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The Annual Celebration at Claytor Lake State Park is set for Saturday, June 10.

The festival kicks off the summer season for the park each year and all of Pulaski County.

This year's festival promises to be the best day ever as we Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Claytor Lake State Park. The Claytor Lake Festival was started as the 50th Celebration of Claytor Lake State Park. The festival is a favorite of everyone. This is the festival's 24th Anniversary and if not for COVID it would be turning 25. We lost two years because of COVID.

The festival committee has planned a wonderful day at the lake.

This year's activities include arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, Wine Tasting featuring MountainRose Vineyards from Wise, and Woods Acre Winery from Cana.

The Annual Car/Motorcycle Show with registration the day of festival, Local Law Enforcement Display, Yearout Fishing Tournament and Essay



Claytor Lake Festival photo

See FESTIVAL, page A2 Annual fireworks display begins at dusk.

## County budget includes historic level of funds for school system

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

No one but staff and the media were on hand at Monday's public hearing held by the Board of Supervisors on the proposed Pulaski County budget for fiscal year 2023-24.

The board took no action on the budget proposal Monday but will approve the spending plan at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 26.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet provided an overview of the budget, noting the budget process began with a deficit of over \$8.8 million in expenditure

### *Approval expected at Board of Supervisors' June 26 meeting*

requests over projected revenues.

Sweet said the board met six times on the budget during the past couple months and spent numerous hours working on the spending plan.

He credited staff and the board for their efforts in arriving at a final budget proposal.

Sweet said the total county budget, including all funding sources, totals \$157,484,896 with expenditures at the same level.

"This is an increase of \$982,172

over last year's budget," Sweet said. He added that more than half of that increase is being invested directly into the county's public school operations.

"The board's proposed budget effectively pursues the FY 24 budget mission and embodies the FY 24 budget theme of taking the next step to becoming a next level rural community," Sweet declared.

"The adopted FY 24 budget mission is to employ leadership and foresight in developing a balanced budget with an effort to protecting and maintaining a healthy fund balance (reserve), to

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# Budget

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effectively plan for and prioritize capital projects, to complete and improve upon existing county assets, to continue to comprehensively support public education, and to strategically invest in economic and community development as a way to enhance the quality of life, achieve our target of “40 by 30” – 40,000 residents by 2030 – and to take the next

step to becoming a next level rural community. All with the least impact to the taxpayers of Pulaski County.”

Sweet said the board “can commendably achieve this mission and so much more by focusing on strategic next level rural community investments in parks and recreation, programming and assets, tourism, marketing and sales.”

Sweet said the budget prioritizes citizen affordability by “not increasing taxes on our people and investing in our public servants with a 5 percent COLA (cost of

living allowance) to attract and retain talented top-tier employees.

“I will add that this cost of living adjustment is significant and so greatly appreciated by our county employees. Because – and I’m extremely pleased to share – that for the seventh straight year there were no material health insurance increases for employees of the county. So, any increase in compensation goes into the pockets of our employees and not into the coffers of the insurance companies,” Sweet said.

He continued that the Board of Supervisors also “significantly prioritized our public school system with a substantial year-over-year operational increase in local funding of an additional \$555,000 to support a minimum of 5 percent COLA increases for our teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, maintenance and ground crews as

well as the remainder of our valued faculty and support staff.

“Along with a local county funding increase of 550,000 for school operations, there is also included in the budget and proposed increase of \$980,276 additional county funding for school capital improvements, \$4,930,011 in local funding for school debt service for total local contribution at an historic level of \$22,473,741.

“There’s also \$514,924 in additional state aid for a total school budget of \$66,038,025

“Our current total real estate tax collection for the entire county is projected at \$22,600,000. We are essentially providing 100 percent or to be exact 99.4 percent of our real estate revenues – the entirety of our real estate revenues – to support our public school system,” Sweet said.

He added those figures do not

include potential carryover balances or projected cigarette tax revenues.

Sweet said that since the state legislature has not yet approved this year’s budget for the Commonwealth, both the school and the county budgets could substantially be adjusted depending on the state’s final adopted budget.

“Lastly, this budget also includes an encumbrance of \$250,000 of new funding dedicated in response to the two Fire and Rescue studies the board recently commissioned. This investment is set aside to help ensure the county can respond to the emergency needs of our citizens, businesses and visitors consistent with the expectations of a next level community,” Sweet added.



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## Council approves 23-24 budget

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**  
**The Patriot**

With a new fiscal year now just days away, the Pulaski Town Council on Tuesday night approved the 2023-24 budget, water and sewer rates for the town.

Council approved the General Fund budget on a 6-0 vote.

The General Fund totals just over \$9.8 million, with the bulk of

that coming from property taxes, local taxes and state categorical aid.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham noted the budget represents about 4 percent growth over the current year. However, she said utility increases experienced by the town – and everyone else – a pretty much used up the additional revenue.

The budget holds the line on

taxes, funds no new employee positions and provides funds for cost of living pay increases for town employees.

In a separate action, council approved a Capital Improvement Plan totaling just over a half-million dollars.

Water rates for the coming fiscal year were approved, including a 6 percent increase in rates.

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## Festival

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Contest, and Children’s activities, including Chuckles the Clown.

The day’s musical entertainment includes Part Time Party Time Band, Back Alley II and Up Town Trio.

The festival begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends with the fireworks at dusk.

The live musical entertainment

begins at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until the fireworks begin.

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# Ballard easily wins GOP nomination Saturday

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

Hundreds of voters made their way to New River Community College's Edwards Hall on Saturday to cast their ballots for one of two Republican candidates in the 42nd state House District race. The newly formed 42nd district includes all of Giles County and Radford City, as well as most of Pulaski County (except the Town of Pulaski and northwest area of the county) and part of Montgomery County (including Christiansburg).

Before redistricting, only the Fairlawn area of Pulaski County was part of Virginia's 12th House District, as was the town of Blacksburg. The Town of Pulaski is now in the 46th District, which includes Wytheville, while Blacksburg is now in the 41st District.

Delegate Jason Ballard of Giles County, who currently serves as Virginia's 12th District Delegate, was facing a primary challenge by Jody Pyles of Radford, who has recently worked as a Legislative Aid for Virginia State Senator Amanda Chase.

Turnout for the Mass Meeting

## Council

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The water fund totals just over \$2.5 million.

Sewer rates were approved as well, including a 7 percent increase. The sewer fund totals just under \$4.5 million.

The water and sewer budgets are enterprise funds – meaning revenues must cover the costs of operation.

Burcham noted the sewer rate increase is being driven by increased costs for treatment of the town's sewer at the Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A water fund capital improvement plan totals \$300,000 for water line and water meter replacement work over the coming year.

Burcham reminded council there is hope the town will also receive a substantial amount of federal funds it has applied for through Rep. Morgan Griffith's office for "some major water line replacement."

With the town taking over garbage collection this year, there is a new budget to be approved – that being for solid waste collection.

The budget lists solid waste collection revenues and expenditures at \$834,000.

The new spending plan takes effect July 1 with the start of the new fiscal year.

In other news:

### Rezoning

Council approved the re-zoning of 2460 Lee Highway, the former "clinic" located next to LewisGale Hospital Pulaski from R-1 (Single Family Residence) to RO (Residential Office).

### Peppers Ferry Appointments

Former Mayor Jeff Worrell and former Councilman Lane Penn were re-appointed to the Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Board, while former town engineer Bill Pedigo and Councilman Jamie Radcliffe were appointed as alternates.

### Council Comments

Vice Mayor Brooks Dawson thanked town staff for their work improving the looks of town property, including flower beds around town.

"It is noticeable," he said.

Both Radcliffe and Councilman Michael Reis expressed thanks to Burcham and town staff on their efforts in completing the 2023-24 town budget.

### Town Manager Report

Burcham reported that the Together We Rise ladder project in Jackson Park was successfully removed without problem. She noted the display brought much attention to the town.

Burcham noted the upcoming July 4th holiday falls on a Tuesday this year, and suggested council might want to cancel



William Paine/The Patriot

The Edwards Hall auditorium at NRCC was filled to capacity, which forced organizers to find overflow rooms for the unexpectedly large turnout at Saturday's Mass Meeting

was much heavier than expected. Voters were allowed to enter the

auditorium at 11 a.m. and almost immediately, a line formed which extended from the doors of Edwards Hall to the parking area. Upon entering, voters were required to sign a "letter of intent," pledging to support the Republican candidate in November's general election.

Ballard's advantage soon became abundantly clear, as it was evident that the vast majority of those entering the auditorium came from Giles County and most all of them wore stickers supporting the incumbent. In addition, Ballard had many volunteers working for his campaign and large 'Ballard for Delegate' signs were posted throughout the venue. In contrast, Pyles had only a handful of supporters in his entourage and placed very few signs in and around the site.

Ballard clearly had the advan-

tage in funding. His campaign provided free coffee and ice cream to voters as they stood in line to enter the building. Ballard even hired a musician to play songs at the entrance of the auditorium, while urging those in ear shot to cast their votes for the incumbent.

By noon, the entire auditorium was full and organizers were forced to find overflow rooms within New River Community College to accommodate the larger than anticipated crowds. Many who came to cast their ballots found themselves standing in the hallways of Edwards Hall, while volunteers scrambled to find a place to put them while the registration process continued.

By about 1:30 that afternoon, all those in attendance had been registered, and the proceedings continued with Committee Reports, which were much abbreviated

due to the longer than expected registration process. The most interesting aspect of these reports were the attendance numbers from each locality which were as follows:

Pulaski County accounted for 239 voters in Saturday's Mass Meeting, while Montgomery County accounted for only 125 voters. 112 voters came from Radford City and a whopping 725 voters arrived from Giles County to cast their ballots.

The Republican candidates were then invited to speak to those assembled for the occasion.

"I've already been approached a couple of times saying that I should cede based on nomination of acclimation but that's not who I am," said Jody Pyles. "I'm a fighter and I believe in seeing

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**BETTY SUE BROWN DOYLE**

Betty Sue Brown Doyle, age 73 of Dublin, died Monday, June 5, 2023 at Carrington Place in Wytheville. She was born on March 2, 1950, in Bluefield, West Virginia, and was the daughter of the late Lucille Helen Lewis Brown and the late Kelly Brown.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son; Scott Doyle; brothers; Jim, and Roy; sister; Luann Brown.

She is survived by two sons: Mike Doyle of Richmond, and Paul Joseph (Michell) Doyle of Christiansburg; a daughter; Sherrie Renee Doyle of Asheville, NC; a brother; Pete Brown of New Castle, and Jack and Donnie Brown; a sister; Mary Gladys Brown of New Castle, and Barbara Brown. Also survived by three grandchildren: Aidan Doyle, Ian Doyle, and Layla Baker, along with many nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services will be held Friday, June 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg. There will be no visiting at the funeral home.

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



**JUANITA G. DALTON LOVELL**

Juanita G. Dalton Lovell, age 76 of Pulaski, died Friday, June 2, 2023 at Wythe County Community Hospital. She was born on January 4, 1947 in Pulaski County, and preceded in death by her parents; Garnett Elmer and Sallie Mae Dalton, and her loving husband, Dennis Wayne Lovell and Brother-in-law, Jay Mize

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children Dana (Buck) Quinn of Monongahela, PA, Michael (Erin) Lovell of White Sulphur Springs, WV. Grandchildren Joshua (Brianna) Crowder of Midlothian, VA, Jacob (Misty) Lovell of Lindsie, WV, Kellie (Zach) Skeens of Narrows, Sophie and Ella Bowes of White Sulphur Springs, W.V. and Cedar Lovell of Lindsie, WV. Two sisters, Margaret Walker of Blacksburg, Shelby (Richard) Stoots of Draper, and a brother, Gary (Shenna) Dalton of Draper, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services were held Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. There was no public visitation at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

**CHRISTOPHER AARON ROOP**

Christopher Aaron Roop, age 41 of Pulaski, died Sunday, June 4, 2023 at the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) 540-980-1700



**JAMES WILLIAM "JIMBOB" SLUSHER**

James William "JimBob" Slusher, age 69 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, May 27, 2023 at his home.

Born April 5, 1954 in Pulaski, he was the son of Victor Eugene Slusher and Helen Madiline

Adams Slusher. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by many brothers and sisters.

He is survived by Children

Laura Ashley Slusher and Fiancé, Ricky French- Pulaski

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Brothers- Douglas Slusher-Pulaski

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Memorial services were held Wednesday, June 7, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Jim (Jimbo) Linkous officiating.

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

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



**AUGUSTA DELPHINE MILLIRONS BANES**

Augusta Delphine Millirons Banes, age 84 of Little Creek Community of Pulaski County, died Wednesday, May 31, 2023 in her home, surrounded by family and loved ones. She was born on September 9, 1938 in Bland County, and was the daughter of the late Rosa Evelyn Millirons and the late Walter Vance Millirons.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, canning and taking care of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was as member of the Millirons United Methodist Church in Little Creek.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband; Edgar Albert Banes, brother and sister-in-law; Vance and Wilma Millirons; brother, Thomas Millirons; sisters, Dolly Banes and Donnie Phipps.

