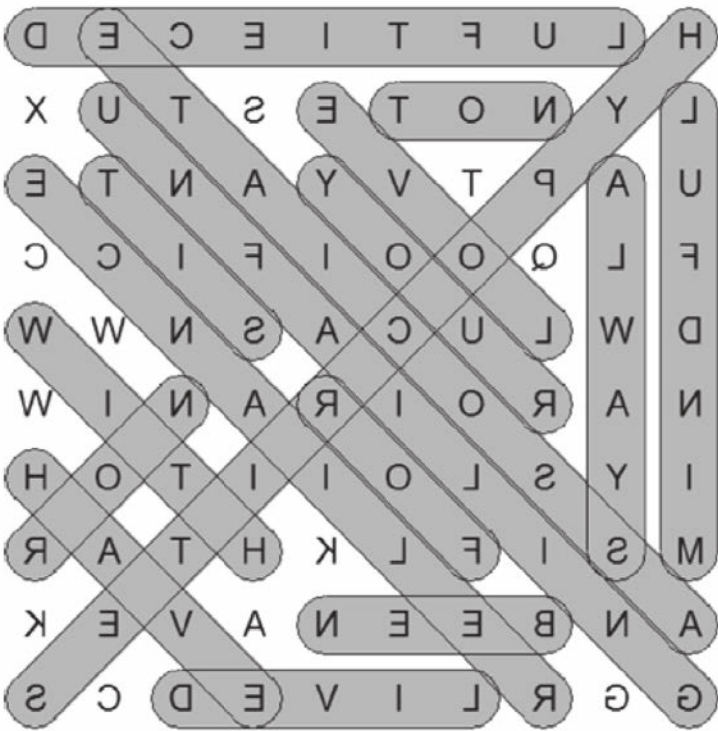
Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.  
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# God pleads with man to turn to Him

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I’ve been challenged by my pastor to teach a Bible class for “nominal” Christians. Is there really such a thing as nominal Christians or do they first need to be born again? – N.C.

A: Nominal Christians have little time for God. They’re too busy with daily living to be concerned with Bible reading (to know what God says) and prayer (being in fellowship with God).

The new birth (John 3) is something that God does for people when they are willing to yield to

Him. The Bible teaches that man is dead in trespasses and sins, and his great need is redemption. We do not have within ourselves the seed of the new life; this must come from God Himself.

The great Christian writer Oswald Chambers said, “Our part as workers for God is to open men’s eyes that they may turn themselves from darkness to light; but that is not salvation [but] the effort of a roused human being ... nominal Christians are of this order; their eyes are opened, but they have received nothing. ... When a man is born again, he



My Answer

Billy Graham

knows that it is because he has received something as a gift from Almighty God and not because of his own decision.”

God pleads with man to turn to Him. The new birth is not just being reformed, it’s being transformed. People are always mak-

ing resolutions to do better, but the Bible teaches that through the new birth we can enter a new world. The contrasts used in the Bible to express the change that comes over us are graphic; from lust to holiness; from darkness to light; from death to resurrection; from stranger to the kingdom of God to now being its citizen. The Bible teaches that the person who is born again has a changed will, changed affections, changed objectives for living, changed disposition, new purpose. He receives a new nature and becomes a new creation.



Amber Waves

OK, MOLLY, I HOPE YOU'RE HUNGRY. HERE'S DINNER.

TONIGHT WE ARE SERVING MASHED-UP CARROTS AND SOME MUSHY GREEN STUFF.

THAT'S NOT A WINNER. IS THERE A 2ND COURSE?

Out on a Limb

LOOK, I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YOU AGAIN...I DON'T CARE IF THE PRICE OF BAT ROPE HAS GONE UP...THE CITY WILL NOT REIMBURSE YOU...DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?!!

OKAY, OKAY...FINE. I HEARD YOU THE FIRST TIME.

by Gary Kopervas

BATMAN CAVES

The Spats

MY GET UP AND GO HAS GOT UP AND WENT.

