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The docks at the Claytor Lake public boat ramp were left high and dry Wednesday but the boats in the State Park Marina were in deep enough water to stay afloat without touching bottom.

AEP lowers lake level 6 ft. in 24 hours

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

With rainy weather expected for much of the week, officials at Appalachian Power made the decision to lower the water level at Claytor Lake by six feet within a 24-hour period. At 12 p.m. Tuesday, the decision was made to lower the water level from the

"full pond" elevation of 1847 elevation above sea level, down to 1841 feet above sea level. By Wednesday noon, the drawdown was complete, as was displayed by the newly exposed muddy shoreline of Claytor Lake.

This relatively quick lowering of the water level caught several boatowners by surprise. Many, who were unaware of the un-

scheduled drawdown, found their watercraft resting on the mud beneath their docks Wednesday morning. Several individuals posted photos of their landlocked boats on social media, with added commentary declaring that such a rapid drawdown was wholly unnecessary.

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Dublin Council Oks 23-24 budget

By DAVID QUESENBERRY
The Patriot

At its June 15th meeting, the Dublin Town Council approved the Town's budget for the next fiscal year.

On a request for a motion from Vice-Mayor Steve Crigger, Councilwoman Debbie Lyons moved to approve the budget as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dallas Cox and approved on a unanimous vote of the Council.

The General Fund is budgeted

at \$2,148,659, which is 6 percent higher than the current budget. In contrast, the Enterprise Fund is budgeted at \$3,121,491, 13 percent less than this year's budget.

The total for the Town's approved budget, including both the General and Enterprise funds, is \$5,270,150, which is 6 percent less than the current budget by \$358,879.

Town Manager Tye Kirkner next reported on additional budget issues involving paving, line replacement and the status of the current budget.

He said since the Town was approved two years ago to receive VDOT urban maintenance funds, the Town has received some \$65,000. Kirkner noted the program had been a positive boost for the Town enabling it to fund equipment purchases as well as roadway maintenance.

Proposed for the next budget year were paving projects for East Main Street and Flanagan Avenue.

Additional projects were proposed for Dunlap Road and Jor-

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dan Street due to the condition of the pavement caused by numerous breaks in the water line. While temporary pavement repairs had been made, a comprehensive re-paving was necessary along with water hookups and removal of older lines from service.

Pipeline replacement or upgrade projects are proposed for Dunlap Road, Jordan Street, 3rd Street and Baskerville Street.

Kirkner said that since 2018 the Town had eliminated 6,540 feet of line, which had a value of \$1.3 million. Next year the Town proposed to install 5,500 feet of line at \$200 per linear foot for a total of \$1.1 million.

Funding for these projects, was provided by a combination of savings along with a \$1.2 million grant application for which the Town had applied for. Kirkner also emphasized that the revenues recognized from previous rate increases had been put directly back into the utility system.

Another project scheduled for the new budget year is the installation of “radio read meters.” Kirkner noted the funds were already set aside for the project which would proceed once the meters arrived. The meters will give the Town the ability to read any meter at any point in the day. Use of the meters is projected to increase efficiency by 3 percent to 9 percent.

Kirkner said that the one of the biggest differences in the new budget was that new ARPA funds were not in it. What the budget showed was designated funds in reserves that had to be spent or dedicated to be spent before December 31, 2024.

One example he mentioned was the \$950,000 set aside for the “radio read meters”, which would have already been spent, if the meters had been delivered.

Another item in the new budget was a health insurance credit pro-

gram for retired employees to assist in medical expenses.

Kirkner also reported on the Town’s current budget. As of May 31st, the General Fund revenues were 15 percent above estimates, while expenditures were 6 percent below estimates. The Enterprise Fund revenues were 15 percent above estimates while expenditures were 8 percent below estimates.

In other developments, Police Chief Dennis Lambert told Council that the Department had received compliments from citizens who received department assistance under the behavioral mental health grant. He said that unfortunately the grant funds expired at the end of the month and that the program was a great success. He hoped that similar programs would be available in the future.

Referring to the Town’s recently installed block cameras used for traffic monitoring, Chief Lambert said that Department personnel were learning how to operate and use them. The cameras would allow the Department to interact with other agencies in monitoring for vehicles sought in criminal investigations.

Chief Lambert said he learned that the Town could apply for additional cameras after July 1st and would be pursuing that option. The Town Attorney was currently preparing procedures for use of the cameras.

The Department had received confirmation of a \$213,000 DCJS grant to be applied to the purchase of vehicles or other equipment for the department’s operations.

Council also recognized Town employees Byron Hagee and Mark Vaughn for their efforts on recent Town projects.

For the upcoming July 4th celebration, there would be a flag raising ceremony at 9:00 AM at the Dublin Town Center with a parade to follow in the Town of Pulaski.

Council’s next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Dublin Town Center.

Pulaski Council says good-bye to longtime PPD employee

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Pulaski Town Council said good-bye to a long-time employee of the police department during its meeting Tuesday. It also approved the town’s Comprehensive Plan.

Angela Viers was recognized for her 33 years of service to the town upon her retirement from the Pulaski Police Department.

Viers, it was noted by Mayor Shannon Collins, first went to work for the PD in January of 1990 as a part-time communications officer. She also worked in traffic enforcement.

In 1998 she took over as Record Manager for the department. Three years later she added Administrative Assistant to the Chief duties to her role.

Eventually she became Administrative Manager to the Chief – the position she holds at retirement.

Collins said, in reading from a resolution in her honor, Viers has been awarded the department’s Non-Sworn Employee of the Year nine times, and named Employee of the Month for the town twice.

She has received the town’s Education Achievement Award and received numerous letters of commendation and achievement from the Environmental Protection Agency, Virginia Law Enforcement Professionals Standards Commission, Cardinal Criminal Justice Academy, the mayor and from various citizens in the community.

In other news:

- After months of work by the town’s planning commission, town council and staff, council unanimously adopted the 2023 Comprehensive Plan and Future



Town of Pulaski photo
Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins presents Angela Viers a framed copy of a resolution in her honor for her 33 years of service.

Land Use Map for the town.

- Councilman Greg East asked about the status of paving work on Randolph Avenue.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham said paving has been completed on the street except for a 5-block stretch that is waiting for town crews to replace water lines.

She said the area had experienced water line breaks on six to eight occasions in the area in less than two years.

Burcham said she hopes the water line replacement work and paving can be concluded by mid-to late-July.

- East also commended Police Chief Jill Neice and her officers for what he called “continuous engagement” with citizens throughout the community.

Burcham noted the police department, like all departments in the town, are doing good work while being short-handed.

- Responding to a question from

by Vice Mayor Brooks Dawson, Burcham said town staff should – at the July 18 council meeting – be able to provide council with renderings of shrubs, trees and lighting that are being planned for downtown.


- In her report to council, Burcham noted that town staff had worked hard to complete the 2023-24 budget, and that town staff appreciated council for the 5 percent COLA raise that takes effect July 1 and the extra day off for the Fourth of July holiday.

Town offices will be closed both July 3rd and 4th for the holiday.

She noted that all the town’s departments currently are running short-staffed.

“You’ve got a great staff,” Burcham declared.

- The July 4 meeting of council has been canceled, so the next meeting of council will be held at 7 p.m., July 18.



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“Our guys at the hydro department usually make that decision and you’ve got to keep in mind that other tributaries feed into the New River, as well as any slippage or water that comes off the shores,” stated Appalachian Power’s George Porter. “So, we felt like dropping it down 1841 would get us in a position that would be safe for everyone.”

“For us, fortunately or unfortunately, depending on how you look at it, we base our decisions on forecasts from the National Weather Service in Blacksburg,” Porter continued. “Sometimes when they say you’re going to get 2 inches; you get 10 inches and sometimes they say you’re going to get 10 inches and you get two inches. The only thing we can do is start preparation based on the information in those forecasts and we’re trying to maintain those downstream communities and help prevent flooding.”

The Friends of Claytor Lake (FOCL) sent text messages by phone on Tuesday afternoon with the purpose of informing lake residents about the drop in water levels but by then, water levels had already dropped substantially. It should be noted that FOCL has been very timely about these notifications in the past.

When it was mentioned that many of those living on the lake were not aware of the drawdown until it had already happed, Porter said, “That’s unfortunate. We always try and put as much information as we can on our social media account and we put that information out as soon as we discussed it as a team. We do have other people in our hydro group that send information out to the different marinas and organizations around the lake and I think maybe they didn’t get the information out as well.”

Laura Walters, who represents the Ingles District on the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, which comprises most of Claytor Lake, emphasized the importance of lake residents keeping themselves informed about the conditions on the river.

“I watch the gauges, when we’re having weather,” said Walters. “There’s an app you can get on your phone. It’s riverflows.net and you can set it to pick the gauges that you want to monitor. I monitor all the way from the South Fork of the New River to Glenn Lyn and it gives you the Cubic Feet Per Second (CFS) for all of them. I can look at it and

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The priorities for the foundation are:

- Bolster student achievement through educational excellence.
- Provide public school staff with professional growth opportunities.
- Develop a strong link between the community and public



William Paine/The Patriot

As a result of the drawdown, the beach at Claytor Lake State Park nearly doubled in size but the inclement weather kept the sands free from visitors for the most part. One family, equipped with metal detectors, were quite happy to hit the beach late in afternoon on Wednesday.



William Paine/The Patriot

The relatively rapid reduction in water levels left many full time and part time residents on Claytor Lake scrambling to pull out their watercraft or find docks set in deeper water.

tell and it gives me piece of mind.”

Walters went on to say that those who live on the lake should make themselves aware of weather conditions that could result in significant drops in lake elevation, as significant fluctuations in water levels occur relatively frequently.

A primary source of information about Claytor Lake can be found on the Claytor Lake Hydroelectric Project Facebook, which posts the notifications relative to changes in water levels.

This notification was posted around noon on Wednesday June 21:

“Based on forecasted weather information from the National Weather Service, we are working to return lake levels at Claytor Hydro Project back to normal operating levels.”

By 10:30 a.m. Thursday, the water levels had risen to 1842.5 feet but as there’s still plenty of rain in the forecast, it’s recommended that Claytor Lakers keep a close eye for any changes in lake level that may be forthcoming.



Dr. Tara Grant

PCPS hires Grant from Radford Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools

Dr. Tara Grant who has been named the new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in Pulaski County Public Schools (PCPS).

She replaces William Atwood who is retiring.

Dr. Grant comes to PCPS from just over the bridge in the Radford City School Division where she spent 4 years as the principal of Belle Heth Elementary, 1 year as the principal of Belle Heth and McHarg Elementary as well as Division Director of Testing and two years as the principal of Radford High School.

Dr. Grant is a graduate of Radford High School. She has earned a Bachelor’s Degree from James Madison University in Public Relations, a Master’s of Science from Radford University in Curriculum and Instruction, a Master’s of Science from Radford

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REBECCA ANN SOUTHERN

Rebecca Ann Southern, age 59 of Fairlawn passed away Monday, June 12, 2023, at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski. Born September 4, 1963, she was the daughter of Myrtle Rebecca Glover and the late Roy Tabour.

Rebecca is proceeded in death by her son, Ricky Lee Simpkins, Jr., her father, Roy Tabour, and grandparents, Herman Woodson Smith and Alice Lucy Lee Smith.

Rebecca is survived by her

Husband – Alfred “Ed” Southern of Fairlawn, VA

Son – Arley Jason “AJ” Simpkins of Oklahoma City, OK

Mother and Stepfather – Ron and Myrtle Rebecca Glover of Galax, VA

Brothers – Roy Lee Tabour and wife of Arkansas, Bobby Glover and wife of Louisiana, Ronald Wayne Glover and wife of Louisiana

Aunt – Sandra Dawn Blevins of Galax, VA

5 Granddaughters

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Memorial Services were held June 21, 2023 at Bower Funeral Home-Chapel in Pulaski, VA with Pastor Bobby Ward.