She is survived by her loving children: Debbie and Mike Lane of Little Creek, Barry and Trish Banes of Little Creek, Dennis and Dana Banes of Little Creek, Damon and Buffie Banes of Pulaski, and Sandra and Foy Hall of Pulaski. Grandchildren: Derrick and Carrie Lane, Scotty and Amy Lane, Nikki and Cody Radford, Izahia Lane, Lane Puckett, Phillip and Cassie Ring. Great-Grandchildren: MaKayla, Tyler and Hailey Lane, Kadynce and Jaelon Almarode, Julia, Jeremy and Athena Puckett, and many nieces and nephews. Special thanks to her caregivers, Carrie Lane and Cheryl Carbajal. Also special thanks to Janet Millirons for all of her help on Sunday nights. Thanks to Intrepid Hospice for all of your help and support through this difficult time.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home. Interment followed in Millirons Cemetery in Little Creek. Pallbearers were Derrick Lane, Izahia Lane, Phillip Ring, Cody Radford, Jaelon Almarode, and Tyler Lane.

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**DENISE LYNN HENDON**

Denise Lynn Hendon, ballet dancer, passionate gardener, wife, mother, and grandmother, left this world peacefully on May 29, 2023 at the age of 62 in her home in Dublin, Virginia.

Denise was born in Fort Knox, Kentucky, and grew up in Akron, Ohio wearing a jean jacket and ballet slippers, behind the wheel of her green Ford Torino. The daughter of professor Arlene Toth and football hall of famer Ed Toth, Denise paved her own way by joining the Ohio Ballet, completing her degree at the University of Akron where she'd meet her husband Bill Hendon, fondly known as "Mr. Wonderful," to her parents.

She was a fierce advocate for gender equality, environmental conservation, and holistic motherhood. Denise was the first female to wear pants in elementary school; she insisted on taking wood shop class; she started her own recycling programs where there were none; and she proudly cloth diapered and breastfed her four children.

A certified Master Gardener in three states, Denise created beauty in the world around her by establishing native plants, volunteering in classrooms, working in plant nurseries, and transforming backyards, community, and university gardens.

Her passions included traveling, writing, listening to the birds, hiking and trail maintenance. Denise has always channeled writing as a way to express emotions and life experiences.

She had a fond love for chickens, taking in rescues and creating her own chicken oasis. Denise leaves a legacy through her children and grandchildren by her teachings of the importance of protecting and preserving the natural world.

She is survived by her husband Bill; daughter Adrienne and spouse Bronston; daughter Sarah and spouse James; daughter Claudia and spouse Cody; son William and spouse Claudia; and her 9 grandchildren (Calvin, Cohen, Claire, Adelynn, Silas, Brixon, Clayton, Ansel, & one arriving in November). Denise is also survived by her father Ed S. Toth, brother Ed B. Toth and many other loving family members.

Denise leaves her family nurtured in nature. Denise was cremated, and the family will have a private service.

In Denise's memory, please make a donation to The Nature Conservancy.

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## ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES



### ROGER FRANKLIN KEMP

Roger Franklin Kemp, age 70 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, May 27, 2023 at his home. Born October 5, 1952 in Pulaski, he was the son of the late James & Ruth Bell Kemp. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, James, Marvin and Archie Kemp and sisters, Ollie Mae Able and Hazel Hyatt.

Roger is survived by his  
Fiancee – Wanda Ratcliffe-Pulaski

Children – Amy Kemp and wife, Jennifer Peters-Kemp-Pulaski

Joshua Brown – IL, Brandon Brown – IL

Bethany and Sunshine Ratcliffe-Pulaski

Grandchildren – Star and Zain Semones & Schye Brown

Brother – Robert Kemp – IL

Sisters – Mildred (Bob) Dunford – Pulaski, Ella Riddle - Pulaski

Many nieces and nephews

Memorial services will be held Wednesday 6:00 p.m., June 14, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

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

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

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

## Veteran photographer presents on nature photography

Aileen Fletcher, who has exhibited her work throughout the region for several decades, will present information about nature photography at the next meeting of the Radford Photo Club on Thursday, June 15, at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library.

Fletcher taught art at New River Community College since 1966, and photography since 1972. She will issue a challenge to those willing at the June Photo Club meeting and judge the results at the July meeting.

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 photo challenge for June is flowers. There is also an open category and a table for photos that members would like to discuss.

If you love photography, the club has an outstanding show at the Fine Arts Gallery for the New River Valley in Pulaski June 16 through August 5.

## Ballard

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through to the end and that's why I'm standing here today. I'm a pissed off patriot and I'm ready to start dumping tea and I'm slightly disappointed we don't tar and feather traitors like we used to. Traitors that have sold out to the large corporations and PACs at the expense of the people ... We've had no real voice to stand up for our beliefs and our values that we hold dear."

Pyles went on to express his disappointment with the current leadership of the Republican Party of Virginia.

Next, Delegate Jason Ballard addressed the audience.

"I know this format is not ideal for many, many reasons but it's wonderful to see such a large turnout," Ballard said. "It warms my heart to see the other side of the mountain show up in Dublin."

This last statement was followed by a thunderous cheer coming from the hundreds of voters who came from Giles County.

Ballard did not delve into his accomplishments as a state delegate but instead kept his speech brief, as the meeting had already lasted much longer than anyone had anticipated.

"I've been a dependable, relentless conservative and your voice in Richmond over the past two years," he continued. "Send me back to Richmond so I can continue to work for you."

After the speeches, the voting process began and wasn't completed until 2:45 in the afternoon. Counting the votes took another hour and the results of the election were as follows.

Out of 1,135 ballots cast, Delegate Jason Ballard received 1,041 votes and Jody Pyles received 87 votes.

Delegate Jason Ballard was then declared to be the Republican Nominee for Virginia's 42nd District.

"I appreciate the support from Giles County," said Ballard after the vote was announced. "As I said during my speech, it's humbling to see the support from the other side of the mountain. I'm grateful that they came out. So, we're gonna enjoy today ... obviously. Then we're gonna go home, change, decompress and then we'll get back to working for the people."

When asked about what he thought about the day's proceedings, Jody Pyles said this.

"I think that's the most expensive election that anyone has ever bought."

Pyles added that Ballard still must win in November's general election and expressed his intention to run as Ballard's Republican challenger in the next election cycle.

As of this writing, Ballard has no Democrat challenger for the 42nd Delegate District seat.

Nor is there likely to be another Mass Meeting anytime soon, as a new law in Virginia stipulates that as of July 1 of this year, this method of nominating members of the General Assembly will no longer be allowed.

Even so, as far as Mass Meetings are concerned, the one that took place at NRCC last Saturday was unusual.



William Paine/The Patriot

Delegate Jason Ballard with his son John Thomas Ballard.

"Normally for a mass meeting we can expect to have a few hundred or maybe even 500 people show up but we obviously exceeded that," said Joseph Goodman, Interim Chairman for the Pulaski County Republican Party. "We don't usually have an overflow for an overflow. The organizers didn't expect or even hope to see this

many people show up but we learned a long time ago that when there's a candidate from Giles County on the ballot that people in Giles County come out. It's a reflection of the support for Jason Ballard."

After the results were announced, Pyles approached Ballard asking, "Do you think we can sit down and have a coffee

now?"

"Sure," Ballard replied.

"What time?" Asked Pyles.

"You tell me," Ballard responded.

"How about next Thursday?" Pyles inquired.

"Yeah," said Ballard. "Just send me a note or something."

"Congratulations," said Pyles before turning and walking away.



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Jody Pyles Makes his speech at the Mass Meeting.

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# The REINS Act

Recently I voted against the Fiscal Responsibility Act, the debt ceiling legislation negotiated by Speaker Kevin McCarthy and President Biden.

As I've said before, I have long believed that Congress has a responsibility to the American people to "rein in" wasteful and excessive spending.

In late April, I voted to raise the debt ceiling by supporting the Limit, Save, Grow Act. Limit, Save, Grow was the House Republicans common-sense legislation to limit by Congress' reckless spending, while raising the debt ceiling by \$1.5 trillion.

Unfortunately, not only were the reforms in the Fiscal Responsibility Act not anywhere close to those in Limit, Save, Grow, but it increased the debt limit by an additional \$2.5 trillion to \$4 trillion.

I could not justify voting in favor of legislation that raises the debt ceiling by a projected \$4 trillion without a majority of the spending reforms previously agreed to.

Specifically, I was disappointed that the Regulations



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act was not included in this new legislation, a provision I strongly supported in

Limit, Save, Grow. The REINS Act requires economically significant regulations proposed by federal agencies, or those costing in excess of \$100 million per year, to be approved Congress before taking effect.

Article 1 of the Constitution grants Congress the "power of the purse", giving Congress taxing and spending power and the authority to appropriate money collected by the federal government.

Historically, this power has been one of the main tools by which Congress has limited executive power. Unfortunately, over the years, Congress has increasingly given away this power to the federal branch indirectly through granting authority to the executive branch to pass regulations that can force spending by both the federal government and private enterprise without first obtaining congressional approval for said spending.

Many times, the agencies take authority not explicitly given to them. Just one example would be the recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the interpretation of the "Waters of the United States," made by the Environment Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers.

For example, during President George Bush's first year in office, his administration finalized 36 economically significant regulations, or major rules. In 2021, the Biden administration finalized 69 of these major rules. It is time we stop this trend.

This trend has led to a powerful administrative state of unelected bureaucrats. They often act outside the bounds of our Constitutional framework and our country's democratic republic principles.

By requiring Congress to approve any major rule proposed by the federal branch, the REINS Act would take a significant step in restoring Congress' legislative authority, as originally intended. Elected officials, not bureaucrats, should be in control of federal policy.

Moving forward, I am committed to finding ways to advance the REINS Act in the House and, eventually, get it enacted into law. We are scheduled to soon debate REINS. The House will pass the REINS Act and I call on the Senate to do the same.

It's not about Democrats or Republicans, it's about the legislative branch reasserting their authority over the executive branch.

## D-Day

On another note, June 6 was the 79th anniversary of D-Day, the allied invasion of Normandy during World War II. More than 150,000 soldiers, sailors, and airmen were part of D-Day and the Normandy campaign.

With redistricting, the Ninth District has been expanded to include Bedford and Franklin Counties. This means that the District now includes the National D-Day Memorial, as well as the Bedford Boys Tribute Center. The Bedford Boys, otherwise known as the Virginia National Guard - Company A of the 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, were one of the American units at the forefront of the D-Day invasion.

When Company A stormed Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, there were 35 soldiers from Bedford, as well as other men from counties across the Ninth District. By the end of the campaign, 23 of the boys from Bedford would be dead. Because of this, Bedford, Virginia had the highest per capita death toll of any town or city in the United States. This is what inspired Congress to establish the D-Day Memorial in Bedford.

I encourage everyone to visit Bedford and stop by both the D-Day Memorial and the Tribute Center to learn more about the D-Day invasion and to honor the men who were the point of the spear in cracking through Hitler's "Atlantic Wall."

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

# From the Ashes...

Friday, May 26, will forever be remembered for the Fire of 2023.

Like usual, the County team was preparing for the holiday weekend and Parks and Recreation staff had just made the difficult decision to delay the opening of the Evelyn Alexander Waterpark due to cooler temperatures.

At around 5:00 p.m., I received the call from our Parks and Recreation Director that a fire had started at the Randolph Park pool facility and the fire department had been activated.

As I made my way to the park, I could see the plume of smoke from miles away, but it was not until I arrived on site and saw the flames engulfing the complex that the gravity of the situation set, and I realized we were going to lose one of our most beloved and utilized community assets.

Like most communities, Pulaski County is not immune to disasters, catastrophes or misfortunes. Whether it was the historic courthouse fire of 1989 or the tornado of 2011, Pulaski County



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Jonathan Sweet  
Pulaski Co. Administrator

have shown our County staff. I have heard the numerous offerings of assistance, resources and support to help ensure our summer youth programming continues and I am touched by the generosity of so many who have or intend to donate to the rebuilding of the facilities.

The emotion of sadness from the loss has literally been overcome with comfort from the graciousness, compassion and benevolence of the

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

# NAACP's stupid anti-Florida smear

The NAACP is on high alert -- a Republican governor, with an unabashedly conservative agenda and some chance of winning, is running for president.

It has duly sprung into action with a travel advisory warning people what they're getting into if they take the risk of visiting Florida's sunny beaches or world-class attractions.

"Florida is openly hostile toward African Americans, people of color and LGBTQ+ individuals," the statement says. "Before traveling to Florida, please understand that the state of Florida devalues and marginalizes the contributions of, and the challenges faced by African Americans and other communities of color."

This is a shameful lie even by the standards of the NAACP.

The political play is obvious -- use "travel advisory" to get attention and credibility that a mere harsh statement about Gov. Ron DeSantis wouldn't garner, and hope the resulting media coverage helps drive negative associations with the state.