...AND IT DIDN'T EVEN INVITE ME TO GO WITH IT.

TIGER

CLIMB ON UP, SUZY

C'MON

I CAN'T MAKE IT

I GIVE UP

HEY, LOOKIT THAT SNAKE!

WHERE?

OLIVE

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO ADVANCED YOGA WITH ME, OLIVE!

OF COURSE! I LOVE A GOOD CHANCE TO STRETCH!

IF THE POSES ARE TOO DIFFICULT, DON'T WORRY ABOUT KEEPING IT SIMPLE.

YEAH...I GOT TOO CONFIDENT.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, YOU HAVE SHOES FOR DIFFERENT MOODS, BUT IT WOULD BE CHEAPER IF YOU COULD JUST SCALE IT BACK TO HAPPY OR SAD.

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: B equals L

MR M UZDZ NT RMBB LBB NGZYZ

NZYN NXHZY UMNG CTC-LEMJME

YTBXNMTCY, M'J JZEBLDZ

"HLYZY BTLJZJ!"

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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!

Terrain DOGRUN

Alert WEAKA

Beyond FAILED

Blank ANCLE

TODAY'S WORD

"I promised to wait for him till he graduates, so he keeps \_\_\_\_\_."

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by BUD BLAKE

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Modern taxi alternative

5 911 responders

9 ER workers

12 Zero, in tennis

13 Scurry

14 Actor Kilmer

15 Wharton Sch. offering

17 506, in old Rome

18 Charon's river

19 Speedy

21 Devil's domain

24 Topped

25 Writer

26 Circus gymnasts

30 Call — day

31 Kathy of "Misery"

32 Pro vote

33 "No worries ..."

35 GI dining hall

36 Cries of discovery

37 Third rock from the sun

38 Gantry of fiction

40 Stable diet

42 Napkin's place

43 Coll. entrance considerations

48 Oahu or Maui (Abbr.)

49 Military group

50 "A Doll's House" heroine

51 That lady

52 Tower city

53 Did the crawl

DOWN

1 Einstein's birthplace

2 Short 'do

3 Actress

4 It had a big part in the Bible

5 Jittery

6 "Das Kapital" author

7 Three, in Rome

8 Sound systems

9 Movie buff's purchase

10 Sitarist

11 Shankar

12 Lost traction

13 Roswell visitors

14 Cleric's tunic

15 It grows on you

16 Initial chip

17 Crime lab specimen

18 Glenn of the Eagles

19 Very small batteries

27 Dol. fractions

28 Try out

29 Merit badge holder

31 Endures

34 Common title start

35 Brick workers

37 And so on (Abbr.)

38 Yale students

39 Cilium

40 Elevator name

41 "The Thin Man" dog

44 Blackbird

45 Tier

46 Epoch

47 Actor Waterston

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9. Dachshund

10. German shorthaired pointer

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Source: American Kennel Club

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WORD LADDERS

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

HOCUS

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

MONKS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: When was the first "Star Wars" movie released?

2. GEOGRAPHY: In which body of water is Bermuda located?

3. TELEVISION: Who was the first host of the game show "Jeopardy!"?

4. ANATOMY: Which part of the brain controls balance and coordination?

5. LITERATURE: Which short story is described as the first modern detective story?

6. ANCIENT WORLD: Which two cities were destroyed by a volcano in 79 A.D.?

7. U.S. CITIES: What is the nickname of Albuquerque's (New Mexico) minor league baseball team?

8. FOOD & DRINK: What does "en croute" mean?

9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What kind of farm did Jimmy Carter have before he became president?

10. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant urges customers to "Eat fresh"?

Answers

1. 1977

2. North Atlantic Ocean

3. Art Fleming

4. Cerebellum

5. "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" by Edgar Allan Poe

6. Pompeii and Herculaneum

7. The Albuquerque Isotopes

8. Food baked in a pastry crust

9. Peanut

10. Subway

FLUNKING

Today's Word

1. Ground 2. Awake

3. Afield 4. Clean

solution

SCRAMBLERS

HOCUS, HOUVS, MONKS

BONES, BONKS, MONKS

Answer

WORD LADDER

Americanisms

"Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one."