To sign Ann’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com – Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling arrangements for the family.



MATTHEW DANE PEAKE

Matthew Dane Peake, age 62 of Roanoke passed away Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born October 11, 1960 in Pulaski he was the son of Aaron “Jay” Jefferson Peake & Snowdeer Jamison Peake. He was also preceded in death by his niece, Breanna Peake.

Dane was a graduate of Pulaski County High School.

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LINDA FAYE FAGG O'DELL

Linda Faye Fagg O'Dell age 60, of Dublin, died Saturday, June 6, 2023 at 2:40 a.m. Our Lord, her mother, her father, and fur-babies were ready and waiting on her at those beautiful gates, to save her from this painful world.

Mama loved to make her fried apple pies, her hand decorated cakes that many of times she baked from her heart. She also crocheted many blankets in the end of her days for all of her children and grandchildren. We will always have her to keep us warm. This amazing mother went out of her way. Many of times, when she should have said no, but she still said yes. Her heart was so big and sweet. I know Heaven is receiving one of the biggest and most special angels, He had serving here on earth. I told momma that “she must be the biggest and most special angel He could receive, because the road has been the longest way home, because she is and always will be the biggest blessing anyone could ever receive.” She is and always will be the most reliable, intelligent, modest, reserved and most beautiful mother. WE WILL LOVE YOU FOR ETERNITY!

Linda was preceded in death by her father, David Ray Fagg, Sr., mother, Gussie Ann Davidson Fagg, brother, David Ray Fagg, Sr., and special fur babies, Lucky and Lexi.

She is survived by her life-time-caring husband, Gary Byron O'Dell, Sr. Handsome son and caretaker, Gary Byron O'Dell, Jr.: beautiful daughter and caretaker: Ima Dawn O'Dell: special extended daughter: Miranda Lee French: very special cousins, Joyce Fagg of Ohio, and Tommy Fagg of Ohio: precious grand babies, whom she loved with all of her heart, Isabella, Marie, Robert Alan, III, Edwin Alexander and Sophie Milana, and a loving pet, Fancy Girl.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 22, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home. Interment followed in Thornspring Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

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KENNETH RAYMOND WALKER

Kenneth Raymond Walker, 87 of Dublin, VA (formerly of Bastian, Va.) entered heaven shouting Saturday morning, June 17, 2023. Kenneth was born December 7, 1935, in Garwood WVA to the late Raymond Kint and Anne Hayes Walker. The family later moved to Bland, VA where they owned and operated the Brushy Mountain Motel and Restaurant. Kenneth graduated Bland High School in 1954 where he excelled in basketball and baseball. He played semi-professional baseball, trying out for the New York Yankees at Calfee Park. He attended Bluefield College and assisted with the management of the family business. He entered the US Army in 1958 being discharged in 1960 only to be recalled in 1961 during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He retired from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant.

Kenneth was a man of great faith and love for Jesus Christ. He evangelized throughout most of his adult life, traveling the US to spread the gospel where he developed many great friendships.

In addition to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by his son, Darren Reed Walker, his sister Jeraldine Morehead, and his brothers, Garrett Walker (infant) and Gary Walker

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sue Bailey Walker, Dublin, daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Dennis Dean, Draper VA, son, Kevin Walker, Johnson City, TN. Five granddaughters, Audra Walker, Johnson City, TN, Allyssa Walker, Johnson City, TN, Emily Dean, Draper, VA, Amanda and Brad Osborne, Johnson City, TN, Morgan Dean, Richmond, VA. One great granddaughter, Flora Osborne. Sisters and brother-in-law, Patricia and Gerald Thomason, Bluefield, WV and Deborah Mathews, Indiana. Several nieces and nephews. Two lifelong and faithful friends, Paul Hart, Wytheville, VA and Bob Simpkins, Christiansburg, VA

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 22, 2023, at Bower Funeral Home, 1631 Bob White Blvd, Pulaski, VA. The burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery, Bastian, VA following service. Pastor Shawn Martin officiated.

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

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



BETSY CARMEN GREGORY WARD

Betsy Carmen Gregory Ward (78) of Draper, VA gained her heavenly reward on June 19, 2023 at 12:52 a.m. She passed peacefully in her home surrounded by her family.

Betsy is preceded in death by her parents, Everett Asa Gregory and Carmen Ercell Quesenberry Gregory, her brothers Graham Everett Gregory, Jerry Clisby Gregory, Sr., sister Stella Gregory, and daughter Jewell Louanne Anderson. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, William Edward Ward (81), her son William Daniel Ward (49), and daughter Carmen Leigh Ward Haas (47). She was the loving grandmother (Maw-Maw) to David Duane Almarode, Christy Leigh Nester, Charles Daniel Almarode, Carmen MaKayla Holland, William Daniel Ward II, Hunter Renee Haas, Ember Kylie Ward, James Colton Haas, Billie Elizabeth Haas, and Jesalyn Rayne Ward. She was also blessed with five great grandchildren.

Betsy will be laid to rest in a family plot at Draper Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery following a Celebration of Life service to be scheduled.

The family would like to extend a special “THANK YOU” to Intrepid Hospice for the loving care given to Betsy in her final days here on Earth.

The family is in the care of Norris Funeral Services – Pulaski Chapel. An online guestbook is available at www.stevensfuneral-homepulaski.com

CARROLL SUE BREEDING

Carroll Sue Breeding, 79, of Christiansburg passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at her home. She was born March 22, 1944, and is preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her son, Benny Breeding III, and grandson Benjamin Forbes and family. In addition to her family, she is survived by special neighbors Randy and Diane Adkins, as well as many friends.

There will be no services at this time.

The family is in the care of Norris Funeral Services – Pulaski Chapel.

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Agency on Aging, Senior Services move to new location

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 12th in celebration of the new location of New River Valley Agency on Aging and Senior Services. The New River Valley Agency on Aging and Senior Services has been a pillar of support for senior citizens in

ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES

JEAN ELIZABETH KIRBY PLOTT

Jean Elizabeth Kirby Plott passed away June 19, 2023, at the Carilion New River Valley Hospital. Born on August 22, 1927, in Draper, Virginia, she was the daughter of Duval A. and Maude Allison Kirby. She was predeceased by her husband, Ralph M. Plott, sister, Helen K. Kelley, and nephew, John D. Kelley. She is survived by nieces Lisa P. Cooley, Powhatan, Martha K. Biggar, Draper, and Elizabeth K. Whitman, Pulaski, and a nephew, Joseph N. Kelley, Draper.

Jean was a nurse, first in Roanoke and then in Richmond, where she met her husband, Ralph. They loved to camp and traveled around the United States and Canada with the Telephone Pioneers of America, many of whom remain fast friends. Jean spent the last several years of her life at Commonwealth Senior Living in Fairlawn, where she made many sweet friends. She had a long and full life and will be missed.

Interment will be private. However, a memorial service and celebration of Jean's life will be held at the Draper Valley Presbyterian Church on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 2:00 in the afternoon. A second memorial service will be held at Fairfield Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsville, Virginia at a later date.

Jeans family is be cared for by the staff of Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel. To send online condolences, please visit www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

Floral condolences may be sent by visiting www.pulaski-flowers.com

Peake

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He is survived by his Parents – Aaron “Jay” Jefferson Peake & Snowdeer Jamison Peake –

Brother – Aaron Jefferson “Ernie” Peake III & wife Racheal – Lebanon, TN

Special Cousin - Donna Clark
Many special nieces, nephews, cousins and friends

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, June 23, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Mike Ingo officiating. Interment will follow at the Thornspring UMC Cemetery, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Dane's online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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our community, offering a comprehensive range of programs to address their diverse needs for nearly 50 years. These essential services include meal delivery, prevention of elder abuse, medical transportation, care coordination, social engagement, and more.

Due to the sale and repurposing of their previous location, the organization collaborated closely with Pulaski County to identify a new, suitable space to ensure uninterrupted delivery of their vital services. The new facility provides an improved environment to cater to the growing needs of the aging population in the New River Valley region.

Tina King, Executive Director of the New River Valley Agency on Aging and Senior Services, expressed her excitement about the organization's move. “The New River Valley Agency on Aging and Senior Services are excited to be located in the Town of Pulaski again and look forward to continuing our work with older adults and caregivers not only in Pulaski Town and Pulaski County, but all throughout the New River Valley. We are grateful to Pulaski County for working with us to make this office space available as it meets our needs so well. We also appreciate the business community here along with other organizations for your support and partnerships!”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by Bill Cunningham, President of Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce. During his speech at the event, Jonathan Sweet, Pulaski County Administrator acknowledged the instrumental role of County staff in facilitating this relocation and emphasized the importance of the organization for the senior population of Pulaski.

For more information about the New River Valley Agency on Aging and Senior Services and their programs, please visit their website at www.nrvaoa.org.

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Recently, an initial “challenge” donation was received in the amount of \$10,000. This generous donation came from the Layman family of Pulaski, in memory of Barbara Layman. Our current goal is to raise enough funds to match that amount and to create a scholarship in her name.

A new web page has been created for the group at PCPS Education Foundation as a part of www.pcvva.us. It is also now listed on Facebook under

<https://www.facebook.com/pulaskifoundation>.

Grant

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University in Educational Leadership and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership also from Radford University.

Dr. Grant is married to Mike Grant, Head Men's Golf Coach at Radford University. They have three children, Haley Smith, Jake Grant and Thomas Grant. In her spare time, Dr. Grant enjoys outdoor activities with her family.



Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce photo

Agency on Aging, Senior Services celebrate new location in Pulaski with ribbon cutting ceremony.

10th Annual GiveLocalNRV Giving Day kicks off June 28

The Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV)'s 10th Annual GiveLocalNRV Giving Day will kick off at noon on Wednesday, June 28, ending on June 29 at noon. This community-wide, 24-hour online event engages New River Valley nonprofits in raising funds and awareness for their organizations. More than 100 nonprofits are registered this year and collectively, the goal is to raise at least \$500,000. More than \$200,000 has been raised so far during the early giving period, which kicked off on June 1.

“We're excited to see the growth of the GiveLocalNRV from raising nearly \$40,000 when we first began to raising more than \$500,000 for each of the past couple of years,” said Lindsey Gleason, CFNRV's assistant director. “This event highlights the power of what our community can do when we work together to support the many wonderful nonprofits serving our region. Together with our sponsors, the CFNRV is giving away \$25,500 in grants and prizes this year, so donations

during the event can help put your favorite organization in the running win additional funds.”

Participating nonprofits can win grants and prizes for things like most money raised overall or most unique (unduplicated) donors. New prizes this year include an award for the farthest donation

(the donation made from the farthest point geographically from the CFNRV's office in Blacksburg) and one organization will be selected to win an episode of Buzz4Good, which airs weekly on Blue Ridge PBS.

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Belle

A Week of Hearings

Many times, I get questions as to what an average week is like for me. In this column I thought I'd review a recent week of committee action.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

My first hearing was in the Energy Subcommittee of Energy and Commerce, to discuss recent decisions made by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) centered on the Biden Administration's rush-to-green agenda and in turn, putting our grid reliability at risk. Commissioners from FERC testified, including my friend Mark Christie. Christie testified to the importance of dispatchable energy, or energy that is not dependent on the weather to run like coal and natural gas, to our electrical grid as there is less concern about its reliability.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Christie testified to the fact that one of our country's biggest problems right now is that we are losing existing generating capacity, that

could be running, due to the Administration's focus on green energy. The EPA recently announced a set of new rules aimed at closing coal and natural gas power plants around the country.