We are used to taking travel advisories seriously, since the State Department often issues them and for non-frivolous reasons. When it says we shouldn't travel to Burma "due to civil unrest and armed conflict" and urges "increased caution due to wrongful detentions and areas with land mines and unexploded ordnance," most of us pay attention.

The NAACP wants people to think of Florida as a hellhole where the peril isn't physical but ideological -- DeSantis is pursuing an agenda that, ipso facto, is hostile to certain minority groups.

The group makes it clear that it is thinking of the governor's fight against diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, critical race theory, and gender ideology in the schools, as well as his rejection of an Advanced Placement African American studies course.

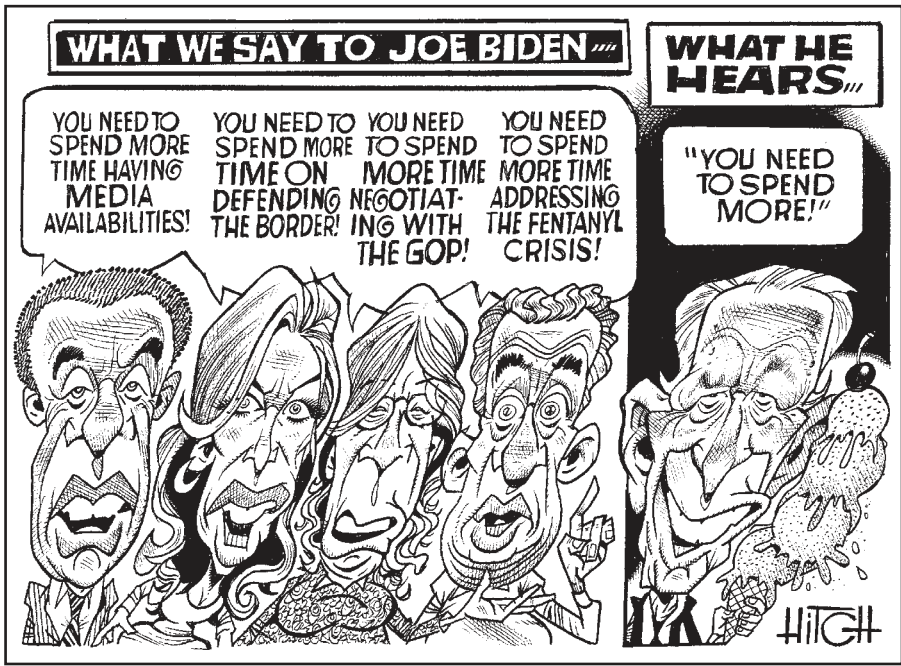
This is a classic instance of progressive goalpost shifting. DEI is a relatively recent fad, but now if someone wants to keep it out of education, it's the equivalent of George Wallace standing at the schoolhouse door. It's the same thing with gender ideology -- no one thought that LGBTQ rights depended on teaching young children about gender fluidity until the day before yesterday.

As for the fight over the African American studies course, it's false to suggest the state's stance against overly politicized material in the course makes it opposed to the teaching of African American history as such.

In fact, the state's curriculum requires the teaching of key aspects of African American history, and these provisions have been made more robust under DeSantis.

Again, none of this has anything to do with travel -- if someone wants to read Ibram X. Kendi while standing in line at Universal Studios or brush up on their DEI training on an airboat in the Everglades, there's

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# The Transformation of America Play-Book

When a sports team is planning for a big game, the coach will dispatch scouts to spy on the other team and determine their opponent's strengths and weaknesses. This information will help determine what tactics will work best to defeat them. Then the coach will prepare a detailed game-plan and play-book based on their opponent's weakness.

When you analyze it, this is the same strategy that some political operatives use to defeat their opponents. If they can find their weak points, promote disunity, confusion and chaos with the opposition, it could result in undermining a society or even a government.

The most malevolent use of these tactics can be found in Saul Alinsky's Marxist play-book, "Rules for Radicals", which he dedicated to Lucifer. "Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical... the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom - Lucifer." Saul Alinsky 1971

The political left revere Alinsky and his philosophy of the personal destruction of his opponents. It's almost a religion to the left - as if it is their righteous duty to stamp out any dissent that opposes their radical, non-traditional beliefs.

Implementing vicious terminology and vitriol, the extreme left denounce, dehumanize, demonize and seek to utterly destroy anyone who disagrees with their non-traditional concepts. Remember during the 2020 election cycle being called racists, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, and a "basket of deplorables" because of your traditional values? It was an attempt to make the left's opponents appear to be the enemy of the people; and crush their traditional values, replacing them with their "anything goes" culture.

Under the current administration, the country has plunged further into the cultural abyss. We are purposely being pitted against each other because of our differing ideologies. It's open season on individuals and organizations that refuse to embrace their agenda of WOKE-ism. Christians and conservatives are being labeled as domestic terrorists by leaders of our own

# One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

government.

The nation is being torn apart by lawlessness, racial strife, gender confusion, fatherless families, open border policies, and a crumbling economy. Things just don't seem fair and confusion and chaos reign. Well guess what! That's exactly where those who want to destroy our culture and country want us.

It is astonishing when you realize that the left is employing Alinsky's Rules for Radicals right out of his play-book. Here are some rules that you may recognize as being used to cause chaos, upheaval and unrest in America.

Rule 1: Power is not only what you have, but what an opponent thinks you have. If your organization is small, hide your numbers in the dark and raise a din that will make everyone think you have many more people than you do.

Rule 3: Whenever possible, go outside the expertise of an opponent. Here you want to cause confusion, fear, and retreat... and the collapse of communication. Look for ways to increase insecurity, anxiety and uncertainty in your opponent.

Rule 4: Make opponents live up to their own book of rules. "You can kill them with this, for they can no more obey their own rules than the Christian church can live up to Christianity."

Rule 5: Ridicule is man's most potent weapon. It's hard to counterattack ridicule, and it infuriates the opposition, which then reacts, to your advantage.

Rule 8: Keep the pressure on. Use different tactics and actions and use all events of the period for your purpose... develop operations that will maintain a constant pressure upon the opposition. This will cause the opposition to react to your advantage." (i.e., Never let a good crisis go

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# Legion Auxiliary hosts tribute for fallen airman

American  
Legion  
Auxiliary Unit  
#58 and Tribute  
to Troops honor  
Naval Air  
Crewman  
2nd Class  
James P. Buriak

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #58, Dublin, in conjunction with Tribute to the Troops hosted a program on June 3rd, recognizing Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class James P. Buriak with the express purpose of honoring his service and letting his family know that their sacrifice did not go unnoticed.

Buriak died Aug. 31, 2021 in the crash of an MH-60S U.S. Navy Seahawk helicopter that crashed into the Pacific Ocean while conducting a routine flight off the coast of San Diego. He was one of five crew members who perished in the crash. All were attached to the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 8, which is based at Naval Air Station North Island in the San Diego Bay.

Rockie Lynne, U.S. Army Veteran, award-winning Country Music singer/songwriter and founder of Tribute to the Troops, led a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle unit which passed by the Post in tribute to Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class James P. Buriak's Gold Star family.

## Sweet

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community. Sometimes, it takes an event like this to bring the best out of people, and I am continuously seeing the best from the people of Pulaski County.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, the work continues with our insurance company and the clean-up is still underway. So, there is not much to report on or to share at

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to waste)

Rule 9: The threat is more terrifying than the thing itself. (remember the Summer of 2020 riots?)

Rule 10: The price of a successful attack is a constructive alternative. Avoid being trapped by an opponent or an interviewer who says, "Okay, what would you do?"

Rule 12: Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, polarize it. Identify a responsible individual... single him/her out as the target and freeze them. Ignore attempts to shift or spread the blame.

Alinsky's play-book teaches how to bait an opponent into reacting. "The enemy properly goaded and guided in his reaction will be

## Lowery

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nothing stopping them.

Even if you come down in a different place than DeSantis on these various controversies, to suggest that his positions constitute some kind of malice toward African Americans or other groups is a stupid libel.

Florida is a vibrant, diverse state, where people from all backgrounds stand to benefit from good government. The state has an unemployment rate under 3%, and the earnings of African Americans have been increasing smartly. The schools are excellent and minority test scores are strong. Crime is at a half-century low.

Of course, if Florida were really a hotbed of antagonism toward minorities, Americans would have noticed and wouldn't be moving there en masse. The state has gained



Danielle Reid photos/The Patriot  
**Five of the Tribute to the Troops Gold Star Moms Board Members traveled from as far away as Florida and the Carolinas to help honor the memory of Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class James P. Buriak who died August 31, 2021 in the crash of an MH-60S U.S. Navy Seahawk helicopter. The tribute to Buriak was held on Saturday, June 3rd at the American Legion Post #58 in Dublin. L - R Susan McClamrock, Melissa Rowe, Tammy Rowe, Rebecca Rowe, Roseanne Phillips**

ly. Buriak's parents and family friends watched as the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle unit thundered past American Legion Post #58. Since its inception in 2004, Tribute To The Troops has visited the homes of Gold Star families to let them know that their sacrifice did not go unnoticed. Over the past 20 years, the organization has honored over 350 families in five states.

Tribute to the Troops is dedicated to letting families of all service members know that their sacrifice is not forgotten. The organization's primary fundrais-

ing objective is the Fallen Heroes' Children's Education Fund, which purchased 529 College Savings Plans for children who have lost a parent in active duty.

More impressive than Lynne's accomplishments as a singer/songwriter was his genuine and humble demeanor when addressing the Buriak family. Lynne made the enormous effort to learn as much as possible about Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class James P. Buriak by interviewing his friends, former sports coaches, employers, and comrade-in-arms before honoring him at a

ceremony on Saturday, June 3rd. A plaque detailing Buriak's accomplishments was given to



James Buriak's parents, Carol and James Buriak, and Rockie Lynne, U.S. Army Veteran, award-winning Country Music singer/songwriter and founder of Tribute to the Troops.

this time with the public on the status of our rebuilding efforts, but there still is a lot I need to convey.

I want to say thank you to all of the first responders for your service that evening. Thank you to our Parks and Recreation staff for not letting this incident ruin the summer for our youth programming. Thank you to the

Board of Supervisors for your leadership in this rebuilding process. And thank you to the Pulaski County community who have shown us what this facility means to you through your contributions, donations and support.

I am confident to say we are going to work as hard, as fast and as effectively as we can to rebuild the facility back from the ashes and make the pool and all of the associated offerings available to the people of Pulaski County once again.

Pulaski County is...Rebuilding!

your major strength."  
In sports, it's how you finish a game that matters most. In politics, it's who has the power to change the culture that matters most.

I don't know if it is possible to win the culture war – unless there is an intervention by God in the form of national revival. It is the heart of mankind that needs to be transformed because it is inherently wicked. True and enduring transformation only comes through an acknowledgement of one's personal sins, repenting and then accepting God's love and guidance through the work of Jesus Christ, to restore his/her relationship with Him.

some 700,000 people since the 2020 census. The U-Hauls are coming because Florida has a well-earned reputation as an open place full of opportunity.

If the NAACP were truly concerned about the welfare of African Americans instead of trying to score points against a Republican potentially on the rise in national politics, it would issue travel advisories about going to Chicago or Baltimore, poorly governed cities where it is affirmatively dangerous for young Black men to live.

Such places could learn from Florida. If the NAACP were thinking clearly and didn't have an agenda, it wouldn't be denouncing the state but considering moving its headquarters there.

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

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# DAR names *DAR Community Service Award goes to Martin* Good Citizenship Award Winners

Six fifth grade students were selected to receive the 2023 Count Pulaski Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal. They represent six elementary schools in Pulaski County. Qualifications for the DAR Good Citizenship Award include the following areas:  
**Honor** – Honest, high principles, trustworthiness, loyalty, truthfulness, punctuality, moral strength, stability and cleanliness of mind and body.  
**Service** – Cooperation, meritorious behavior bringing honor to school or community, kindness, unselfishness, true Americanism, and individual responsibility to Home and Country.  
**Courage** – Mental and physical determination to overcome obstacles.

**Leadership** – Personality, originality, ability to lead and hold others, good sportsmanship, responsibility.

**Patriotism** – Fundamental Americanism.

Congratulations to these six students who received their awards at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

Critzler Elementary School: Dawson Davis, son of John and Cassaundra Davis  
Dublin Elementary School: Syra Bird, daughter of David and Tami Bird.

Pulaski Elementary School: Aviston Akers, son of Anthony and Jody Akers.

Riverlawn Elementary School: Victoria Gonzalez, daughter of Michael and Erica Gonzalez.

Snowville Elementary School: Lillian Cullip, daughter of Darrin and Sue Ellen Cullip.

Valley Harvest Christian School: Grace Smith, daughter of Canon and April Smith.

The DAR Community Service Award goes to April Martin. This award is given each year to a person who has contributed to our community.

April has worked beyond the call of duty to bring history and heirlooms to life at Wilderness Road Regional Museum, Ratcliffe Museum and Selu – a service to the community and visitors – her immediate impact on the museums was witnessed.