— Bruce Lee

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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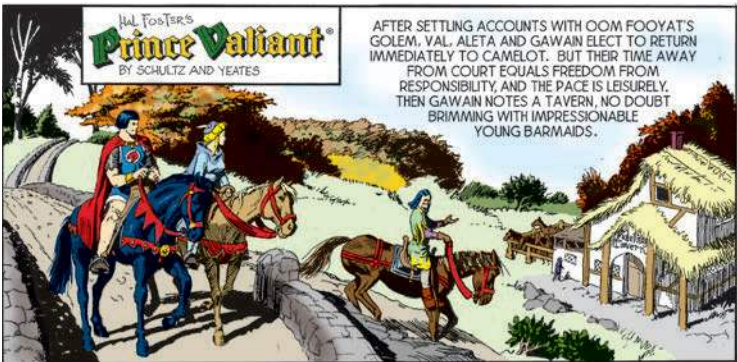
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VAL FOSTER'S  
**Prince Valiant**  
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

AFTER SETTLING ACCOUNTS WITH OOM FOOPYAT'S GOLDEN VAL, ALETA AND GAWAIN ELECT TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO CAMELOT. BUT THEIR TIME AWAY FROM COURT EQUALS FREEDOM FROM RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE PACE IS LEISURELY. THEN GAWAIN NOTES A TAVERN, NO DOUBT BRIMMING WITH IMPRESSIONABLE YOUNG BARMAIDS.



ALETA IS GROWING CONCERNED: "OUR UNHASTY JOURNEY HAS BEEN PLEASING, BUT WE HAVE BEEN GONE TOO LONG..." VAL SMILES: "FEAR NOT - SIR GAWAIN WILL SEE TO IT THAT WE MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME..."

**Queer Tavern**



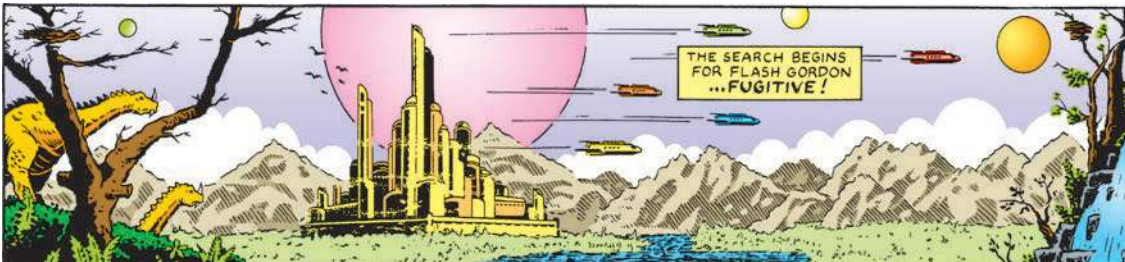
"...HE AND I KNOW THIS TAVERN - IT IS FREQUENTED BY THE FATHERS AND LOVERS OF ITS FETCHING BARMAIDS. GAWAIN TENDS TO FORGET THESE DETAILS..."



"...I GUARANTEE HIS SPEEDY RETURN AND AN EXCELLENT PACE OVER THE REMAINDER OF OUR DISTANCE. IT IS EVEN AS VAL HAS PROPHESED, AND THE TOWERS OF CAMELOT ARE SEEN BEFORE THEIR PURSUERS ABANDON THE CHASE."

3921

NEXT: An epic plot



**FLASH GORDON**  
BY JIM KEEFE 5-28

A FUGITIVE ON TRUMPED-UP CHARGES...

...FLASH HIDES OUT AMONG KING'S OLD RESEARCH FACILITIES FAR BENEATH ALANIA'S PALACE.

WANTED FOR SMUGGLING...

PALE, LOST TO ME...