Improving our Preparedness and Response

My second hearing, in the Health Subcommittee of Energy and Commerce, examined ways for our country to improve our preparedness and response to hazards and public health threats. I spoke to witnesses about the need for our federal agencies to better coordinate for better efficiency and transparency. For example, a company in my district had a contract, facilitated by the Department of Health and Human Services, to produce both nitrile butadiene rubber, the main ingredient in disposable gloves, as well as the finished gloves.

They were told to submit two separate proposals to both the Department of Defense and the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (or ASPR). Due to a lack in communication between agencies and a lapse in transparency, the company has only received partial funding and has had to halt construction on their manufacturing facility, leaving my district with hundreds of acres unused land and a half-built manufacturing facility.

This is unacceptable. When requiring multi-agency approval, the government must be able to work together, not stand in the way of new projects.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

My third hearing, in the Energy Subcommittee, focused on nuclear energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's efforts to ensure that as we expand our nuclear footprint, our country has efficient and predictable regulation of nuclear energy. I asked each of our witnesses what the timeline for early site permitting would be, during which the NRC would determine if a site had the appropriate geography for a nuclear plant, particularly small modular nuclear reactors, and it would be safe to build.

All of the witnesses agreed that the current timetable to issue these permits is 24 months, with one commissioner stating that they could do it in less time. All witnesses confirmed that the NRC is committed to being as efficient as possible so that projects could move ahead in a timely fashion.

NanoSonic

My fourth Energy and Commerce hearing, in the Health Subcommittee, focused on access to care. I spoke to one witness, Kevin O'Connor of the International Association of Fire Fighters, about current work being done to improve fire fighter gear, specifically lowering PFAS toxins in the gear. While they are effective fire-resistant chemicals, PFAS have been shown to cause cancer, liver damage, and increased risk of asthma, among others health issues.

I suggested he reach out to the company NanoSonic, which makes fire gloves with flexible, fire-resistant fiberglass, instead of using PFAS. A number of years ago, I toured their facility in Pembroke, Virginia, and experienced firsthand the capability of the gloves. Wearing one, I put my hand over a blowtorch without feeling anything.

House Administration Hearing

There was also a House Administration hearing in their Oversight Subcommittee during the week. The Subcommittee held the first-ever congressional hearing with the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE). OCE reviews allegations of misconduct against House members, officers, and staff.

Field Hearing on Grid Security

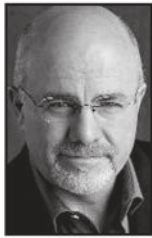
Further, the Energy Subcommittee held a field hearing in Pinehurst, North Carolina on how to enhance our country's grid security. I questioned witnesses about how to ensure a strong grid and supply chain. Members also saw an actual location where a well-trained marksman took out the power for more than 40,000 customers in one location in North Carolina.

During this week, along with committee action, I had numerous meetings and votes on the floor. So, I hope this helps answer the question as to what I generally do in Committee during a week in Washington.

Pull From Stocks and Put Toward Mortgage?

Dear Dave,

I bought a house about a year ago. Currently, I have \$45,000 sitting in an account with a money manager. I've had this account for a little over three years, and the investment hasn't grown much, if at all. Under the circumstances, and being single, too, would it be better to pull the money out of that investment and put it toward my mortgage?



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Johnny

Dear Johnny,

I recommend putting 100% of any non-retirement savings, above your emergency fund, toward paying off your mortgage until the mortgage is paid off. I'd still tell you to pay down the house, even if you were making 20% on your money. Just make sure you're following the Baby Steps, and you're already putting 15% of your income into good retirement investments before attacking the house. Paying down your mortgage is not an expenditure that's just lost money. The cash is sitting there, you're just banking it in your home and land. And on a side note, with all the craziness in the market over the last three years, you might come to realize breaking even over that time wasn't so bad after all.

Johnny, the shortest distance between where you are and your first \$1 million to \$5 million in net worth is getting your house paid off. After that, load 15% to 20%

of your income into a serious retirement plan. And by that, I don't mean playing financial footsie with some little brokerage account. Investing in good, growth stock mutual funds with a proven track record of at least 10 years is a proven way to build wealth the right way.

I'm sure you can find someone on TikTok telling you to do the exact opposite of what I'm suggesting. But you won't find that kind of advice coming from real millionaires.

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992.

Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.



Come, Let Us Reason Together

The American Civil War was categorized as the War between the North and the South; the "D--n Yankees" against the "Johnny Rebs". Bitterness and differing opinions ripped families apart, destroyed economies and killed 620,000 soldiers between 1861 and 1865. (This amounts to the total American fatalities combined in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War, the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII and the Korean War!)

America was a divided nation, just as the nation of Israel had been during the days of Isaiah the Prophet. Israel had been a mighty and wealthy nation but had strayed from God; and split into two separate kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the South.

Instead of immediately destroying them, God showed them grace and instructed Isaiah to persuade them to put aside their evil ways and return to justice and righteousness. If they did that, God would forgive them and restore them.

The book of Isaiah 1:18 records the conversation: "Come now, and let us reason together. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be clean as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be white as wool."

Israel and America share some Biblical patterns. Israel was created by a Covenant between the Lord and Abram (later his name and identity was changed to Abraham which means "Father of multitudes or Father of nations"). Through him and his descendants, God said all nations would be blessed.

America was founded by Christians who had a desire to share the Gospel with the world; and thereby blessing them. The Mayflower Compact is one example of a

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Covenant between God and the American people. Massachusetts Bay Colony Governor, John Winthrop, declared: "We must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill, the eyes of all people are upon us; so that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause Him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and by-word throughout the world."

Our Founding documents honor God and His sacred principles of life, freedom, justice and righteousness. They have been a beacon to the nations of the world and a shining light of hope for desperate people.

However, not everyone sees America in that light. There are individuals who are trying to discredit America. Employing Marxist techniques, they are using our media and educational system to indoctrinate our children and teach them to hate the country that has blessed so many others. They are attempting to cause a cataclysmic division in our culture that will be extremely difficult to overcome.

But if we listen to God's words as written in Isaiah, repent of our rebellious attitudes and turn back to Him, perhaps our beloved nation will be spared the sorrow of another cultural civil war. This word is for We the People -- whether you believe it is the other side's fault and not yours.

Come, Let us reason together as one nation, united under one flag and under God.



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Against the pride flag

It's June, when one can be forgiven for thinking we live in the United States of LGBTQIA2S+.

Old Glory is, at best, supplemented with, and sometimes supplanted by, the pride flag in all its varieties.

The flag, which has become more and more unsightly, is ubiquitous. Its increasingly elaborate jumble of clashing stripes -- whether seen shopping, at a ballgame or on U.S. government buildings -- is a reminder to get with the program, and that the program is always changing.

Team Biden draped what is known as the Progress Pride flag, with no fewer than 11 different colors, on the White House in between two American flags, giving it -- no pun intended -- pride of place.

Flags aren't trifling matters. People rally to them and live and die for them. The firing on the flag at Fort Sumter at the outset of the Civil War, for instance, had a galvanizing effect on the North. "On forts and ships, from church-spires and flag-staffs, from colleges, hotels, storefronts and private balconies, from public edifices, everywhere the old flag was flung out," historian George Preble writes in a passage that could almost as accurately describe the unavoidable June displays of the pride flag.

Whereas the power of the Star-Spangled Banner is its extraordinary history, its relatively simple design, its easily understood symbolism, and its call to unify all Americans -- not to mention the sacrifices made to defend it -- the pride flag is the opposite.

It's always being refashioned (the version displayed on the White House dates all the way back to 2018), it's an aesthetic disaster, it's inscrutable, and it's a banner concerned with the recognition of splinter groups.

If you wanted to create a visual representation of "intersectionality," the latest iterations of the flag would be it.

The old, quaint rainbow flag had the virtue of being simpler than its subsequent renditions and of representing broad categories of things (life, sunlight etc.), rather than specific groups of people. The flag started as eight stripes and got dropped to six for pragmatic reasons before additional stripes started getting layered in.

As it happens, there are dozens of separate flags out there for every gender identity and sexual orientation -- pansexual, non-binary, gender fluid, asexual, you name it. How could they be left out?

First, the City of Philadelphia added black and brown stripes to the top of the flag in 2017 to recognize people of color. The next year, a designer took the black and brown stripes -- along with light blue, pink, and white stripes incorporated from the transgender flag -- and put them in a horizontal chevron to make the Progress Pride flag.

Yet another update added a yellow triangle with a purple circle from the intersex flag.

The resulting banner has all the visual appeal of a TV test pat-

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Equine Report

Slaughter sisters take laurels at St. Jude rodeo

By Donald Trausneck
The Patriot Equine Reporter

It was a successful afternoon for the Slaughter sisters of Willis (Floyd County) Sunday as they joined several hundred cowgirls and cowboys from all over Southwest Virginia at the St. Jude Rodeo Extravaganza barrels event in Dublin.

Alison Slaughter, who was the 2022 National Barrel Horse Association Youth 3D Champion, rode her horse Hanna to third place in the Teen 3D event and fifth in Open 3D.

Marlee Slaughter on Hanna was the Reserve 2D Champion. Jasie Marie Slaughter rode Cotton and was the Youth 3D Champion.

A 16-year-old homeschooled high schooler, Alison has been riding most of her life. “I started riding when I got my first pony at my first Christmas in 2007,” she said. “I was ten months old. My dad (Jason Slaughter), my mom (Alicia Slaughter), grandma and grandpa (Debbie and Tommy Slaughter) taught me the most in my early years of riding.

“My favorite memory is when I bought my very first barrel horse at nine years old. She won me many buckles and trophies. She is still going strong at 30 years, teaching other little girls how to ride.

“I think the best part of riding is the relationship you get with your horse. I also love working with babies, they are so much fun, willing to try anything and do anything you ask them.”

A devout Christian, Alison likes to quote and live by scripture from Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” She said,

“I tend to look to that verse the most when I’m struggling with my horses and life.”

The Slaughter sisters make a unique trio of excellent riders and Alison enjoys the opportunity to ride with them and compete with them.

“I love spending time with them and see them improve,” Alison said. “Marlee is determined and loves to try new things. Jasie Marie and Cotton have improved so much the past two years.

“They are a great team. I’m very proud of Marlee and Jasie Marie, they are the best sisters a girl could ever ask for.”

NOTE: Weather permitting, the New River Valley Horse Show is scheduled for Saturday at the Fairgrounds in Dublin. Start time is 10 a.m. with barrel racing.

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

Upcoming Events

June 23 – Barrels event, R&R Arena, Chilhowie.

June 23-24 – Kanawha Valley Horse Show.

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

June 24 – Tazewell Horse Show, Jeff Hill Memorial.

June 25 – Precious Valley Farms Series, Elliston.

July 1 – IBRA meet, Saltville.

July 7-8 – Galax Pro Rodeo, Felts Park.

July 8 – Barrels event, JM Stables, Wytheville.

July 14-15 – Billingsway Arena Monthly Rodeo Series, Crockett.



Photo by Donald Trausneck

Alison Slaughter of Willis rides Hanna to a strong third-place finish in the Teen 3D event at the St. Jude Rodeo Extravaganza barrels event last Sunday in Dublin.

Lowery

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tern. It’s hard to see any principle by which other groups should be excluded. By the time it’s all said and done, the thing could look like a Sherwin-Williams fan deck, if it doesn’t already.

Like the LGBTQ+ cause generally, the flag has become increasingly esoteric and obsessed with identity politics -- there’s always another letter or another stripe. But what better representation of a movement that has gone down the rabbit holes of such bizarre

causes as insisting that males compete in women’s sports and minors get life-altering “gender-affirming care” that other advanced countries are turning away from as a terrible mistake?