April researches local history and works to get markers placed to identify historical places and patriots.

She has the knowledge to make all necessary repairs on the Wilderness Road Regional Museum main house, out buildings and grounds. April is known throughout the community for her willingness to serve on various committees, as well as making time to present her knowledge as a popular guest speaker.

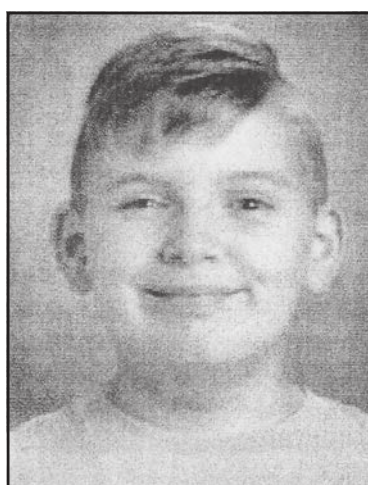
She serves as co-chair on the committee for the 250th Anniversary Celebration for our country.

The Count Pulaski Chapter members thank April for her community service.



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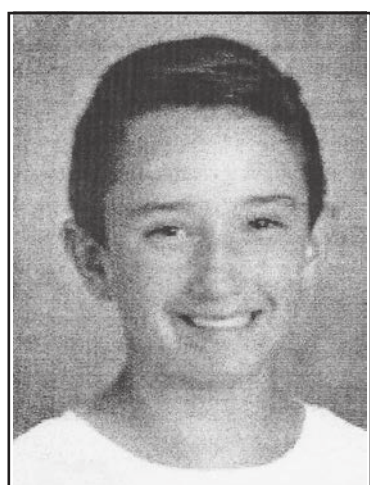
**April Martin discusses early agriculture with Pulaski County Public School students during an event in Newbern at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum.**



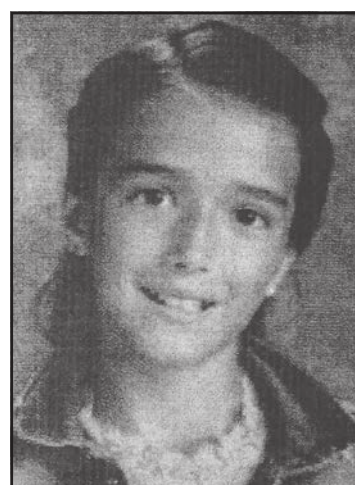
Dawson Davis



Syra Bird



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Lillian Cullip



Grace Smith

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## Practice safe canning methods this season

By Andrea Haubner

Gardening is a fun, relaxing activity that many of us take the time to do in the summer. But what can we do with the abundance of produce that we get all at once? Canning is a great way to preserve our garden goodies so that they last throughout the year. However, canning can be dangerous, and even deadly, if it is not done properly.

There are three acceptable canning methods: the boiling water bath, atmospheric steam canning, and pressure canning methods.

The boiling water bath method is used for tomatoes, fruits, jams, jellies, salsa, and pickles. These are considered high-acid foods (pH 4.6 or less) or have an acid, like vinegar or lemon juice, added to them. In this method, jars are completely covered with boiling water and processed for a specific amount of time, depending on the item and size of the jar.

The pressure canning method is the **ONLY** acceptable method

to can low-acid foods (pH of 4.6 or more) like some vegetables, meats, seafood, poultry, or broth. There are two types of pressure canners: a weighted gauge or a dial gauge. It is very important to have your dial gauge canner inspected and tested annually. You can do this at your local Extension Office! In this method, jars are placed in 2-3 inches of water and then heated to a temperature of at least 240 degrees Fahrenheit. This temperature can **ONLY** be reached in a pressure canner.

The atmospheric steam canning method can only be used for high-acid foods (pH of 4.6 or less) like jams, jellies, fruits, or pickles. Previously, there was not enough research to support this method, but it was approved by the National Center for Home Food Preservation as an acceptable method in 2015. With this method, the jars are set in a rack above water. The steam produced from the boiling water provides

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## Cruise-in Madness

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(NEW DATE)**



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# Va. State Police seeking information on stabbing death

May 23, 2023, marked the quiet and tragic anniversary of the day a Pennsylvania man was found stabbed to death near Interstate 77 in Bland County.

Despite dozens of tips and substantial evidence collected at the scene, the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Wytheville Field Office is still encouraging the public to come forward with any information about this case.

State police is especially interested in hearing from anyone who may recall having seen a white Nissan, other vehicles and/or individuals at the pull-off on Wilderness Road Friday evening, May 22, 2020, through noon Saturday, May 23, 2020.

It was at approximately 12:25 p.m. on May 23, 2020, that the Virginia State Police was notified of a body discovered in a ditch along Wilderness Rd. in Bland County.

Bruce M. Ritchie, 57, of Herminie, Penn., had been stabbed



Bruce Ritchie

to death and was found outside his vehicle, a white 2019 Nissan Sentra.

Both were located in a wide, pull-off area on the right shoulder of Wilderness Road approximately 100 yards from the exit for I-77. Wilderness Rd. is Route 606 and is Exit 62 off Interstate 77 in the



Virginia State Police photos

The crime scene in Bland County near I-77.

South Gap community of Bland County.

State police has determined that Ritchie had been traveling north on I-77 when he apparently pulled off the exit and parked his vehi-

cle. A knife was recovered at the scene.

As the Virginia State Police continues to pursue several leads, investigators are encour-

aging anyone with information to call the Virginia State Police Wytheville Division at 276-228-3131 or contact us by email at questions@vsp.virginia.gov.

## Pulaski County Receives \$1,000 Litter Prevention Green Grant

Richmond, Virginia – Pulaski County is awarded a \$1,000 Green Grant in Litter Prevention as part of Keep Virginia Beautiful's 13th Annual Green Grants Program.

Every year, government, non-profit, civic, and service organizations in Virginia are invited to apply for grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 that will help address an environmental concern in their community. Grants must focus on one of the following priorities: Litter Prevention, Recycling, Cigarette Litter Prevention, or Community Beautification.

“Keep Virginia Beautiful believes that local organizations are best equipped to address and prevent litter, advance recycling, and promote community beautification in their communities. Green grants give people the ability to implement environmental projects that result in positive change and community pride,” says Cristi Lawton, Keep Virginia Beautiful's Executive Director.

ulation in their litter program called, “One Bag Challenge.” This is an ongoing challenge to all citizens, civic groups, Boards, Towns, county departments, and agencies to pick up One Bag of Trash from roadsides or wherever they find litter. They anticipate that hundreds of people will participate to remove bags of litter, tires, discarded furniture, appliances, and other items from the landscape.

The funds awarded for the Green Grant will be used to purchase supplies necessary for participants to safely clean up litter. Litter grabbers, gloves, vests, and bags will be given to individuals for the One Bag Challenge.

The mission at Keep Virginia Beautiful is to engage and unite Virginians to improve the natural and scenic environment. Since 2011, the Green Grants Program has provided \$282,000 for 385 programs and projects throughout the state. Funding is made possible through generous support from Altria, as well as additional sponsorships from WestRock and Village Bank.

## Canning

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heat treatment to the jars.

Other tips for canning food to preserve it -

- Use only approved recipes! Unfortunately, this means you can't use grandma's old pickle recipe.
- Approved sources include: the National Center for Home Food Preservation, the USDA Home Canning Guide, any state's Extension Service, or current Ball Canning Recipe Books. These sources test their recipes for safety. Using these will en-

sure that you and your family do not get sick.

- Just because it is sealed does NOT mean it is safe to eat. It is very important to follow each step exactly to prevent food from spoiling.
- Canning recipes cannot be doubled or cut.
- Take your altitude into account when canning.

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## Martin named to JMU dean's list

HARRISONBURG, VA -- Hiwassee resident, Kerrington Martin, has been named to the Dean's List at James Madison University for the spring 2023 semester. Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899.

Martin is majoring in Justice Studies - BA.

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# Pulaski County property transfers recorded in March

Property transfers in Pulaski County in March 2023 as recorded by the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's office:

Sarah A. Lopez to Jean Carmella Bignell, property at 5496 Shepherd Drive, Dublin, \$139,900.

Burman Gale Grantham to Gary A Templeman, property at 728 Newbern Road, Pulaski, \$113,600.

Cecil J. Bullion to Timothy Wayne Jennings, Jr., property at 4313 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, \$145,000.

John Michael Nunley to William Jeffrey Gardner, property at 102 15th St. NW, Pulaski, \$182,500.

James A. Kincaid to Angela East, property at 135 Floyd Avenue, Pulaski, \$90,000.

Jeffrey S. Barnett to Mark Erle McCracken, property at Lot 15, Deertrot, Pulaski County, \$34,200.

Karen S. Cox to Thomas Galinac, Jr., property near Max Creek, access off SR675, Pulaski County, \$96,800.

Karen S. Cox to Thomas Galinac, Jr., property at 2709 Julia Simpkins Road, Hiwassee, \$56,100.

Karen S. Cox to Dana Wyman O'Dell, property at Tract Southside SR693, near Max Creek, Pulaski County, \$4,548.

Michael Smith II to Wesley Wilson, property at 5694 Jill

Drive, Pulaski, \$230,000.

Jonathan Jesse Pilkington to Bright Line Ventures, LLC, property at Lots 25 & 26 Fagg Addition, Pulaski County, \$20,000.

Bright Line Ventures, LLC, to Daniel McGrath, Lots 25 & 26, Fagg Addition, Pulaski County, \$35,000.

Sandra Lee Stallings to Bryce A. Winkle, property at 301 Bertha Street, Pulaski, \$120,000.

Anthony Walter Perkins to Darryl Webb, property at 1101 Brookfield Avenue, Pulaski, \$15,000.

Karen S. Cox to John Randolph Campbell, property near Max Creek, Snowville-Hiwassee, Pulaski County, \$398,200.

Shah Development, LLC to Nicholas Popczun, property at 4624 Worrells Way, Dublin, \$418,000.

Terance Simon to Michael G. Miller, property at 1 Northwood Drive, Pulaski, \$369,000.

Logan N. Tabor to 4890 NBRD LLC, property at 4890 Newbern Road, Pulaski, \$140,600.

Curtis C. Corvin to Terry Michael Smith, II, property at 1120 Wilson Avenue, Pulaski, \$220,000.

Robyn A. Simpkins to Gene Leslie, Jr., property at 1213 Peppers Ferry Road, Pulaski, \$141,500.

Kathy H. Davis to Holly Beth Woodyard, property at 3354 Virginia Heights Drive, Pulaski, \$32,500.

Stacy Lynn Jones to Linelle

Martin, property at 4059 Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski, \$81,540.

Kim Grindstaff to Alyssa L. Hanks, property at 5453 Lovell Drive, Dublin, \$142,000.

Robert L. Smith to Wayne H. Lonefight, property at 5621 Tanglewood Drive, Dublin, \$269,900.

Benjamin Allen Amsler to Richard Scott Eldridge, property at 4449 Sloan Branch Road, Draper, \$515,000.

CNADY, LLC to Jacqueline Robinson, property at 136 13th Street, Pulaski, \$173,000.

Rose Marie Edwards to Colin Cospel, property at 5459 Mitchell Drive, Dublin, \$158,000.

Jennifer C. Harrington-Byrd to Marie A. McQuade, property at 241 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, \$175,000.

Howard H. Nepstad, Jr., to William Woods, property at Tract 2, Claytor Lake, Pulaski County, \$89,950.

Harry R. Dishon to Amie Danielle Crowder, property at 4167 Holbert Avenue, Draper, \$99,966.

James Michael Hodge to Jeanette D. Paylor, property at 6234 Old Route 11 Road, Dublin, \$265,000.

Elizabeth Vann Covey to Jonathan Mark Hale, property at 5726 Alexander Road, Dublin, \$1,000,000.

Lori Jean Rober to James Michael Hodge, property at 4461 Irish Mountain Road, Hiwassee, \$376,000.

Brittney Hamilton Carter to Logan N. Tabor, property at 6043 Springer Avenue, Dublin, \$239,900.

Dolly A. Owens to Ernest Mollette, property at 7480 Lillydell Circle, Dublin, \$18,500.

James Iscah to Tammie Jo Ferguson, property at 4816 Roger Loop, Pulaski, \$187,000.

Benjamin M. Reed to John Andrew Markham, property at Lot 3, Route 639, Pulaski County, \$35,000.

Rebecca Sue Bruce Hannabass to Deborah E. Stike, property at 5990 Castle Avenue, Dublin, \$184,300.

Hunter William Shrewsbury to Cynthia H. Blevins, property at Rev.Lot 1, Cecil Town, Pulaski County, \$120,000.

Mackenzie Cromer to Samuel Dean Sheets, property at 414 Pico Drive, Pulaski, \$211,000.

Kelly Gene Hubbard to Earl Cabaniss,III, property at 5676 Alum Spring Road, Pulaski, \$140,000.

Christopher T. Lewis to William White, property at 4476 Quail Ridge Lane, Dublin, \$70,000.