HOW CAN I GO ON?

WELL, IF IT ISN'T FLASH GORDON...

"SAVIOR OF THE UNIVERSE."

WHA..?

ON YOUR KNEES, DOG!

YOU'RE NOT ONE OF BARIN'S GUARDS! WHO ARE YOU?

I SAID...

...ON YOUR KNEES!

EEZASK!

NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION...

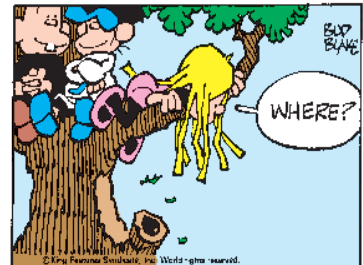
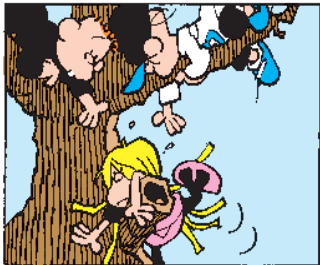
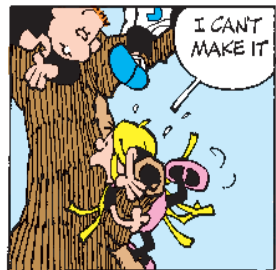
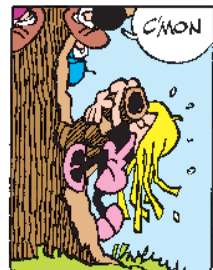
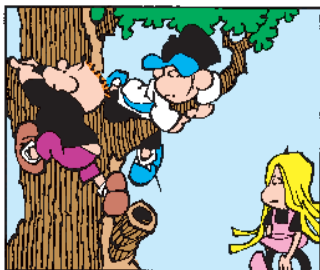
AND AS FLASH LOOKS UP AT THE MONITOR, A CHILL RUNS DOWN HIS SPINE...

NO... IT CAN'T BE!

NEXT: KING THE MERCILESS!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

**TIGER**



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Y W V U S R F Q M B P B C N M

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: A CONTAINER FOR ARROWS

Belts  
Game bag  
Jess  
Strop  
Boot laces  
Handbag  
Moccasin  
Suitcase  
Chaps  
Harness  
Ottoman  
Wallet  
Football  
Holster  
Saddle

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**CryptoQuote**

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

RHCDFHD IYR FGL NDL MGPFJ  
Y HPWD MGW LID QPF.  
- WGSDWL SNWFD

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**Cryptoquote**

answer  
Science has not yet found  
a cure for the pun.  
- Robert Byrne

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# 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 11

### Klopman Mills Reunion

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

## June 13

### Appalachian Authors Guild board meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, the Appalachian Authors Guild will conduct a Board Meeting. 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, at Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator, 852 French Moore Jr Blvd, Abingdon, VA. From 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, a program: "Horror, Lore and Legend in Appalachian Fiction" will be presented by Damean Mathews. All are welcome to attend the business meeting and the program.

## Ninth District Traveling Staff office hours for June

Congressman Griffith's Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of June. Traveling office hours follow the status of local government offices, which vary across the 23 counties and five independent cities of the Ninth District.

June 8, 2023

Giles County: 9:00 am – 10:30 am  
Town of Pearisburg Offices  
Council Chambers  
112 Tazewell Street  
Pearisburg, VA 24134

## June 15

### Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, June 15, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend this meeting. Mr. Chris McCloud, Third Brigade Commander, will be the guest speaker. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

## June 17

### 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 Jacakson King from the Little Creek/Pulaski/Brookmont area to attend. Family from North Dakota, Roanoke, Salem and the local area will be there. Contact Jack King from Pulaski at 540-994-5552 for more information.

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

### Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

### Hiwassee Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds

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

### Lifestyles Changes

If you are currently trying to lose weight, we may have what you

need. Contact Bill Brewer at 540-813-1605.

### Celebrate Recovery

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

### Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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