Yet, it flies everywhere as though it were a quasi-national flag with universal popular assent. Even U.S. government buildings here at home and U.S. embassies abroad are bedecked with the flag. If Republicans ever get unified control of government, they should ban

this practice. The government shouldn’t be promoting boutique causes, and we already have a flag that includes everyone, that doesn’t require constant ideological makeover, and that isn’t an eyesore.

The Stars and Stripes should be sufficient for this and every month.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

Photo of pollen covered bee wins club’s contest

A bee on the Rose of Sharon flower in Rebecca Harris’ Radford backyard won the Radford Photo Club’s June photo contest in the Flower category. Robert Daniels of Snowville won the open category with his photo of a Japanese maple tree.

Presenter Aileen Fletcher gave a talk on Nature photography, with an assignment for the Wednesday July 19 meeting at the Radford Public Library. Fletcher is a professional photographer who retired recently from New River Community College. Her work is on display at the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley in Pulaski, along with photos from other club members.

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley.

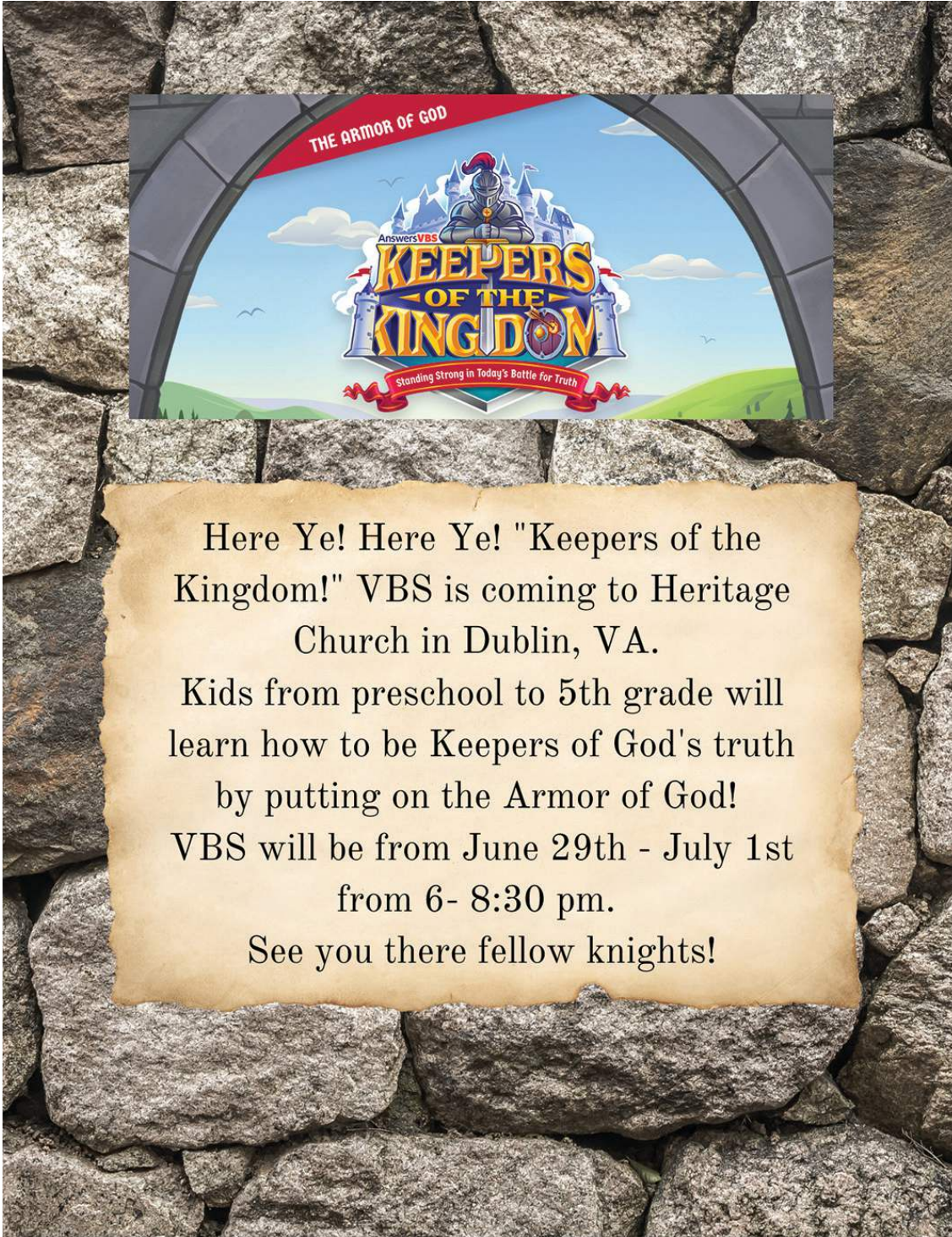
Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. The July photo contest is Independence, plus an open category. And participants can request feedback on other photos.

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Payton Hancock: Like Father, Life Daughter

By GARRETT SAYRE
Public Affairs Officer
New River Valley Flotilla-83

Payton Hancock spent years operating with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. She is a member of the New River Valley Flotilla.

While she was in college she earned many Coast Guard qualifications, such as boat crew,

ultimately rising to unit leader of the Auxiliary University Program and participating in the Core of Cadets. She even completed an exciting aviation internship at Elizabeth City Coast Guard Air Station where she got to fly along on missions in helicopters over the beaches and waters of the Atlantic.

She did all of this while obtaining her degree in mechani-

cal engineering (with academic excellence) from Virginia Tech. It was all this that made her a valuable acquisition as a commissioned officer. So the Coast Guard decided to give her a direct commission. On June 20th she started her career as an officer, and her dad, Commander Richard Hancock, USCG, Ret., had the authority and officially commissioned her.

Payton Hancock grew up in a military family with her dad as a Coast Guard pilot. Her father would also take the family on private flights to see Payton's grandmother. Sitting in the cockpit with her father as a little girl she knew that she too wanted to join the Coast Guard or the Navy and become a pilot. She is fortunate to have been selected for a direct commission in the Coast Guard with a 3-year active duty obligation. She will now attend a 5-week officer indoctrination program in New London, Connecticut. The next step will be to apply for Aviation. She has already received her private pilot's license with 120 hours of flight time. She would like to fly helicopters for the Coast Guard. She is very interested in the humanitarian and life-saving missions that the Coast Guard conducts, especially via their Aviation branch. If Payton gets selected for her dream job it will increase her military obligation to 6 years. She had also considered applying for the Naval Academy and becoming a Naval aviator. After having a heart-to-heart with her dad and comparing the pros and cons of her career goals and her family goals she decided to choose the Coast Guard. She would also like to have a family with children, and she realizes that the demanding deployment schedule of a carrier pilot in the United States Navy might make it difficult to maintain a balance in both her personal and her professional life.

It is interesting to note that Coast Guard Auxiliary membership is open to anyone of good character age 17 and up. There are, otherwise, no age or physical restrictions. In June of 1939 by an act of Congress the Coast Guard Auxiliary was created (it was originally called the Coast Guard Reserve). The Auxiliary University Program is for college and university students seeking to gain a commission. If you are interested in joining, please contact us at: uscgauxnrv@gmail.com



Payton Hancock in front of a Coast Guard H-60 at Air Station Elizabeth City where she served a summer internship.



Payton Hancock



Firing "The Skipper" at a Tech football game vs. UNC.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Poppy! Poppy is a 2-3 year old female pit mix who goes crazy over going on a walk! She is very treat motivated and would benefit greatly from some training. Poppy will need to live in a cat free home and would need to meet any future roommates prior to her adoption.



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Fri. June 23rd: A Night of Singing

Sat. June 24th: Youth Night with Brother Harley Phillips and the Galax Hope Center for a night of powerful worship and testimony. We will have free pizza and drinks after the service.

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Midkiff Recognized For Book Publication

Pulaski County Public Schools is proud to recognize Amanda Midkiff for the publication of “Where the Crops Never Fail.” Amanda is a second grade teacher at Riverlawn Elementary School and former teacher at Critzer Elementary. She wrote this book for her boys when they were growing up and has now thankfully decided to share it with the rest of us. “Where the Crops Never Fail” is a fantastic story about the complexities of family life told through plain, honest, Appalachian prose. It is part love story, part action-adventure, part history lesson, and part fable. Amanda Midkiff’s characters and dialogue caused me to feel I was visiting the family of my childhood. It was an immensely enjoyable visit.”-Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent, Pulaski County Public Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools photo

Give

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There are a wide variety of nonprofits participating this year, including organizations focused on areas such as education, arts and culture, poverty, animals, civic affairs, health, the environment, and more. These nonprofits serve the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, and Wythe as well as the city of Radford.

This year’s generous sponsors of GiveLocalNRV are: National Bank of Blacksburg, Atlantic Union Bank, First Bank and Trust, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center, Carter Bank and Trust, Olio Financial Planning, Automation Creations, Inc., Legacy Builders NRV, Meridian Bird Removal, Virginia Community Capital, Brown, Edwards, and Co. LLP, Jim and Sue McAlister, 5 Points Creative, Buzz4Good, NRV Magazine, and Wordsprint.

A full list of the organizations registered for this year’s event can be found at givelocalnr.org. Additionally, participating nonprofits are holding events in celebration of the giving day. Details on those events can be found below and at givelocalnr.org.

Before the Giving Day

Thursday, June 22

Donation Pint Night at Moon Hollow & Millstone Kitchen Open House

4 - 8 p.m. at 4237 Prices Fork Rd. Blacksburg

Learn more about Live, Work, Eat, Grow (LWEG)’s kitchen and community garden programs while enjoying a pint from Moon Hollow Brewing while sampling snacks from Millstone business members. \$1 of every pint will be donated to LWEG.

Saturday, June 24

Springhouse’s Floyd 5K: Move to Live

8 – 10 a.m. at Town of Floyd

The scenic 3.1 mile route through downtown Floyd weaves through neighborhoods, back roads, and an in-town trail that loops back to the Floyd Country Store for refreshments, music, and fun! Advance sign-up is required to participate.

On the Giving Day, Wednesday, June 28

The June Bug Center’s Day of Events

9:30 a.m. – 8:15 p.m. at 251 Parkway Lane, Floyd

The June Bug Center has a full day of events for all ages planned for GiveLocalNRV. From yoga to a noon open house to a ukulele jam, they have something for everyone.

YMCA at VT’s GiveLocal Day Lunch Date at Next Door Bake Shop!

12 – 2 p.m. at 460 Turner St NW, Ste 204 Blacksburg

Next Door Bake Shop is offering a percentage lunch for the YMCA at Virginia Tech! Stop by anytime from 12 – 2 p.m. and 20% of your purchases will be donated to the YMCA at VT.

YMCA at VT Happy Hour(s)! at Iron Tree Brewing

3 – 9 p.m. at 5 Roanoke St., Christiansburg

Iron Tree is offering a percentage day for the YMCA at Virginia Tech! Stop by anytime from 3 – 9 p.m. and 20% of your purchases will be donated to the YMCA at VT.

Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley #GiveLocalNRV Open House

3 – 6 pm at 195 W. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA

Come by the LVNRV Learning Center to help celebrate literacy superheroes!! Bring the whole family to spin the prize wheel, grab some free children’s books, and enjoy superhero cupcakes. They’ll have face painting, giveaways, and more!

Old Church Gallery’s House Party

4 – 7 p.m. at 110 Wilson St, Floyd

View the exhibit of early Floyd County photos taken by Richard and Gertrude Shank, enjoy live music accompanied by R.O. Slusher’s dancing dolls, view the Gallery’s permanent collections, and mingle with friendly folks.