Michelle Gravley to Joseph Hoff, property at 5449 Stafford Drive, Dublin, \$79,500.

Lowell Bowman, III to Joseph Hoff, property at Lot 9, (10 ft. strip), Block 147, Madison Avenue, Pulaski, \$30,000.

Mendie Purdue Cook to Jeffrey Douglas Dove, property at 5031 Charles Drive, Dublin, \$122,565.

Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group to Austin C. Peterson, property at 2990 Julia Simpkins Road, Hiwassee, \$102,900.

Jason Keith Stump to Jack D.

Henderson, property at 3635 Draper Lane, Pulaski, \$40,000.

Bradley K. Coalson to Marvin E. Mundy, property at 1797 Julia Simpkins Road, Hiwassee, \$200,000.

Bobcat LLC to William Dalton, property at 8696 Parrott River Road, Parrott, \$39,000.

Ruby Williams Tickle to Michael Andrew Waller, property at 2846 Graham Road, Draper, \$120,000.

Shah Development, LLC to Hubbard Real Estate Group 3, property at Lots 11,12,13,14, Block 59, Coal Yard, Pulaski County, \$21,000.

Dorothy Ashley Wilson to Unlimited Sky Holdings, Inc., property at 642 5th Street NE, Pulaski, \$70,375.

Kenneth Neal McClellan, II to Sonia Hodge, property at 7108 Falling Branch Road, Fairlawn, \$45,000.

Andrew Szerokman to John M. Tuck, property at 7228 Timberlane Drive, Fairlawn, \$201,000.

Dustin Shirah to Harvey Enterprises, LLC, property at 7466 Orchard Road, Fairlawn, \$125,000.

Marcia Kooiman to Davison T. Fox, property at 6644 Sagefield Avenue, Fairlawn, \$235,000.

Wallace L. Andrus, Jr. to Stephen P. Newberry, property at 4659 Heavener Road, Snowville, \$650,000.

Jason Williamson to Karmen H. George, property at 8327 Sawgrass Way, Fairlawn, \$51,000.

Brian T. Juanarena to Shawn Dunlap, property at 6402 Teeth of the Dog Drive, Fairlawn, \$649,900.



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

**Your participation along with others' gifts enables the Rotary Club to provide almost \$3,500 each year to support backpack food programs and youth activities in Pulaski County.**

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

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- ✓ **Fourth of July**
- ✓ **9/11**
- ✓ **Veterans Day (Nov 11<sup>th</sup>)**

Please mail your check by May 15<sup>th</sup> so that we can display a flag in front of your home or business starting with Memorial Day.

Please mail your check to:                      Rotary Flag Project  
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## Don't Put All Your Eggs in One Basket

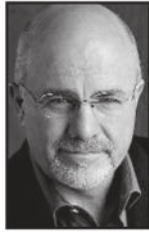
Dear Dave,  
My employer offers an employee stock purchase plan at a 15% discount. I'm usually the kind of guy who buys stocks and holds on to them forever. But when it comes to an opportunity like this, should I buy it and wait for a year to sell it, or should I buy it and sell right away?

John

Dear John,  
Generally, I don't recommend buying single stocks at all. Single stocks are way too risky, and a 15% discount is nothing special in this kind of scenario. Virtually every single company out there that has an employee stock option plan offers a 15% discount.

In most situations like this, if you pull up a 52-week chart on the stock's performance, you'll find a variance of as much as 15% in those 52 weeks. In other words, you could lose any or all of that discount in one move of the stock. Plus, it's not like 15% is a big discount to begin with. Fifteen percent off a single stock, considering how volatile they are, is no big deal. But hey, if you love your company that much, they have a great track record, and the stock has a good history, go ahead. Just don't allow single stocks as a category to make up more than 10% of your net worth.

The core issue here is a lack of diversification. When you put all your eggs in one basket, there's always some clown twirling the basket. The first time I ran into that was a long time ago with a lady who was 70 years old. She had worked for a large company



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

for 40 years. On top of that, she invested all her 401(k), all her wealth—\$800,000 total—in that one company. Well, this company experienced a crisis. It lost nearly half of its value, and her \$800,000 was suddenly worth about \$400,000. She left herself vulnerable with a high-risk play, John.

I'll say it again. Don't bet the farm on one horse, and don't have more than 10% of your net worth wrapped up in single stocks. Hundreds of research projects have been done that show individuals who buy individual stocks and think they know what they're doing actually lose money much more often than they make money.

— 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.

## DMV issues 3 million REAL IDs

RICHMOND – The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has issued more than three million REAL ID compliant driver's licenses and identification cards.

Beginning May 7, 2025, Virginians who want to board a domestic flight using their driver's license will have to present a REAL ID compliant version of the credential, displaying a star in the right corner. Several other forms of ID, including a U.S. Passport, a Passport Card, and some military IDs, will also be accepted for federal identification.

"Many Virginians rely on their state-issued credentials for air travel," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey. "If you still need to upgrade to a REAL ID, prepare for your visit now by applying online and gathering the necessary docu-

ments. When you arrive at DMV, we will do everything we can to deliver a personalized, positive experience that exceeds your expectations."

In addition to domestic air travel, a REAL ID will also be required for access to secure federal facilities, including military bases. Virginians who want a REAL ID are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as DMV expects a rush of customers as 2025 nears. Completing your application online at [dmv.virginia.gov/REALID](https://dmv.virginia.gov/REALID) will also walk you through the documents needed for service.

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# PC students recognized for work with NASA

## Pulaski County Public Schools

Two teams of 17 Pulaski County Middle School students spent a portion of their recently ended school year conducting experiments in a competition hosted by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The goal of these experiments and the competition was to give NASA new and innovative ideas on planting and growing crops on the Moon and Mars in future missions to each.

Led by PCMS Science teacher Mrs. Tina Winesett, the two teams were part of a global science experiment and research challenge to examine how vegetable crops can grow in lunar or Martian soil. Using real soil simulant from the University of Central Florida's CLASS Exolith Lab, the team designed and is conducting a set of experiments using the simulant to grow crops for a future long-duration mission.

These experiments and the competition are a part of the Plant the Moon/Mars Challenge. Pulaski County students performed exceptionally well, earning two State Awards. They were also the only school from Region 7 to place at the State level.

"When I started teaching three years ago, one of my main goals was to find ways for students to make connections between what they learn in the classroom and the world around them," Mrs. Winesett said. "Participating in the Plant the Moon Challenge created this type of opportunity. Students did not simply read about growing plants, completing experiments, and NASA's upcoming missions. Instead, they experienced learning by conducting their own experiment based on research. Their mission - to grow vegetables in lunar soil to help provide astronauts more nutrient rich food while in space. This serves multiple purposes. One, it would help combat health problems astronauts commonly face due to lack of proper nutrition while in space. Second, it is the first step in creating an environment stable enough for long term habitation."

NASA has begun the process of returning to the Moon, including a recent test flight last month that left Earth and circled the moon while mapping more of the surface before returning. The next phase of the mission will include returning to the Moon with a crew and landing. This crew will be the first crewed test flight to the Moon since Apollo. This mission is named "Artemis."

## Bolling Wilson Foundation names Dinero Exec. Director

The Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Steven Dinero as the museum's new Executive Director. Mr. Dinero will focus on helping the Board of Trustees strategically guide the museum through its next stage in development, while also working to increase visitation and diversify sources of income.

Dinero comes to Wytheville after serving as Executive Director of the Carbon County Museum in Rawlins, Wyoming, where he directed new avenues of education, access, and outreach to the community at large developing several exhibits and programs with local, national, and international interest.

Prior to his appointment at the Wyoming museum, Dinero served for over 20 years as a professor at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. In addition to teaching, he acquired several prestigious grants and authored numerous publications. Raised in Buffalo, NY, Dinero holds a Ph.D. from Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey.

From his very first visit to Wytheville, Dinero says, "I was beyond impressed by the Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum. Standing on the street, you would never know what exists inside. This place is chock-full of incredible history about an incredible woman. I am so honored to be working at this histor-



Pulaski County Public Schools photos



NASA has stated that the Artemis mission will include the first woman and the first person of color to land on the moon, and will explore more of the lunar surface than ever before by collaborating with commercial and international partners using innovative technology. The next goal is to build a base camp on the lunar surface, allowing robots and astronauts to explore more and conduct more scientific experiments than have ever been possible by allowing them to remain there for extended times.

The crew of the upcoming Artemis II mission, NASA Astronauts Christina Koch, Victor Glover,

Reid Wiseman, and Canadian Space Agency Astronaut Jeremy Hansen, were on hand to speak when the Pulaski County students visited Richmond last week to display their experiment results and receive recognition.

The PCMS students were broken down into two teams. Cougars 1 consisted of Matthew Bise, Ty'male Martin, Robert LaBianco, Geo Campos-Lytton, Autum Chandler, Autumn Raines, Bonnie Hall, Aaliyah Hill, Aden Hunter, and Riley O'Neal.

Cougars 4 consists of Yang Lu, Austin Turpin, Carter Jones, Christopher Long, Katelin Gallimore, Kaitlyn Nunn, and Ashley Riddle.

Last week, nine of the students from PCMS were able to make the trip to Richmond to display their projects and receive their recognition.

"Students were invited to spend the day at the Virginia Museum of Science," Winesett said. "Their day

started by presenting the details of their experiment to members of the Virginia Space Grant Consortium and other middle and high school students present. Afterward, they were treated to a dome showing of Astronauts in Training where they learned how astronauts get ready for their space missions. After the show students were provided lunch before returning to hear the high school teams give their presentations. Once the presentations were complete, students were presented their awards and given the rest of the afternoon to explore the science museum."

"The Virginia Space Grant Consortium provided the funding for our project and also coordinated the event this past weekend," she continued. "Pulaski County Middle School left a lasting impression with Education Programs Manager Rudo Kashiri. She was impressed that we were able to bring home two state awards in our first year of the competition and encouraged them to participate in the Plant the Moon Challenge in the upcoming 2023-24 school year."

Students from the United States, Mexico, Canada, Spain, Puerto Rico, and New Zealand took part in the experiments and competition. United States participants came from California, Idaho, North Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana, Montana, Illinois, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington, DC, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

The numbers show that 86.3% of the students did experiments on the Moon and 13.7% based their experiments on Mars. The competition was not limited to just one

age group. While a large portion of the experiments were by middle school students, 38.5% were conducted by high school students, 12.4% were by elementary school students, and the remainder were conducted by college undergraduates and professionals.

The event resulted in the creation of 1,072 videos with 382 hours of discussion.

The project completed by the Cougar 1 team earned State and National recognition. Experiment #12508, as it was labeled, attempted to grow spinach, radishes, and green beans in simulated lunar soil. The team earned Best in Show for their green bean experiment, which were planted February 20 and matured in 55 days. They earned the NASA Space Grant Regional Expansion Project Award at the middle school level.

This experiment also received National attention for innovation. They included slices of sweet potato in the pots to aid in sprouting, discovering that they needed to allow the sweet potato slits to dry first to avoid mold in combination with overwatering.

Other schools from the Commonwealth who earned the NASA Space Grant Regional Expansion Project Award at the middle school level included Manassas Park Middle School and Forest Middle School Cavaliers #4.

"My hope for these students ... to believe in themselves as much as I believe in them," Mrs. Winesett said. "They proved this weekend they 'can do hard things' and I look forward to watching these students as well as the entire class of 2027 as they head to PCHS this fall and show their Cougar Pride!"



Steven Dinero

ic site promoting the life of First Lady Mrs. Wilson." Moreover, he and his spouse, Dolores, say they couldn't be happier to be moving to Wytheville. "Everyone has been so welcoming and friendly. We already feel at home."

Carolyn Ward, member of the Personnel Committee and Vice-Chair of the Edith Bolling Wilson Museum Board, comments: "After an extensive search, we are delighted to have Steven Dinero join our team as Executive Director of the Edith Bolling Wilson Museum Foundation. Steven brings a wealth of knowledge and a passion for the important story of First Lady Mrs. Wilson. His experience and knowledge will bring new-found energy to the museum and provide the leadership necessary to preserve this national historic site for future generations to learn from and enjoy."

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River Turtles open season with picnic, win



A nice crowd turned out Monday at noon in Calfee Park for the Chamber of Commerce’s annual picnic to kick off the baseball season in Pulaski.

**Patriot Staff Report**

The Pulaski River Turtles partied a little bit on Monday during the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce picnic - the annual event to kickoff baseball for the summer in Pulaski.

They followed up the picnic by winning their season opener in Bluefield, 8-5 over the Ridge Runners on Tuesday.

Their game Wednesday night in Bluefield was rained out.

The game will be made up as part of a double-header on July 8 when the River Turtles return to Bluefield.

Pulaski opened its 2023 home schedule Thursday night in Calfee Park when the River Turtles entertained the Danville Otterbots. See details on the game on our website, [www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)

Thursday’s game was the first of six straight home games for Pulaski in the next seven days.

Danville is in town Thursday and Friday, Burlington rolls into town for a two-game set Saturday and Sunday. After an off day Monday, Bluefield comes to town Tuesday and Wednesday.

The home stand next Thursday when the River Turtles travel to Johnson City.

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce photos

Four Cougars earn All-Region

**Patriot Staff Report**

Pulaski County High School has placed four athletes on the Class 4 Region D all-region teams in softball and baseball, it was announced today.

Laken Greever landed a spot among the pitchers selected as Honorable Mention on the girl’s softball all-region team.

In baseball, three Cougars made second team all-region.

They included third baseman Cole Albert, outfielder Nick Golden and Gabriel Huff was named as an at-large member.



Pulaski Manager Clark Crist speaks to the picnic crowd. Crist is back for a third season at the helm of the River Turtles.



General Manager J.W. Martin speaks to the crowd about the upcoming Appalachian League season.

Pratt lands spot on All-Region soccer team

**Patriot Staff Report**

Pulaski County High School’s Nathan Pratt was named to the Second Team All-Region D in soccer.

Pratt was a senior midfielder for the Cougars in 2023.

Three in ACC still alive in baseball tourney

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – Three Atlantic Coast Conference teams are among the 16 that remain standing in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship field, and the league is assured of placing at least one team in the College World Series for the 17th consecutive year.

While top-seeded Wake Forest (50-10) prepares to welcome No. 16 seed Alabama (43-19) in one Super Regional this weekend, No. 7 Virginia (48-12) will play host to ACC Coastal Division rival Duke (38-22) with the winner of each series advancing to the CWS.

A total of eight Super Regionals are scheduled this weekend.

See **BASEBALL**, page B4

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### YARD SALES

Huge 4-Family Garage Sale: (Rain or Shine) June 15th, 16th and 17th (Thu., Fri., & Sat.) 7AM - ? at 3789 Old Route 100 Road, Pulaski, VA (Between Rock House Marina and Conrad's Marina). Baby, Children, Adult and Plus size clothing. Household items, sheet sets, quilts, glassware, Princess House, toys, books, pictures, lots of new jewelry (adult and children) pocket-books, tools, bird feeders, bird houses, too many items to list. If the signs are still up on Sunday, stop by and make me an offer on one item or everything that is left. Everything is leaving.

Yard Sale: Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 614 11th Street, Radford.

Multi-Family Yard Sale: Old Tavern Road (Newbern Heights). Outdoor furniture, plus size scrubs, men's and women's clothes, phones and odds and ends. Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10.

Yard Sale: June 10 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 5463 Lovell Drive, Dublin. Weather permitting.

Five Family Yard Sale: 644 Cardinal Drive, Pulaski. Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 from 8 a.m. to ??? First-time yard sale, toys, kids stuff, household items, clothing, tools - all kinds of miscellaneous items.

Yard Sales: Newbern Heights neighborhood will be having multiple yard sales June 10 and June 11 from 8 am until ?? both days.

GARAGE SALE- Multi family Friday June 9 & Saturday June 10, 8am-4pm, 4624 Shelburne Rd, Radford/Snowville. L-Shaped bunk beds/desk combo, home decor, 8'x11' area rug, house-

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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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For Sale: Graveyard plots at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. Two, side-by-side at Lot 24, Block "D" unit 1 and 2 in the Masonic Garden. They sell for \$2,695.00 each, will sell for \$2,000 each. Call 540-674-9311.

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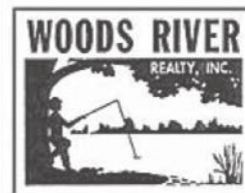
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

JAMIE MIRANDA BUCHANAN V. BRIAN TIMOTHY BUCHANAN

The object of this suit is: OBTAIN A DIVORCE

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

MAY 31, 2023

Trisha L. Albert,  
Deputy Clerk

## LEGAL NOTICE



## Public Hearing Pulaski Town Council

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 20th, in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW to consider Adoption of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan.

All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Town Manager or Clerk of Council by Tuesday, June 20th at 4:00 PM.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE



## Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals

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

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

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

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



## LEGAL NOTICE



## Town of Pulaski BZA Public Hearing

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

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

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

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## 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



# PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

## All Dublin High Alumni

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

## June 10

### Charlie's Ride

Charlie's Ride will be Saturday, June 10, starting at Max Creek Baptist Church in Draper. Registration is 9 a.m., kickstands up at 11 a.m. For information, call 540-230-2485.

## June 11

### Klopman Mills Reunion

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

## June 13

### Appalachian Authors Guild board meeting

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

## June 15

### Sons of Confederate Veterans

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

## June 17

### Tractor Pull

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

### DHS Class of '60 Reunion

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

### King/Davis Family Descendants Picnic/potluck

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

## June 26

### Vacation Bible School

Fairlawn Church of God in Radford, VA is having Vacation Bible School June 26th - 30th from 6PM - 8:45PM nightly. Dinner for the family is at 5PM. Kids eat free,

and adults are \$2. Call the church at 540-639-1511 for more information.

## Aug. 4-5

### Class Reunion

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

## Aug. 26

### Dublin High School 50th Class reunion

The Class of Dublin High School 1973 will hold their 50th class reunion on August 26, 2023. The reunion will be held at

# Baseball

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Each will be a best-of-three format, with the winners moving on to Omaha, Nebraska, for the Men's College World Series on June 16-26 at Charles Schwab Field.

The Duke-Virginia series is slated to begin with a noon game on Friday (ESPN2), while Wake Forest will open against the Crimson Tide at noon on Saturday (ESPN).

Wake Forest seeks its third trip to Omaha and the first since winning the College World Series in 1955. Virginia seeks its sixth trip – all previous five have come since 2009 – and its second NCAA title after bringing home the crown in 2015. Duke seeks its fourth College World Series appearance and first since making three trips in 10 seasons (1952-61).

This year's Wake Forest team, seeded No. 1 overall in the tournament field, averaged an NCAA-record 16 runs per game in sweeping three regional games versus George Mason (twice) and Maryland last weekend. The Demon Deacons also became the first team in program history to hit the 50-win mark.

Thornspring Country Club and Event Center in Pulaski. Save the date cards have been mailed and if you haven't received one please email :cindyviers.cv@gmail.com or tcovey3@verizon.net or write DHS Class Reunion 1973, P.O. Box 233, Dublin, VA 24084. There will be more details mailed out soon.

Join us on Facebook "Dublin High School - Virginia- Class of 1973.

## On going:

### Alcohol Anonymous

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

### Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

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

The Hiwassee Fire Department

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

### Lifestyles Changes

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

### Celebrate Recovery

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

### Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

Virginia is Super Regional bound for the eighth time in the last 15 years. The Cavaliers improved to 35-4 at Disharoon Park with last weekend's NCAA Regional wins over Army and East Carolina (twice), matching the school record for single-season victories at home.

Duke advanced by winning three of four games in the Conway Regional, capped by Monday night's 12-3 victory over host Coastal Carolina. The Blue Devils' three Super Regional appearances since 2018 are tied for the most with North Carolina (2018, 2019, 2022) in the ACC. Duke's MJ Metz, despite playing with a torn ACL, earned Regional MVP honors after hitting three home runs in last Friday night's win over UNC Wilmington and another Monday night in the win over Coastal.

The Blue Devils won two of three versus the Cavaliers when the team met in Charlottesville during the regular season (April 28-30)

The ACC has placed at least one team in each of the previous 16 College World Series (no CWS was held in 2020 due to the pandemic), and multiple conference teams have made the trip to Omaha 10 years during that span. A total of 29 ACC teams – nearly a quarter of the total field – have earned CWS berths since 2006.

Eight ACC teams were selected to compete in the 2023 NCAA Tournament. The ACC has placed at least six teams in the NCAA tournament for 19 straight years. This marked the seventh year since 2010 at least eight ACC teams landed spots in the field.

### 2023 NCAA

**Super Regional Field  
GAMES BEGIN FRIDAY,  
JUNE 9  
All times are Eastern**

### Note: Game times and ESPN Network subject to change

No. 15 South Carolina (42-19) at No. 2 Florida (48-15)  
6 p.m. (ESPN2), 3 p.m. (ESPN2), TBD (TBD)

Duke (38-22) at No. 7 Virginia (48-12)  
12 p.m. (ESPN2), 12 p.m. (ESPN2), TBD (TBD)

Oral Roberts (49-11) at Oregon (40-20)  
8 p.m. (ESPNU), 9 p.m. (ESPNU), TBD (TBD)

No. 14 Indiana State (45-15) at TCU (40-22)  
5 p.m. (ESPNU), 6 p.m. (ESPNU), TBD (TBD)

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# Busch’s bid for 3rd title seems more and more likely

## From NASCAR

For the first time since 2010-2011, the Richard Childress Racing organization has put up back-to-back seasons (2022-2023) of at least three NASCAR Cup Series wins.

Over the last two years, the one common denominator in the RCR Victory Lane celebrations has been crew chief Randall Burnett, who has led Tyler Reddick to three wins in 2022, and now has led veteran Kyle Busch to three wins this season.

With Busch, Burnett and the No. 8 team off to a fast start this season, racking up more wins and logging Playoff points in the hunt for a title is no doubt the focus going forward.

Kyle Busch hasn’t put up three or more wins in a single season since 2019. If Busch were to score his third title this season, he would continue to be one of two active drivers with multiple titles (Joey Logano: 2018, 2022) and just the 10th driver all-time to collect three or more titles – the nine other drivers to accomplish the feat are all NASCAR Hall of Famers.

Though Richard Childress Racing is tied with Junior Johnson & Associates for the third most driver and owner NASCAR Cup Series championships with six each, RCR hasn’t won a title since 1994. Kyle Busch won his previous two championships with Joe Gibbs Racing in 2015 and 2019.

Don’t count out the No. 8 team this weekend either, Kyle Busch has made 17 series starts at Sonoma Raceway posting two wins (2008, 2015), six top fives and eight top 10s.

## California’s Sonoma Raceway is up next for the NASCAR Cup Series

Get out your wine glasses and corkscrews out, it’s time to head to Sonoma, California, the wine capital of the United States, for the NASCAR Cup Series race, the Toyota / Save Mart 350 this Sunday, June 11 at 3:30 p.m. ET on FOX, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

This weekend’s race will be the 16th of the 2023 season and the second of six road courses on the schedule this year (COTA, Sonoma, Road America, Indianapolis RC, Watkins Glen and Charlotte ROVAL).

23XI Racing’s Tyler Reddick took the first road course victory of the year at Circuit of The Americas back in March. Now, the NASCAR Cup Series heads to Sonoma Raceway to battle it out on the challenging 1.99-mile, multi-elevation road course for the 34th time in series history.

There have been 33 NASCAR Cup Series races at Sonoma Race-

way since the first race there in 1989 – one race per season - until the 2020 season. Due to the pandemic, the series did not compete at Sonoma Raceway in 2020.

The 33 NASCAR Cup Series races at Sonoma Raceway have produced 18 different pole winners and 21 different race winners. NASCAR Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon leads the series in both poles (five: 1998, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005) and wins (five: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2006) at Sonoma Raceway.

Of the 18 different pole winners at Sonoma, three are active this weekend, led by Hendrick Motorsport’s driver Kyle Larson with four poles (2017, 2018, 2019, 2022).

## Playoff Bubble Shuffle: Chastain loses points lead, Bowman outside Playoff cutoff looking in

While Richard Childress Racing’s Kyle Busch was grabbing his third win of the season last weekend at World Wide Technology Raceway, several positions on the Playoff bubble started to shuffle. One of the biggest moves from last week, was the winless Ross Chastain losing the points lead and his guaranteed spot in the postseason. With Chastain dropping to fourth and Ryan Blaney taking the NASCAR Cup Series driver standings lead already having a win this season, it has opened-up an additional spot for drivers to get in on wins or points. Heading to Sonoma Raceway this weekend, six spots are up for grabs in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs.

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

The six drivers currently occupying the remaining postseason spots on points are 11. Kevin Harvick (+166 points ahead of cutoff), 12. Ross Chastain (+159), 13. Brad Keselowski (+96), 14. Chris Buescher (+86), 15. Bubba Wallace (+27) and 16. Daniel Suárez (+6).

Falling one spot to 17th after a 26th-place finish at Word Wide Technology Raceway last weekend, Alex Bowman is six points back from defending Sonoma Raceway winner, Daniel Suárez in 16th – the final transfer spot on points to the Playoffs. Not far behind Bowman is rookie Ty Gibbs in 18th in the Playoff outlook, 15 points back from Suárez.

Currently five drivers that made the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs last season are below the cutline this year – Alex Bowman (17th, -6 points), Austin Cindric (19th, -33 points), Chase Elliott (27th, -98 points), Austin Dillon (29th, -113 points), and Chase Briscoe (31st, -138 points).

# Baseball

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layed games.