Handmade Music School - GiveLocalNRV Performance & Fundraiser 2023

Starting at 5 p.m. at The Floyd Country Store at 206 S. Locust St, Floyd

Join us for an evening of free performances by Handmade Music School students and teachers to celebrate the community that gathers around the Floyd Country Store’s music and dance traditions. The event is free to attend, donations welcome.

Montgomery Museum of Art & History’s GiveLocalNRV Bash

5 – 7 p.m. at 4 E. Main St. Christiansburg

The Montgomery Museum of Art & History will be hosting a Give Local NRV Bash with drinks, food, and live music.

GiveLocalNRV Pulaski County at Calfee Park

Starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Pulaski River Turtles’ Calfee Park Pavilion

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6th Annual Gusto with GRAPeJAM a success

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

The 6th Annual Gusto with GRAPeJAM occurred as advertised this past Saturday June, 17 at the Rockhouse Marina.

The weather was just right for racing. Sunny skies were accompanied by a slowly rising breeze that brought temps into the high sixties. Before the clock struck 9 a.m., SUVs bearing paddle boards began entering the marina with several racers hurriedly exiting their vehicles to register before the scheduled 10 a.m. start of this year's Gusto.

Knowing there is, inevitably, a rush of same day registrants, we had no illusions of starting the race precisely at 10. We merely wanted participants to be race ready by ten because before starting the competition, I needed to give pre-race instructions and then sing "All Hail the Gusto" ... and then pray a little.

This year's Gusto consisted of three races. The Master Class paddle board race sent competitors 2.25 miles up Peak Creek to a bright orange buoy set in the shallows of Peak Creek. Paddlers were required to round the buoy, as fast and as best they could, before heading downstream.

Six of the 21 registered Gusto racers entered the 4.5-mile Master Class race. Thirteen paddle boarders chose the Bona Fide race, which requires paddlers to round the furthest upstream stanchion of the I-81 bridge before heading back to the finish.

Paddlers in the Kahuna Kayak Competition started a few minutes later but followed the same course as the Bona Fide racers. The docks at Mountain 2 Island served as the finish line for all three competitions.

After instructions were given, and with the expressed purpose of providing motivation to the racers, I performed the theme song of the event, "All Hail the Gusto." After this musical interlude had sufficiently roused the spirits of those gathered for the occasion, visiting evangelist Greg Krupey (my wife's uncle) was called to read the invocation.

The prayer, which was brief



Photo by Juliana Paine
All 21 racers of the 6th Annual Gusto with GRAPeJAM gathered for a group photo immediately after the race. Racers ranged in age from 13 to 71 years old!



Photo by Becky Smith
From left: Bob Pilch, William Paine, Colton Richardson, James Paine, Faith Smith, Sally French and Aiden Richardson. GRAPeJAM students and their instructors played a few tunes after the race. Renditions of Bile them Cabbage Down, Old Joe Clark and Buffalo gals were all on the song list, as well as a slightly adjusted version of Country Roads and the ever-popular song of the season, "Claytor Lakers."

yet poignant, included a special thanks to the Lord for the beautiful weather. Thanks was well warranted. Not every Gusto happens under sunny skies, as was the case

for the very first Gusto at Gatewood Park in 2018, when the rain came down in sheets for the first 45 minutes of the contest.

By about 10:25 a.m., all Gus-

to racers had their paddle boards and kayaks lined up behind the white buoy nearest the Rockhouse

See GUSTO, page B4

Berry to take over Harvick's ride in '24

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. – One of the most coveted seats in the NASCAR Cup Series has been filled.

Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR) has named Josh Berry the driver of its No. 4 Ford Mustang in the NASCAR Cup Series beginning with the 2024 season. He will replace the retiring Kevin Harvick, whose 23-year Cup Series career will come to an end following the season finale Nov. 5 at Phoenix Raceway.

"I can't imagine a better opportunity for me – to get in a car that's been as successful and iconic as the No. 4," Berry said. "Kevin is a future NASCAR Hall of Famer, and it's going to be a challenge trying to come after someone so successful. But I know I'm going to have an amazing group of people around me, led by Rodney Childers, to where we can hit the ground running."

Harvick and his crew chief, Childers, have combined for 37 points-paying wins since their pairing in 2014, when they came out of the gate in impressive fashion by winning the 2014 Cup Series title.

"We're incredibly proud to have Josh Berry begin the next chapter of his racing career in our No. 4 Ford Mustang," said Tony Stewart, co-owner of SHR with Haas. "Kevin Harvick has obviously set a very high bar, but Josh brings maturity, experience and, above all, a winning record to Stewart-Haas Racing. He is the right driver, at the right time, for the No. 4 team and our organization."

Berry currently competes in the NASCAR Xfinity Series, the stepping-stone division to the elite Cup Series. The 32-year-old from Hendersonville, Tennessee, is a five-time Xfinity Series race winner who advanced to the Championship 4 in 2022. Berry's on-track exploits have made him the go-to solution for Cup Series teams in need of an interim driver. He has already made 10 Cup Series starts, highlighted by a second-place finish April 2 at Richmond (Va.) Raceway while subbing for the injured Chase Elliott.

"Josh Berry has proven himself in the Xfinity Series and this year showed how quickly he can adapt to the cars and the level of competition in the NASCAR Cup Series," said Greg Zipadelli, chief competition officer, SHR. "He'll be a rookie in our racecar next year, but he drives like a veteran. He puts in the work to ensure that he's always ready for the opportunities that come his way, and we're very happy

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Yard Sale- Friday & Saturday, June 23-24. 5504 Lyons Rd, Newbern
Clothes, books, household, etc 7:30a-2:30p

American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Post 58 will be having huge yard sale Rain or Shine @ 408 E. Main Street Dublin, Va Friday 6/23 and Saturday 6/24th from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm. Guys will be grilling hotdogs and ladies having a bake sale All proceeds go to the Post and Auxiliary to help veterans and families in need. Please come and Support your veterans.

Indoor Yard Sale – Flea Market Event
June 24 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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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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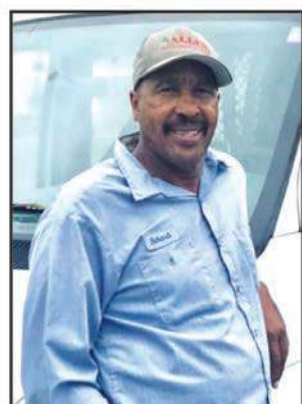
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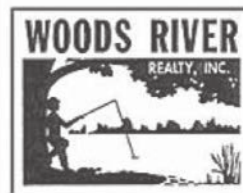
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Berry

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that his next opportunity is with Stewart-Haas Racing.”

Just as Berry earned his 2024 seat with SHR via strong and consistent performances in the Xfinity and Cup Series, Berry earned his spot in the Xfinity Series by dominating Late Model racing across a variety of grassroots series.

While winning six Legend Cars championships as a teenager, Berry also competed in iRacing, and it was during online racing sessions where Berry caught the attention of Dale Earnhardt Jr. Earnhardt offered a Late Model test to Berry and he seized the moment. Berry joined JR Motorsports’ Late Model program in 2010 and soon delivered wins

and championships, most notably the 2017 CARS Late Model Stock Tour championship and then the 2020 NASCAR Weekly Racing Series championship.

Earnhardt’s belief in Berry had been duly rewarded, so Earnhardt double-downed on his faith in Berry by promoting his protégé to one of JR Motorsports’ Xfinity Series entries, albeit on a limited schedule. In just his 13th career Xfinity Series start, Berry won on April 11, 2021 at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway. The site of one of Berry’s most prominent Late Model victories – the 2019 Valley-Star Credit Union 300 – became the site of his breakthrough NASCAR moment. A second Xfinity Series victory was earned on Sept. 25 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, setting the stage for a three-win campaign in 2022 where Berry competed for the championship in

his first full-time season.

After subbing for race-winning drivers in the Cup Series, most notably Elliott and Alex Bowman, Berry will indeed get his own racecar in 2024, but one that has been driven for a decade by Harvick.

“Late Model racing is where I came from, and I think it’s the best place to learn and prepare to eventually race in the NASCAR Cup Series,” said Harvick, who is an ardent supporter of Late Model racing and its presence as a feeder system to NASCAR’s Truck, Xfinity and Cup Series. “Josh is a really good example, and probably the best and most recent example, of applying all that he’s learned in Late Models to what he’s doing in the Xfinity Series.

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Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will convene to review three (3) applications in July. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host four (4) public hearings beginning at 7:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, July 11, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to receive comments about the applications as listed below;

1. Application by Susan Wells, to rezone the property from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture (A), at Tax Map # 074-014-0000-0007 located at Raspberry Lane. Ingles District.
2. Application by Thompson & Litton on behalf of Mack Farmer, to rezone the property from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture (A), at Tax Map # 038-007-0000-0001,2 located at Hickman Cemetery Road, Cloyd District.
3. Application by Michael Urban III Vision Holdings LLC, to rezone the property from Commercial (CM) to Low Density Residential, at Tax Map # 048-008-0000-0115,115A located at Lee Highway, Cloyd District.

The public can receive information and/or submit comments as part of the public hearing process, by using any one of the following methods; E-mail: msaunders@pulaskicounty.org Phone: 540-980-7710 Regular Mail: Planning & Zoning Department, County of Pulaski, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301. In Person: By attending the meeting at the location listed.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the County will make reasonable accommodations available when requested. 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

JAMIE MIRANDA BUCHANAN V. BRIAN TIMOTHY BUCHANAN

The object of this suit is: OBTAIN A DIVORCE

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

MAY 31, 2023

Trisha L. Albert,
Deputy Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

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

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

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

Date: June 9, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

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

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

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

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Gusto

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docks, which served as the starting line.

When everyone declared themselves ready, I called the standard starting cues: “On your mark. Get Set. Go!”

What happened afterwards, I can’t rightly recall, as I was instead concentrating on plunging my paddle in and out of the water as fast as I could, while still somehow maintaining my balance.

I knew each of the Master Class paddlers by name and I knew they were all capable of paddling hard over long distances. I’ve learned from experience that you can’t lollygag at the beginning of these contests if you hope to place in the top five and so I dug deep into each stroke.