GAMES BEGIN SATURDAY, JUNE 10 – All times are Eastern  
Note: Game times and ESPN Network subject to change

No. 16 Alabama (43-19) at No. 1 Wake Forest (50-10)  
12 p.m. (ESPN), TBD (TBD), TBD (TBD)

Texas (41-20) at No. 8 Stanford (42-17)  
6 p.m. (ESPN2), TBD (TBD), TBD (TBD)

No. 12 Kentucky (40-19) at No. 5 LSU (46-15)  
3 p.m. (ESPN), TBD (TBD), TBD (TBD)

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Pulaski County Tourism photo  
Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters displays one of the county’s new Guideries.

# New Pulaski County Guideries introduced to boost economy

June 7, 2023, Pulaski County is proud to share their new economic tool that showcases unique post-pandemic adaptations in the ever-changing industry of tourism.

The COVID-19 pandemic acted as a catalyst for the digital age, which meant that engagement with tourists would drastically shift from largely face-to-face interaction, to online engagement. Because of this major change, Visitor Centers across the country were forced to shut down as they weren’t being utilized for information, instead the centers were being used exclusively as bathroom stops rather than for accessing the information these centers were intended to provide.

Soon after this change became

visible, Pulaski County decided to put together a team to solve this dilemma. Pulaski County Tourism Director, Peggy White, stated, “We had to figure out a way to properly adapt to the digital space, but at the same time focus on attracting people to the area and engaging them with physical attractions.”

It was this vision that allowed Pulaski County’s creative team to see the idea of a ‘Visitor Center’ from a new perspective. The team decided that the best way to provide information to tourists in the digital era would be to create ‘Guideries’ at different locations across the county. These Guideries would provide tourists with access to ‘The Yellow Book,’ which is a booklet of QR codes that link


to attractions and business websites across not only Pulaski, but the entire New River Valley.

These Guideries combine both the future of digital tourism and an appreciation for Pulaski’s rich history as they aren’t just places to access a booklet; they are also phone booths. These Guideries were constructed as a nod to the phone booths manufactured by Pulaski Furniture in 1977. Pulaski County High School students interpreted the team’s vision and constructed these Guideries under instructor Christian Miller and are a perfect place for tourists to gather information and to interact with Pulaski’s heritage.

After partnering with 5Points Creative for branding consistency  
**See GUIDERIES, page B10**

## Pastor’s Anniversary Celebrating 11 years

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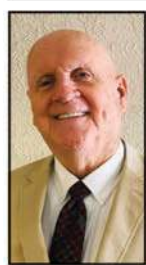
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Jesus Came To Save Lost Sinners

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It’s a good thing for you and me

Church Directory

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# McCraw

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

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

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

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

# Burcham earns Global Seal of Biliteracy

GREENVILLE, SC -- Juliana Burcham, a English major at Bob Jones University, recently earned the Global Seal of Biliteracy after successfully completing the AVANT 4S Assessment. Burcham is a resident of Pulaski.

To qualify for the Global Seal, students complete an approved proficiency exam that evaluates their ability to read, write, listen and speak a specific language. They must achieve a minimum intermediate-mid rating in all four skills.

Juliana Burcham earned a Global Seal of Biliteracy in German.

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# Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Darius (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which prophet was trapped at a wall by an angel with drawn sword? Daniel, Balaam, Jeremiah, Nathan
3. In Proverbs 21:17, he that loveth wine and oil shall not be ...? Pure, Blamed, Liked, Rich
4. From Genesis 37:3, who had a coat of many colors? Abraham, Goliath, Adam, Joseph
5. Which Hebrew woman became Queen of Persia? Sarah, Esther, Deborah, Ruth
6. From Judges 10:2, how many years did Tola judge Israel? 1, 7, 23, 110
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Balaam, 3) Rich, 4) Joseph, 5) Esther, 6) 23
- "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Psalms 26:5-7

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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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Dublin, VA 24084  
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Dublin, VA 24084  
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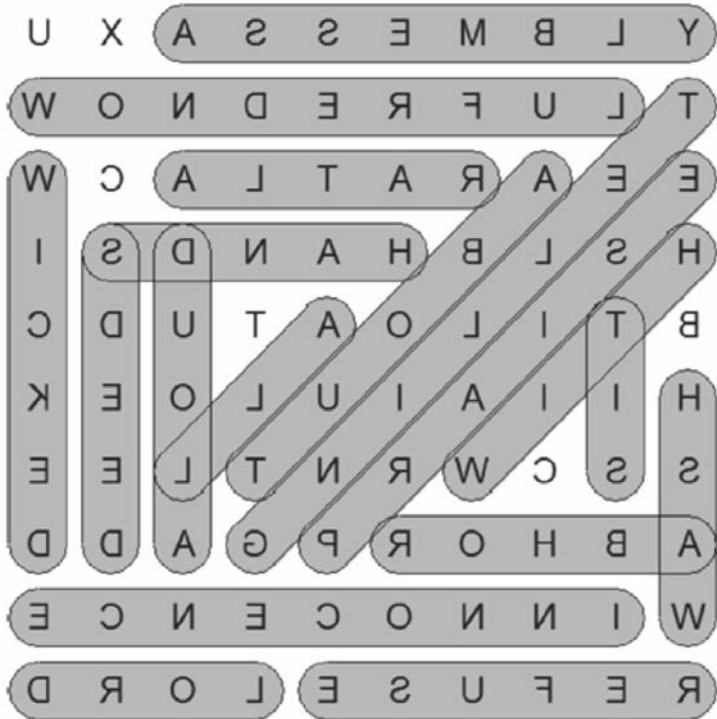
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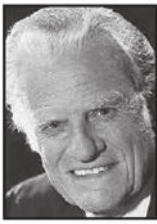
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## Death for the Christian is the doorway to Heaven's glory

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham  
Q: I have aging parents and the end for them is near. My father is strong of mind but my mother is frail of heart. They both believe that death is the doorway to Heaven and I hope that soon they can have peace in their hearts and be in the presence of their Savior and Lord. Is that a selfish wish on my part? – P.C.  
A: When President John Quincy Adams was already out of office and 80 years old, he was met by an old friend who shook his trembling hand and said, "Good morn-

ing. How is John Quincy Adams today?" The president looked at him for a moment and then said, "John Quincy Adams himself is quite well, sir, quite well, but the house in which he lives at present is becoming dilapidated. It is tottering upon its foundations. Time and the seasons have almost destroyed it. Its roof is pretty worn out. Its walls are much shattered, and it crumbles with every wind. The old tenement is becoming almost uninhabitable, and I think that John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it soon. But he himself is well, sir, quite well!"



### My Answer

Billy Graham

It was not long afterward that he had his second and fatal stroke, and John Quincy Adams moved from his "shaky tabernacle," as he called it, to his "house not made with hands."  
To the Christian facing death, the earthly tent is disintegrating

and has structural imperfections, but someday we will be given the title to a home that will never deteriorate.  
Death for the Christian is the doorway to Heaven's glory, and because of Christ's resurrection, we have this hope of eternity in His presence forever. Death is merely the gateway to eternal life beyond the grave, and all Christians long to see their loved ones and friends join them in glory someday.  
(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

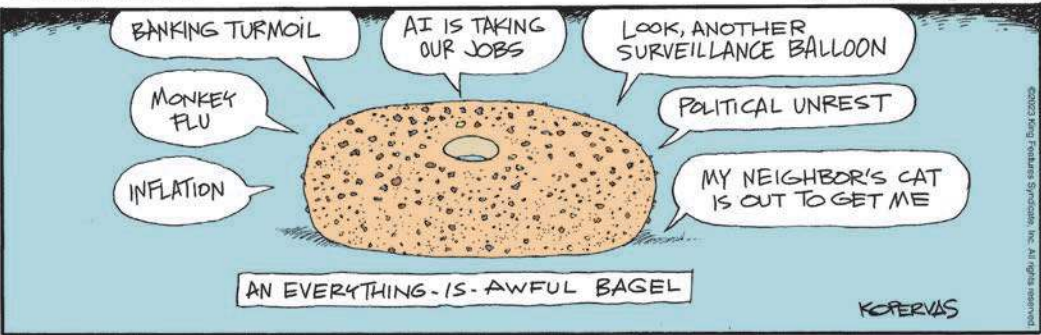


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by Gary Kopervas



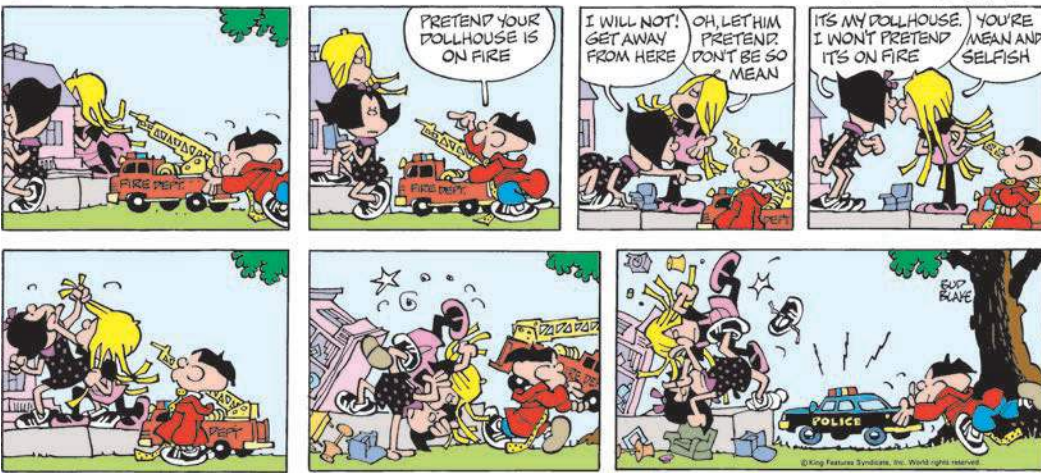
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- 8 Experts
- 12 Punk rock offshoot
- 13 Classic theaters
- 14 Global septet
- 15 Ages and ages
- 16 When bar drinks are discounted
- 18 First-rate, in slang
- 20 Perched
- 21 Apothecary measure
- 24 Of the Arctic
- 28 Annual celebration for a saint
- 32 Forbidden act
- 33 Freedom, for short
- 34 First half of an LP
- 36 Pol. party org.
- 37 Raw materials
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- 43 Admin. aide
- 44 Composer Rorem
- 46 Grammarian's concern
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- 4 Companions
- 5 Oklahoma city
- 6 Zing
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- 9 Corp. boss
- 10 Vichy water
- 11 Old map letters
- 17 Chatter
- 19 Rx writers
- 22 Tennis score
- 23 Tyler Perry persona
- 25 Mine find
- 26 Diarist Frank
- 27 Boulder
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- 30 Help a hood
- 31 Evergreen trees
- 35 Promised
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- 40 Scale amts.
- 42 Favorite
- 45 Turned blue?
- 47 Border on
- 48 Leslie Caron role
- 49 Repeat
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- 53 Peyton's brother
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top ten

COLLEGE MARCHING BANDS

Source: CollegeRaptor

1. Texas A&M Aggie Band
2. University of Southern California Trojan Marching Band
3. Ohio State University Marching Band
4. University of Tennessee Pride of the Southland Band
5. University of Texas Longhorn Band
6. Purdue University "All-American" Marching Band
7. Ohio University Marching 110
8. Penn State Blue Band
9. University of Michigan Marching Band
10. University of Iowa Hawkeye Marching Band

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which actor voiced the character of Darth Vader in the first three "Star Wars" movies released?
2. TELEVISION: Which was the first TV show to react to the 9/11 attack on the United States?
3. LITERATURE: Who is the youngest person to win the Nobel Prize for literature?
4. HISTORY: Which city did Anne Frank and her family live in hiding before they were discovered?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the tallest breed of dog?
6. FOOD & DRINK: What is considered the national dish of Spain?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the only city that also is the smallest country in the world?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which holiday is considered the Jewish New Year?
9. ANATOMY: What are the bones in the fingers called?
10. ASTRONOMY: How many primary phases of the moon exist?

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WORD LADDERS

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

VALUE

MINDS

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Grace 2. Staid 3. Inert 4. Insure

WORD LADDER

VALUE, VENUE, VENUS

MINDS, MENDS, MENUS

Answer

King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

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— Mark Twain

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# Pulaski County Public Schools Robotics receives support

## Pulaski County Public Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools received some great news last week, with the announcement of several sponsorships for the younger robotics teams within the school system.

PCPS Gifted Elementary Resource Teacher Asher Vaughn was notified that the donations were thanks to a very generous donation from the New River Robotics Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) based in the New River Valley.

The group, created by Franky Marchand, Henry Base, and their families, began in the Fall of 2012 as a group of volunteers dedicated to spreading STEM through the use of robotics and engineering, especially to students in the New River Valley and surrounding area of Virginia.

The group supports teams in several different age groups.

FIRST Lego League Explore teams target students ages 5-9. At this level, students learn about topics such as energy, shipping, space or buildings. They progress through individual and teamwork challenges, including building with Lego, adding a motor, and adding a sensor. The culminating project is a Lego structure that models their idea for solving a problem related to the topic. These models normally have a motor and sensor incorporated into their design, and are controlled by program the students build on an electronic tablet.