The quick tempo of my paddle strokes propelled me to towards the front of the pack but as we rounded the first buoy, Brian Hartman, winner the Master Paddler title in last year’s Gusto, began edging ahead. From then on, it was all about trying to keep up with the Master Paddler and I

never looked back.
Unbeknownst to me, not everyone had the best start.
“I was paddling backwards when the race started,” said Rick Groesbeck. “I lost 20 to 30 yards right at the beginning.”
David Meyer, who has placed in the top three in several previous Gusto events, began paddling downstream towards Claytor Lake after rounding the 1st buoy.
“I was like, where’s that guy going?” Asked fellow competitor Jonathan Sweet.
“I thought, wait a minute, I can’t be in first place,” said Meyer. “Then I turned around and everybody was turning the corner so I had to come back.”
The Old Route 100 bridge serves as the one-mile mark for the race and the I-81 Interstate bridge is one third of a mile upriver from there. By the time I reached the bridge, Hartman was at least 100 feet upstream of me.
“That guy is so fast, it’s almost inconceivable,” I thought to myself. “I’m paddling like a machine with no lags and the Master Paddler of 2022 just keeps distancing himself from me.”
But you only do what you can do and all I could do was to keep

paddling, while at the same time trying to avoid exerting myself to the point of collapse ... a bad look at any race.
As we kept paddling, the beautiful scenery of upper Peak Creek served as our backdrop. Upstream from Conrad’s Marine and the sheer cliffs that can be seen from the Interstate bridge, the shore becomes thickly forested, giving this part of the creek a bucolic feel. As you progress further upstream, the stones forming the creek bed become distinctly visible, as the space between water level and creek bed diminishes.
Back at the Rockhouse Marina pier, Rick Groesbeck who was competing in the shorter Bona Fide race, was approaching the finish line.
“There was a point on the way back where I thought I’m getting a little bit tired but then I heard paddle strokes behind me and I turned the corner and had a good burst of energy,” said Groesbeck, who was first to cross the line to win the Bona Fide race.
This year’s Gusto did not include a senior classification, but Groesbeck, who recently celebrated his 72nd birthday, proved that there was no need for an age handicap in this year’s contest.
“I was excited to finally win a race,” said Rick - Bona Fide Ride -Groesbeck. “I finished second twice in the Bona Fide and I’ve been practicing several days a week to improve my skill.”
Spencer Rygas came in a close second to Groesbeck in the Bona Fide race, earning him the title of “First Mate of the Gusto.”
“Having someone that was right in front of me kind of inspired me to paddle a lot harder than I intended to,” said Rygas, who claimed to be “worn out” at the finish of the race.
A few seconds later, Rick Groesbeck’s brother John, who flew in from Maryland to make the race, came in third. This earned him the title of “Bosun of the Gusto.”
Damon Linkous and then Jonathan Sweet arrived at the finish less than a minute later.
Pamela Smith, who came down from Cleveland for the Gusto, was the first woman to finish the Bona Fide race which earned her the title of Gusto’s “Lady of the Lake.”
“I didn’t get a Lady of the Lake crown but the band says it all,” said Smith. “I’ll have to make sure to wear it to work, so I can explain to people what it means the be Lady of the Lake. It means I worked really hard for 44 minutes and paddled my heart out and Went for the Gusto!”
Life changing? Well going for the Gusto may well be the way to good health and good luck but we don’t have any scientific date to prove it.
Just as the last Bona Fide racers came to the finish, Brian Hartman arrived to muscle his way to another 1st place showing at the Gusto Event earning him his third Master Paddler title. To achieve this, Hartman paddled for an average speed of 5.4 miles per hour over the entirety of the course. As

for me, I crossed the finish line a little over 2 minutes later. The fact that John Robinson, who raced me to the finish at last year’s Gusto was not far behind, kept me paddling hard.
This year my lead was slightly greater than last year’s head-to-head battle but John still crossed the finish line less than a minute after me ... yet another strong competitor from Big Lick region of Virginia.
John Robinson earned the vaunted “Terzo of the Gusto” or third place award, just as he had the year before.
“It was Fantastic,” Robinson said of the race. “Perfect day. Perfect day. I chased you the whole time but had no success in catching you but we’ve got a great bunch here. Thanks for the course. It’s freaking beautiful.”
David Mayer, earned the fourth place “Quartermaster” title at this year’s Gusto, after overtaking James Paine at the halfway mark.
“It’s a great, great venue and I love the course,” said Meyer, as he relaxed after the race.
James Paine crossed the docks in 5th place for the Master Class race to earn the title of CAT 5 of the Gusto 2023 edition.
“I pushed myself to extents I’ve never done before and I got into a very nice flow and it was actually very euphoric after a while,” said Paine. “But in the beginning, I was in a lot of pain and I was gonna give up like a quarter of the way through but I really didn’t want to be beaten by Allison again. So, I tried to readjust and it was actually a very euphoric feeling after a while because my arm wasn’t hurting or maybe I was just ignoring it. I was just paddling.”
Allison Angel arrived soon after to earn the Fastest Female at this year Gusto.
“It was good,” said Angel, “It was really good. It was a lot easier this year because I’ve been training with the boys. They’re just way ahead of me.”
Angel, Robinson, Meyer and Hartman, who all competed in the Master Class of the Gusto, live in Roanoke and often paddle together.
By 11:40, the last of the 21 registered Gusto entrants crossed the finish line and post-race ceremonies commenced soon afterwards. The proceedings began with the presentation of an oversized check in the amount of \$1,200 to the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians from the race sponsors of the 6th Annual Gusto with GRAPEJAM.
Following this, Gusto awards were presented for the highest-ranking race finishers with 1st place winner Brian Hartman earning his third Master Paddler title in Gusto series. For his efforts, Brian - Master Class - Hartman received a gift bag from Mountain 2 Island at the Rockhouse.
For the second year running, I, William Paine am the “Duce of the Gusto.” I averaged 5.18 miles per hour over the 4.5-mile Master Class course and I don’t think I’ve ever paddled that fast for that long ever before.
The intrepid John Robinson earned “Terzo of the Gusto” title by averaging 5.1 miles per hour. David - Quartermaster - Meyer averaged 4.78 mph, followed by James Paine (4.58 mph) and Allison Angel (4.46 mph).
It is perhaps worth noting that the average mph of all the Master Class racers exceeded the average speed of any of the Bona Fide Class racers, even though the route was significantly lengthier.
Recognitions, some with obscure nomenclatures, were then duly awarded to top finishers in the race.
As the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians prepared to play their instruments, Gusto racers and spectators settled in for the show.
Jonathan Sweet, who works as Pulaski County’s Administrator when he’s not paddle boarding, arrived late but still managed to make the lineup at the commencement of the contest.
“The last time I paddle boarded was the last time I competed in the Gusto at Gatewood ... that was before COVID,” Sweet admitted. “I forgot how to paddle board until about halfway back. I was like, oh, step back a little bit and don’t drag your nose in the water.”
This is good advice for a paddle boarder and, why not admit it? A good approach to life in general.
Speaking of good approaches to

life, one must recognize longtime Gustovian Holly Miller, who placed 3rd in the Female Class earning her the title of “Maid of the Mist” at this year’s Gusto. Holly placed third in last year’s female competition as well.
“I was doing my best to hold that 3rd place,” said Holly. “I had an inflatable board and it was like a beach ball out there, so I paddled like crazy trying to keep my spot. In the home stretch, I paddled like my life depended on it.”
The GRAPEJAM band who came to play for the occasion included both students and instructors from the program. GRAPEJAM played well-known Appalachian favorites such as Bile Them Cabbage Down, Old Joe Clark and Buffalo Gals. The GRAPEJAM set concluded by playing a Pulaski-centric version of Country Roads, followed by a rousing rendition of the “Claytor Lakers” song.
As the 6th Annual Gusto Event came to a close, Brian - Master Paddler - Hartman had this to say.
“The Gusto is awesome. It’s always awesome to come up here to Pulaski. Awesome people. Awesome place. Awesome event, year in and year out.”
Donna Travis, of the Travis Team, came to witness the spectacle.
“I think it’s great because the Gusto brings people out from the community. It promotes Pulaski County in general and I think this is a really good way to promote the county. The Gusto was awesome this year and I loved the Gusto song. That will have to be an annual tradition.”
She talked me into it. See you all at next year’s 7th Annual Gusto!
To our sponsors, we say thanks. We couldn’t do it without the generosity of: Glenn Insurance, The Travis Team Real Estate, Foothills Chiropractic, Interstate Construction, MOVA Technologies, Gilmer Sadler Attorneys, Pulaski On Main, First Community Bank, Conrad Brothers Marine, the Fine Arts Center for the NRV, Mountain2Island and The Patriot.
Special Thanks goes to Pulaski County, which has served as the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians’ primary benefactor since our inception in 2019.

Race Results are as follows:

Master Class (4.5 miles)
Brian -Master Paddler- Hartman – 49:55 (5.41 average m.p.h.)
William -Duce- Paine – 52:10 (5.18 average mph)
John -Terzo- Robinson – 52:54 (5.1 mph)
David -Quartermaster- Meyer –56:44 (4.76 mph)
James -CAT 5- Paine –58:58 (4.58 mph)

Bona Fide Class (2.6 miles)
Rick -Bona Fide Ride- Groesbeck 38:45 (4.03 average mph)
Spencer -First Mate- Rygas 39:24 (3.96 mph)
Mark -Bosun- Groesbeck 39:44 (3.92 mph)

Female Class
Allison -Fastest Female- Angel (Master Class) -- 1:00:35 (4.46 mph)
Pamela -Lady of the Lake-Smith – 43:09 (3.63 mph)
Holly Welty -Maid of the Mist-Miller – 44:10 (3.53 mph)

Youth Class
Carter -Young Master Paddler-Whitt – 41:53 (3.72 mph)
Kaden -Up and Comer- Hanks – 47:58 (3.25 mph)

Special Class
Brianna -Cutty Sark- Linkous – 44:21 (3.52 mph)
Damon -Smooth Stroker-Linkous – 40:26 (3.86 mph)
Jonathan -Above Board- Sweet – 40:35 (3.84 mph)

Kahuna Kayak Contest
Steve-The Big Kahuna- Grieco – 1st place
Collin -Classic Kayaker- Hall – 2nd Place

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Economic Development Authority
of Pulaski County, Virginia
is presenting the financial summary statement
as of June 30, 2022 as required by Code of
Virginia Section 30-140.

Total Assets	\$	50,306,169
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	-
Total Liabilities	\$	35,000,116
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	1,682,628
Total Net Position	\$	13,623,425
Total Revenue	\$	6,786,025
Total Expenses	\$	5,176,474
Increase in Net Position	\$	1,609,551
The financial position of the Economic Development Authority of Pulaski County has a positive net position as illustrated above. The detailed statement of the Authority's financial condition can be obtained at the Authority's Finance office or at www.pulaskicounty.org		

LEGAL NOTICE

Pulaski County Public Service Authority
is presenting the financial summary statement
as of June 30, 2022 as required by Code of
Virginia Section 30-140.

Total Assets	\$	35,299,349
Total Liabilities	\$	11,762,823
Total Net Position	\$	22,859,919
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	1,172,902
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	496,295
Total Revenue	\$	10,451,216
Total Expenses	\$	10,191,336
Increase in Net Position	\$	259,880
The financial position of the Pulaski County Public Service Authority has a positive net position as illustrated above. The detailed statement of the Authority's financial condition can be obtained at the Authority's Finance office or at www.pulaskicounty.org		

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
(Town of Dublin, Virginia 1155150)

INTRODUCTION

This Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for calendar year 2022 is designed to inform you about your drinking water quality. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and we want you to understand the efforts we make to protect your water supply. The quality of your drinking water must meet state and federal requirements administered by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

If you have questions about this report, please contact: Darrin Cullip, Utility Superintendent, 540-674-5791.

If you want additional information about any aspect of your drinking water or want to know how to participate in decisions that may affect the quality of your drinking water, please contact: Darrin Cullip, Utility Superintendent, 540-674-5791.

The times and location of regularly scheduled board meetings are as follows: Council meets on the third Thursday of each month on the second floor of the Dublin Town Hall building at 7:00pm.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (i) microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; (ii) inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (iii) pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; (iv) organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; (v) radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

SOURCE(S) and TREATMENT OF YOUR DRINKING WATER

The source of your drinking water is surface water as described below:

The Town of Dublin purchases treated water from Pulaski County PSA. Surface water is obtained from Claytor Lake and purchased surface water from the City of Radford obtained from the New River.

Is there any treatment of your drinking water supply? (X) Yes () No

The Virginia Department of Health conducted a source water assessment of our system during 2020. The reservoir/creek was determined to be of high susceptibility to contamination using the criteria developed by the state in its approved Source Water Assessment Program. The assessment report consists of maps showing the source water assessment area, an inventory of known land use activities of concern, and documentation of any known contamination. The report is available by contacting Darrin Cullip at the phone number or address given elsewhere in this drinking water quality report.

DEFINITIONS

Contaminants in your drinking water are routinely monitored according to Federal and State regulations. The table on the next page shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2022. In the table and elsewhere in this report you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. The following definitions are provided to help you better understand these terms:

Maximum Contaminant Level, or MCL - the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or MCLG - the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG: the level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-detects (ND) - lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Level 1 assessment - a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 assessment - a very detailed study of the waterworks to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli PMCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity, or cloudiness, of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

WATER QUALITY RESULTS							
Regulated Contaminants							
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Violation (Y/N)	Range	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.72	N	N/A	2022	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.022	N	N/A	2022	Discharge of drilling waste; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	1.23	N	0.28 – 1.70	2022	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Organic Carbon	NA	TT, met when ≥1	1.08	N	N/A	2022	Naturally present in the environment
Halo acetic Acids (ppb)	NA	60	45	N	19 - 67	2022	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	NA	80	54	N	16 - 92	2022	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Turbidity	NA	TT, 1 NTU Max	0.07	N	0.01 – 0.19	2022	Soil runoff
		TT, ≤ 0.3 NTU 95% of the time	100%	N			

Lead and Copper Contaminants						
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	Action Level	90 th Percentile	Date of Sampling	# of Sampling Sites Exceeding Action Level	Typical Source of Contamination
Lead (ppb)	0	AL = 15	6.1	2020	1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL = 1.3	0.355	2020	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Monitoring Results for Sodium (Unregulated-No Limits Designated)			
Level Detected (unit)	Sample Date	Typical Source	Guidance
5.99 (mg/L)	2022	Naturally Occuring; Addition of treatment chemicals/processes	For individuals on a very low sodium diet (500 mg/day), EPA recommends that drinking-water sodium not exceed 20 mg/L. Should you have a health concern, contact your health care provider.

The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data presented in the above tables, though accurate, is more than one year old.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In developing the standards EPA assumes that the average adult drinks 2 liters of water each day throughout a 70-year life span. EPA generally sets MCLs at levels that will result in no adverse health effects for some contaminants or a one-in-ten-thousand to one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect for other contaminants.

VIOLATION INFORMATION – Did any PMCL or TT violation occur during the year? () Yes (X) No
If yes, an explanation of the violation, including length, potential health effects, and actions being taken to correct the violation.

VIOLATION INFORMATION – Did any monitoring, reporting, or other violations occur during the year? () Yes (X) No
If yes, an explanation of the violation, including potential health effects, and actions we are taking to correct the violation, is as follows:

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Dublin is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

NOTE: The Water Quality Report will not be mailed, but is available upon request at the town office. Also it is available on the town’s website at www.dublintown.org

Hunting memories

By SHERRY BERRY
For The Patriot

I’m a country girl. I have lived my whole life in the mountains. I have a love of nature that runs deep. Over the course of my life, I have experienced the magnificent beauty of nature and the devastating effects of nature.

I have found nature can teach us lessons that can be applied to everyday life. I’m a hunter. My whole family hunts. We harvest only what we eat. There are many days when you see no game, but you return with memories made with your hunting partners.

My Uncle hunts with my brother and me. One November we were going to camp in our cabin on Sunday night and hunt on Monday. We carried all our groceries, sleeping bags and supplies up the mountain to the cabin on Saturday. My Uncle had bought a new camp stove to cook on. We took the new stove and extra fuel and stored it in the cabin also. My brother had to work Sunday and would be joining me and my Uncle that evening.

My Uncle and I went to the cabin Sunday afternoon to set everything up for Sunday night. We lit our heaters and proceeded to set up the new stove to cook on. Neither of us had used this type of stove before. It took liquid fuel, while the old ones we had used took propane canisters.

We filled the reservoir on the stove. We followed the instructions but couldn’t get it to ignite. We turned it this way and that, trying to see if we had missed something. We finally saw a small safety tab that wasn’t mentioned in the instructions.

By this time, it was an hour before dark. We knew my brother would be coming soon. We wanted to get the food cooking so we could all eat. We wanted to get to bed early, that way we could start our hunt early Monday morning.

My Uncle and I went back to the instructions and tried to light the camp stove again. It was almost dusk and the light was fading outside. We had not lit our lanterns yet. We failed to notice that we had spilled some fuel out of the reservoir while looking for the safety tab.

When we pushed the ignition button, we had fire. Lots of fire ... everywhere. We were in a panic. We were afraid it was going to blow up. I grabbed the stove to throw it out of the cabin just as my brother arrived. He took the stove outside and got the fire extinguisher.

Supper was very late that night. The next morning it rained, and it was only in the 30’s. We all headed out to our hunting spots. At lunchtime we met back at the cabin to warm up, eat lunch and dry off.

Afterwards we went for our afternoon hunt. There weren’t any shots fired that afternoon.

We all returned to the cabin at dark. I told my uncle and brother that I hadn’t seen any deer. Neither had my brother. My Uncle took a deep breath and said a couple of words I can’t repeat.

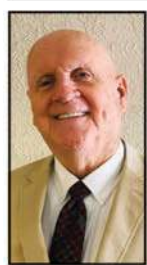
He went on to tell us about this monster buck that came by him. I was confused. I asked him why he hadn’t shot it?

My Uncle looked square at my brother and explained. When he raised his gun up and looked through his scope, the deer was the size of an ant. My brother had put his scope back on his gun backwards. It was like looking through binoculars backwards.

My brother claimed it was an accident, but he was smiling when he said it.

My brother laughs every time he tells this story. My Uncle and I laugh too. That’s what hunting, camping, hiking, picnicking or any other activity outdoors is really about. Spending time with people you love and making memories you can cherish.

I have been working my life away, but due to an injury, I have slowed down for now. I’m looking forward to making some new memories this summer. I hope all of you do too.



Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

The Greatness of God

How many know that our God is still the God of the Mountain? How many know that our God is still the God of the Valley. When things go wrong, he'll make them right.

And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times

He's the God of the day, and the God of the night. Lynda Randall.

Psalms 19:1. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech, nor language where their voice is not heard."

God can plainly be seen in His creation. The Universe in its size and complexity speaks volumes about God. All things were made by Him. Anyplace on the earth we can look up into the starry skies and see the handiwork of God in its beauty, complexity and diversity. There used to be a poem that only God can make a tree. And that is true, but listen to this to add to it.

Only God can create a billion times a billion times a billion stars and galaxies and hang them upon nothing. The greatness of the universe shows just how great God is.

The Milky way Galaxy contains over one hundred Billion Stars. It measures over 100,000 light years across it. And that it is moving through the Universe at 515,000 miles per hour. The closest other galaxy to us is the Andromeda galaxy moving towards us at 250,000 miles per hour. These two galaxies are expected to merge into one another in the next 4 Billion Years. That just shows us how big the Universe is. And God is even bigger than that.

A desert nomad was asked one time how he knew whether a camel or a man passed his way last night? And he said, by their footprints in the sand. Even so, the heavens declare the glory of God.

Every thing in the Universe is technically, mathematically, and moving with precision, set on courses to coexist in the same space without collision. Their precise movements speak to us of the greatness of God.

Even nature itself speaks to us in a universally, understood dialect of the existence of God and of his provision for humanity. The earth is literally teeming with life while in all the rest of space there is a deafening silence. Every other planet and star is without life, even in its most simple form.

But God created the earth and filled it with millions of species of life, for us to enjoy. He put everything we'll ever need to survive and flourish, in and on this planet. What a mighty, provisional God we serve.

Day unto Day uttereth speech. John Newton said, "Not only the splendor of the sun, but also the glimmering light of the glow worm, proclaims God's glory." Psalm 19:4. "Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath He set a tabernacle for the Sun."

"For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." They speaking of those who refuse to believe in God.

Thank God for the Sun, because nothing on earth could exist without it. Men have worshipped the Sun in times past. But the Sun didn't make itself. God is the power behind the Sun. The Sun rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other. Nothing is hidden from its

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 Church

5801 Cecil's Chapel Road
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Worship Service: 9am
Sunday School: 10am
www.facebook.com/cecilschapel

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.
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Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

1560 Julia Simpkins Road
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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
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Belspring Baptist Church

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Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM
Sunday evenings-Facebook live services
announced on Facebook
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at
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Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin
Joe Ratcliff, 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
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
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
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer
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Phone - 540-994-9015
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Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

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

Trinity United Methodist

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

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1021 Macgill Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
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Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485
www.pulaskigracemin.com
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Aaron & Becky Sampson
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
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Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

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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.
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Classes: 7 p.m.



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Dublin, VA 24084
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www.dublinchristianchurch.com
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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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
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3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
www.maxcreek.org
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Sunday Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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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

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Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

220 Magazine Street
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Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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321 Dora Highway
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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
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210 4th Street, Radford, 24141
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1. Is the book of Nehemiah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Ephesians 6:16, "Taking the -- of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts." Vows, Leap, Shield, Sword
 3. From Luke 1:56, how many months did Mary stay with Elizabeth? 1/2, 1, 3, 5
 4. Eve's name appears in the New Testament (KJV) how many times? 1, 2, 46, 63
 5. From Psalms 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my ..." Rock, Glory, Salvation, Anointed
 6. After David, who wrote the most Psalms? Solomon, Paul, Job, Asaph
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Shield, 3) Three, 4) Two (2 Corinthians 11:3, 1 Timothy 2:13), 5) Salvation, 6) Asaph
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Psalms 26:11-12

I lead a **blameless** life; **deliver** me **and** be **merciful** to me. My **feet** **stand** on **level** **ground**; in the **great** congregation I **will** **praise the LORD**.

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

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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

St. Edwards Catholic Church
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Fax: 980-6511
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Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

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540-674-4308
Pastor: Bill Neeley
Children's Director: Kristen Edwards
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www.C3family.org; Facebook: Community Christian Church|Dublin, VA; email: triplecsecretary@gmail.com
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; C3Kids and C3Youth meeting at 6:30 p.m.
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10:45 am
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Pulaski, VA 24301-4618
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Worship: 11 am

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Answers

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P E F O R J V C E J
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J B M T F G R X T O
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GOD
IS MY REFUGE
† AND MY †
FORTRESS
PSALM 91:2

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Detail of "Quietude" by Mary Cassatt (1891)

*Pure and undefiled religion
before God and the Father is this:
to visit orphans and widows
in their trouble, and to keep oneself
unspotted from the world.*

JAMES 1:27

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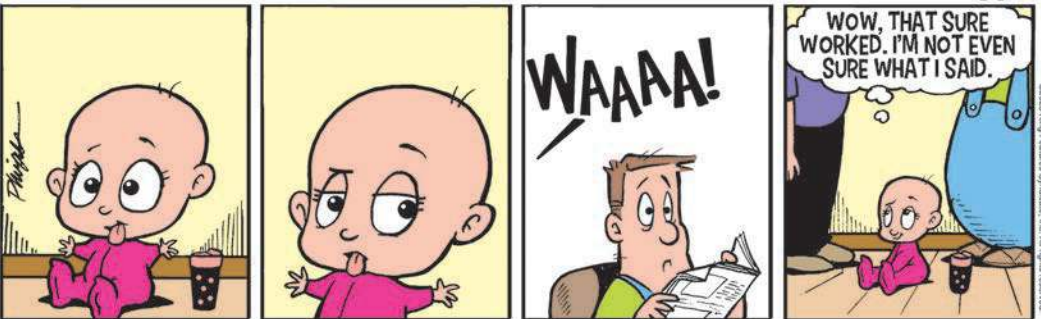
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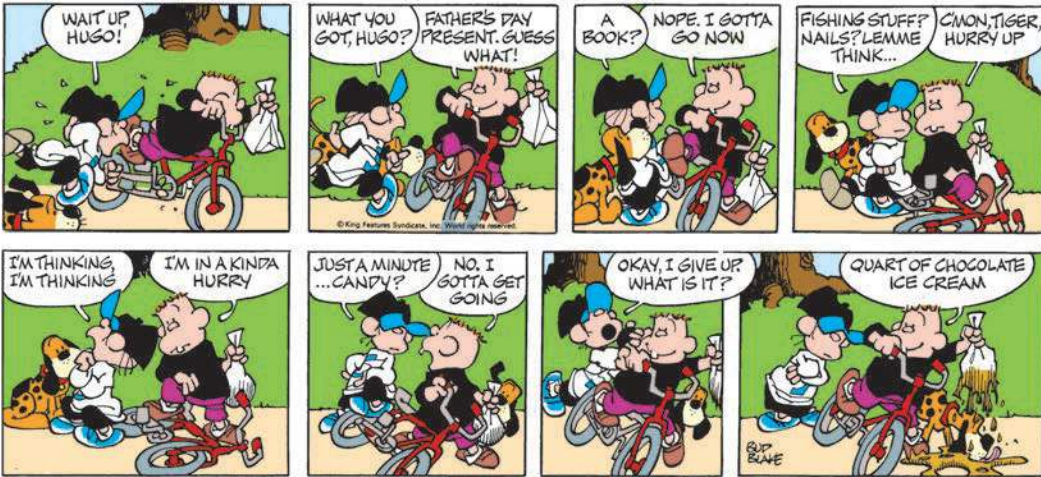
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"I'll be _____ when you get home—it takes time."

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!

String: BRIEF, Evict: HASBIN, Freed: USED TO, Beat: SLUPE

TODAY'S WORD

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: H equals S

UWMB RL WI WVWMG FVRFP
UMRSOFTIQ BZY HROISH RL
LRVPH HZRRBTIQ BZY EMYKY:
BZY HFZGRRKY EOBRI.

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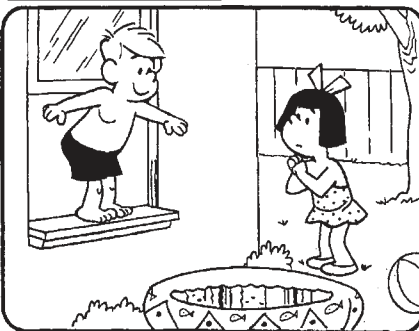
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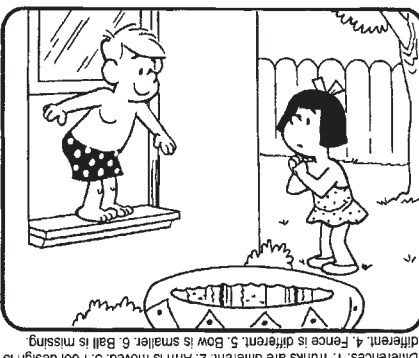
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HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Trunks are different. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Pool design is different. 4. Fence is different. 5. Bow is smaller. 6. Ball is missing.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Fireplace residue
- 4 Height of fashion?
- 7 "Serpico" director
- 12 Scary cry
- 13 Oklahoma city
- 14 Sports venue
- 15 Takes too much, briefly
- 16 First-rate
- 18 Mafia boss
- 19 "Once upon —"
- 20 Send forth
- 22 Author Umberto
- 23 Hardly hirsute
- 27 Do sums
- 29 Composer Prokofiev
- 31 New Zealand native
- 34 Daydreamer Walter
- 35 Hansel's sister
- 37 Center
- 38 Round Table titles
- 39 Jargon suffix
- 41 Winds up
- 45 Michelangelo masterpiece
- 47 Have the flu
- 48 First-rate
- 52 Bikini top
- 53 Worth
- 54 Samovar

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- 55 Slugger Mel
- 56 Brownstone feature
- 57 "The Bells" author
- 58 "See ya!"
- 10 Em halves
- 11 Prof's helpers
- 17 Med. plan options
- 21 Small fruit pies
- 23 Illegal payment
- 24 Literary rep
- 25 Allow
- 26 Hobbyist's abbr.
- 28 Conk out
- 30 Outback bird
- 31 Brit. sports cars
- 32 Onassis nickname
- 33 Not 'neath
- 36 "Star Wars" royal
- 37 Straight, for short
- 40 Clinch
- 42 Mogul
- 43 Begrimed
- 44 Roofing material
- 45 Get ready, briefly
- 46 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
- 48 Den sets
- 49 Feedbag bit
- 50 Mideast org.
- 51 Pair with an air

DOWN

- 1 Home
- 2 Sin city
- 3 Egypt's Mubarak
- 4 "Funny!"
- 5 Redacted
- 6 Wizardry
- 7 Chantilly, e.g.
- 8 Web address
- 9 "Give — break!"

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- 1. Black marlin
- 2. Sailfish
- 3. Striped marlin
- 4. Wahoo
- 5. Mako shark
- 6. Atlantic bluefin tuna
- 7. Blue shark
- 8. Bonefish
- 9. Swordfish
- 10. Fourwing flying fish

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WORD LADDERS

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

PRIDE

FRAPE

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- 1. MOVIES: Which movie features the line, "Where we're going, we don't need roads"?
- 2. HISTORY: Which serious disease was declared eradicated in 1980?
- 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is the "black box" that is used to record data on airplanes?
- 4. GAMES: How much does getting out of jail cost in the board game Monopoly?
- 5. LITERATURE: What kind of animal is the novel "Black Beauty" about?
- 6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the youngest president?
- 7. TELEVISION: Who played the Penguin in the original "Batman" TV series?
- 8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the northernmost point of the United States?
- 9. ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system that spins clockwise?
- 10. FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food restaurant chain claims that "We have the meats"?

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- 10. Arby's.
- 9. Venus.
- 8. Point Barrow, Alaska.
- 7. Burgess Meredith.
- 6. Theodore Roosevelt (42).
- 5. A horse.
- 4. \$50.
- 3. Orange.
- 2. Smallpox.
- 1. "Back to the Future."

SCRAMBLERS

BEAUTIFUL
Today's Word
3. Ousted; 4. Pulse
solution
1. Fiber 2. Banish;

GRPE, GRAPE, FRAPE

PRIDE, PRIME, GRIME,

WORD LADDER



"The thing you fear most has no power. Your fear of it is what has the power. Facing the truth really will set you free."
— Oprah Winfrey

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fools shooting the breeze of
the schmoose button.

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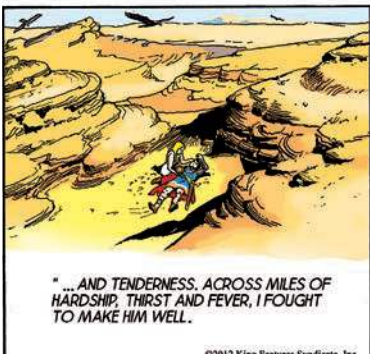
DEAR NATHAN, YOU HAVE HEARD YOUR FATHER'S UNDERSTANDABLY FAULTY MEMORIES OF OUR COURTSHIP - NOW LISTEN TO THE TRUTH...



"... UNDERSTANDABLY FAULTY BECAUSE, PRIOR TO ARRIVING ON MY SHORES, HE HAD BEEN RENDERED DEMENTED BY A BLOW TO HIS THICK SKULL!



HE DID BELIEVE I HAD BEWITCHED HIM, AND HE DID ABDUCT ME - BUT I CHOSE TO STAY WITH THE POOR, WOUNDED DEAR, AND CURE HIS MADNESS WITH LOVE...



"... AND TENDERNESS, ACROSS MILES OF HARDSHIP, THIRST AND FEVER, I FOUGHT TO MAKE HIM WELL.



I EVEN PUT ASIDE MY ROYAL STATION AND DANCED LIKE A HAREM GIRL BEFORE A TRIBE OF DESERT RUFFIANS - TO GAIN US FOOD AND WATER WHILE YOUR FATHER LAY HELPLESS." SHE GLANCES AT VAL, AS IF TO SAY: "I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT, MY HEROIC HUSBAND."

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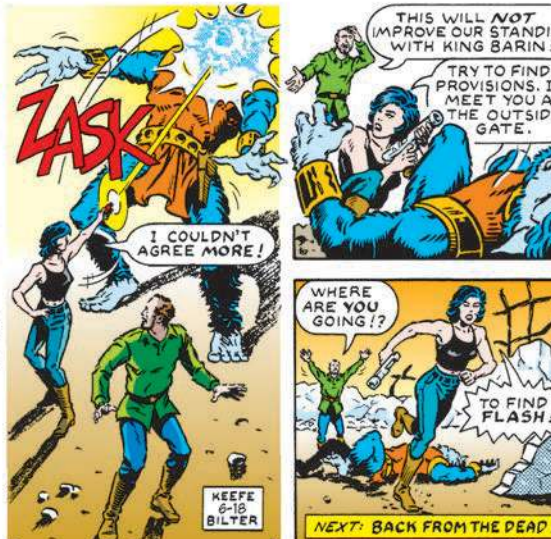


AS DALE AND ZARKOV ARE PLACED UNDER ARREST...

...NO ONE NOTICES A SMALL DEVICE PALMED BY DALE AS THEY ARE LED AWAY.

HOW CAN BARIN POSSIBLY BELIEVE WE'RE THE SMUGGLERS?

WHATEVER THE REASON, IT'LL BE HARD PROVING OUR INNOCENCE FROM A CELL.



ZARK

I COULDN'T AGREE MORE!

THIS WILL NOT IMPROVE OUR STANDING WITH KING BARIN! TRY TO FIND PROVISIONS. I MEET YOU AT THE OUTSIDE GATE.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? TO FIND FLASH!

NEXT: BACK FROM THE DEAD

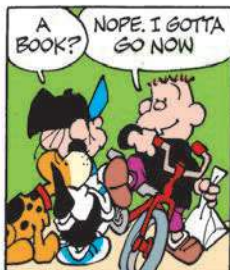
TIGER



WAIT UP HUGO!



WHAT YOU GOT, HUGO? FATHER'S DAY PRESENT. GUESS WHAT!



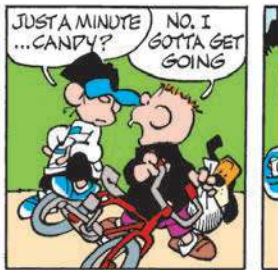
A BOOK? NOPE. I GOTTA GO NOW



FISHING STUFF? NAILS? LEMME THINK... C'MON, TIGER, HURRY UP!



I'M THINKING, I'M THINKING



I'M IN A KINDA HURRY



JUST A MINUTE... CANVY?



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

Bird dog Good boy Hound Pooch
Canine Guide dog Lap dog Sheepdog
Doggy Gun dog Mutt Watchdog
Fido Hearing dog Police dog

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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.

SE AEBW JERTZWAL QZ JER

QTW DZ Q CDTQNAW, QVO SE

ZWW JERTZWAL DZ SE GQBW

LERVO JERTZWAL, LET VEK.

— QVVW AQCESS

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— Anne Lamott

found yourself, for now.

see yourself is to have

are is a miracle, and to

To love yourself as you

answer

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MAN'S BEST FRIEND

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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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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 24

Ice Cream Social
Pulaski First Church of the Brethren is having an Old Fashion Ice Cream Social on Saturday June 24 at 4:00 Everyone is welcome to come enjoy a dish of ice cream and fellowship. This is a free event for the community. The church is located at 1749 Newbern Road. One block behind the DMV. We will also be having a movie night.

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.

July 6

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

July 20

Sons of Confederate Veterans
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, July 20, 7pm at Aly’s Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Road.

Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. Mr. Sam Winkler, aka “President Jefferson Davis” will be the guest speaker. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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

Dublin announces office, trash collection schedules for July 4th

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Monday July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th for the Independence Holiday. Garbage scheduled to be picked up on Monday, July 3rd will be picked up on Wednesday, July 5th; Garbage scheduled for pick up on Wednesday, July 5th will be picked up on Thursday, July 6th and Businesses will be picked up on their regular day Friday, July 7th

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 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								
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