This is the initial entry point for students into the program, and this is the age level that will be receiving financial and material support in Pulaski County.

Asher, who coordinates the program for PCPS, was presented with three full EV3 kits. One of those kits is the Core Set with brick/brain, motor, sensors, and plenty of Technic pieces. The others are Expansion Kits, which include a wider variety of pieces and additional Core Set Technic pieces. The cost of each of these kits individually is \$750.

Additionally, the group has provided a grant to start and fund teams at Critzer, Pulaski, and Snowville elementary schools for competition. These sponsorships are \$250 each. The group will also supply each school with a package of supplies needed to compete against other teams in the Fall, at \$95 each, and they will be providing each school with a 6' x 4' competition table to practice with. They have an additional goal of finding grants



Pulaski County Public Schools photo

to provide additional tables. The group has also offered to work with Vaughn and his students throughout the upcoming First Lego League Challenge Season (FLL-C). That season will run from August through late November.

The students in the gifted fifth grade program will be known as the Panthers (PES), Critters (CES), and Huskies (SES), and they will meet during school hours.

“NRRA is giving our students the opportunity to learn some

very valuable skills,” Mr. Vaughn said. “By having our students learn about robotics, coding, collaboration, and problem solving at an earlier age, it will enhance our programs at the middle school and high school levels. It’s an incredible opportunity for

our students to be involved in expanded learning opportunities at a younger age.”

For more information on the New River Robotics Association, visit their website at <https://www.newriverrobotics.org/>.

## Early giving opens for GiveLocalNRV

Blacksburg - Early giving is now open for the Community Foundation of the New River Valley (CFNRV)’s 10th Annual GiveLocalNRV Giving Day, a 24-hour online event that engages nonprofits in raising funds and awareness for their organizations. This year’s event, hosted by the CFNRV, will kick off at noon on Wednesday, June 28, and end at noon on Thursday, June 29, but nonprofits can fundraise throughout the month of June during the early giving period.

More than 100 nonprofits are registered this year and collectively, the goal is to raise at least \$500,000. Since 2014, the New River Valley community has ral-

lied around this annual event with thousands of donors giving a total of \$2.6 million to dozens of nonprofits. Fueling the excitement of the day are incentive grants and prizes provided by the CFNRV and its generous sponsors totaling more than \$25,000. One organization will be selected to win an episode of Buzz4Good which airs weekly on Blue Ridge PBS and features the work of regional nonprofits to generate more “buzz” for their missions.

“We have supported GiveLocalNRV since it began 10 years ago,” said Brad Denardo, President of the National Bank of Blacksburg. “The New River Valley is home to many incredible nonprofit or-

ganizations; all working together through GiveLocalNRV to tell their stories and raise money for their important work. As a community bank, we have been particularly proud to offer a matching gift each year to the Fund for the NRV at the Community Foundation, which is the engine that makes this annual giving day and so many other regional programs possible.”

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.

Jessica Wirgau, the CFNRV’s Chief Executive Officer, is excited to celebrate this milestone year, “We started the GiveLocalNRV giving day 10 years ago to give nonprofits a place to raise funds and to give donors a single place to learn about and support the many amazing causes benefiting our community. It is incredibly gratifying to see how innovative and dedicated the participating nonprofits are each year, and to see the number of gifts, donors, and sponsors grow over time.”

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 is below. The list is sorted by the locality each organization is based in but 64% of the organizations registered this year serve more than one locality. To donate to your favorite organization, please visit [givelocalnrv.org](http://givelocalnrv.org).

### GILES (3)

- Giles County Christian Service Mission
- Giles County Shelter/The Hope House
- Giles Community Garden

### FLOYD (16)

- Blue Mountain School
- Blue Ridge Green Burial
- Floyd Center for the Arts
- Floyd County Historical Society
- Floyd County Humane Society
- Floyd Friends of Asylum Seekers
- Friends of Roberson Mill
- Handmade Music School
- Old Church Gallery Ltd
- Partnership for Floyd
- Plenty!
- Spikenard Farm Honeybee Sanctuary
- Springhouse
- SustainFloyd Foundation
- The June Bug Center
- Yosource

### MONTGOMERY (50)

- Agape Center NRV
- Alta Mons
- Blacksburg Community Band
- Blacksburg New School
- Blacksburg Refugee Partnership
- Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia
- Catholic Campus Ministry at Virginia Tech

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## Guideries

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cy and Von Nester at Sign Systems for branding application, the style of Pulaski County makes itself known to all who see these Guideries.

Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chair, Laura Walters, stated, “These Guideries are awesome, they are so easy to use. They provide easy-access information for the entire New River Valley through QR codes. This is cutting-edge technology for tourism and I’m excited to have it here

in Pulaski County.”

These outstanding Phone Booth Guideries transcend expectations and will provide a picturesque and unique experience for tourists. Pulaski County is proud to showcase this new look as the future of ‘Visitor Centers’ and act as a leader for communities across Virginia. These booths will be placed at several different key locations within the coming weeks.

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# Give

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- Christiansburg Institute
- Community Foundation of the New River Valley
- DePaul Community Resources
- Eastmont Community Foundation
- Friends of the Farmers Market
- Friends of the Huckleberry
- Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley
- Hacksburg
- Havenwood Equestrian Center
- Historic Smithfield

## Set up digital preparedness kit for hurricane season in 2023

RICHMOND – With hurricane season starting on June 1, the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) and Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) are encouraging people in the Commonwealth to get ready now by setting up a ‘digital preparedness kit’ to help stormproof your electronic devices and digital information.

Here are the steps you can take right now to safeguard your data and devices:

- Make sure your electronics are backed up on a regular basis;
- Scan important paperwork, documents and sentimental items such as photos into a digital format. You can do this by using a scanner, a handheld camera or with an app on your mobile device;
- Once your key information has been saved digitally, back up your data and files to an external hard drive, USB drive or a cloud-based server; and
- Take physical steps to prepare your devices ahead of time:
- Make sure you keep all of your electronics charged up, so you’re ready to go prior to any type of emergency;

- Humane Society of Montgomery County
- Inmate Family Assistance of the NRV
- Intellectual Disabilities Agency
- Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley
- Live Work Eat Grow
- Mayapple School
- Micah’s Backpack
- Montgomery County Christmas Store
- Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program
- Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care & Control
- Montgomery Museum of Art & History
- Mountain View Humane
- New River Family Shelter
- New River Land Trust
- New River Valley Leading Lights
- New River Valley Youth Cycling Alliance
- NRV Academy of Dance
- NRV CARES
- Renaissance Music Academy of Virginia
- St. John Neumann Academy
- Summer Musical Enterprise
- Sustainable Blacksburg
- The Blacksburg Master Chorus
- The Community Group
- The Lyric Council
- The Warm Hearth Foundation
- United Way of the New River Valley
- Volunteer Montgomery (formerly known as RSVP)
- VT Autism Clinic & Center for Autism Research
- Wonder Universe, A Children’s Museum
- YMCA at Virginia Tech

- PULASKI (20)**
- Beans & Rice
  - Calfee Community & Cultural Center
  - Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley
  - Free Clinic of Pulaski County
  - Friends of Peak Creek
  - Go Pulaski County: Volunteers Building Community
  - InStill Mindfulness
  - New River Community College Educational Foundation
  - New River Conservancy
  - New River Historical/Wilderness Road Regional
  - New River Valley Agency on

- Aging
- Pulaski Adult Day Service & Fall Prevention Center
  - Pulaski Community Youth Center
  - Pulaski County Animal Shelter
  - Pulaski County Free Store
  - Pulaski County Public Schools Education Foundation
  - Pulaski Daily Bread
  - Pulaski on Main
  - Randolph Park Pool
  - YMCA of Pulaski County

- RADFORD (6)**
- Glencoe Mansion Museum & Gallery
  - New River Community Action
  - Radford Band Boosters
  - Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread
  - Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley
  - Young Life Radford & Pulaski County

- WYTHE (10)**
- Rural Retreat Depot Foundation
  - Bland Ministry Center & Dental Clinic
  - Brock Hughes Free Clinic
  - Family Resource Center
  - Haller-Gibboney Rock House Restoration Project
  - Mountain Community Action Program
  - Presbyterian Childrens Home of the Highlands
  - Ronald McDonald House Charities of SW VA
  - Wythe County Historical Society
  - Wytheville Training School Cultural Center

- Physically located outside the NRV, but serve the region in a significant way (10)
- Blue Ridge Land Conservancy
  - Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America
  - Brain Injury Services of SWVA
  - Feeding Southwest Virginia
  - Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council
  - Roanoke Higher Education Center Foundation
  - Science Museum of Western Virginia
  - Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center
  - The Bridge Ministry
  - Virginia Hunters Who Care

# Fight against DEI picks up steam nationwide

By Casey Harper

(The Center Square) – The legislative fight against Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs in education is picking up steam nationwide.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. introduced the Fairness in Higher Education Accreditation Act, which would ban accreditation officials from considering an educational institution’s DEI or affirmative action policies when determining accreditation.

DEI departments have exploded at universities in recent years with a spike in new administrators who enforce liberal equity and racial policies at the educational institution. These programs usually embrace the idea of systemic racism, speak of the U.S. as a deeply racist nation, and push for the most aggressive side of the LGBTQ agenda.

In recent years, more and more federally recognized accreditation agencies have implemented DEI requirements for applicants, forcing schools to embrace progressive ideas on race and gender or risk losing their accreditation.

“Wokeness should not be mandatory,” Rubio said in a statement after introducing the bill, which the Florida senator argues “seeks to prevent a politicized Department of Education from further forcing diversity, equity, and inclusion policies into higher education.”

Practically, DEI enforcement manifests in various ways. In a fact sheet published by the Department of Education, the agency touts President Joe Biden’s emphasis on DEI and lays out several examples of potential DEI activities.

From the DOE:

- diversity, equity, and inclusion training;
- instruction in or training on the impact of racism or systemic

racism;

- cultural competency training or other nondiscrimination trainings;
- efforts to assess or improve school climate, including through creation of student, staff, and/or parent teams, use of community focus groups, or use of climate surveys;
- student assemblies or programs focused on antiharassment or antibullying;
- investigations of, and issuance of reports concerning the causes of, racial disparities within a school; or
- use of specific words in school policies, programs, or activities, such as equity, discrimination, inclusion, diversity, systemic racism, or similar terms

The federal agency goes out of its way to argue that these activities do not “create a hostile environment on the basis of race.”

U.S. Sens. Rick Scott, R-Fla., and Mike Lee, R-Utah, are helping lead the effort to undo these federally backed requirements for accreditation.

“We need to make sure that no school is judged based on whether a DEI agenda is used,” Scott said.

Lee said the effort “safeguards against manipulating the accreditation process to advance ideological agendas.”

The Senate effort is the latest pushback against DEI. State lawmakers and governors have already begun taking on DEI policies, as The Center Square previously reported.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is expected to sign a bill that will end taxpayer funding for DEI programs at public colleges and universities.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Supreme Court is taking on the affirmative action issue and may prohibit the

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# NRCC: 2nd Nursing scholars recognized DEI

New River Community College recently recognized the recipients of the second class of NRCC Nursing Scholars, a scholarship program that fosters opportunity and success for outstanding high school junior and senior students who show interest and ability in NRCC's Nursing Associate of Applied Science degree.

This year's Level One scholars include Claire Fender (Radford High School), Madelyn Hedge (Pulaski County High School), Tiffany Jackson (Eastern Montgomery High School), and Michaela Robertson (Floyd County High School).

Level Two scholars include Melanie Gallimore (Floyd County High School) and Elaina McCoy (Blacksburg High School).

The six students were awarded scholarships and certificates at a ceremony held at NRCC on May 24.

Scholarship students and their families were greeted by NRCC's President Dr. Pat Huber, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services Dr. Peter Anderson, Dean of Arts and Sciences Sarah Tolbert-Hurysz, and NRCC Educational Foundation Executive Director Angie Covey. Interim Coordinator of Nursing Helen Wolfe, nursing faculty Misty Rice, Caitlin Reed, Heather Umberger, Wendy Hay, and Michelle Goodwin along with advisors Katie Pruett and Fran



(L to R): 2023-2024 NRCC Nursing Scholars: Melanie Gallimore, Madelyn Hedge, Tiffany Jackson, Claire Fender, Elaina McCoy (not pictured: Michaela Robertson)

Scartelli assisted in presenting students with scholarship certificates.

Nursing Scholars receive support from advisors who are charged with helping scholars make the best possible transition from high school through completion of NRCC's Nursing AAS degree. The scholarship consists of level one and level two awards. High school (public, private and

homeschool) juniors and seniors who reside in NRCC's service region (Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski Counties and Radford City) may apply for level one scholarships.

Nursing Scholars must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and citizenship. Applicants must have a 3.75 high school grade point average or better and demonstrate

superior levels of leadership and citizenship in the application essays.

Detailed information about the program can be found on NRCC's website at [www.nr.edu/nursing/scholars](http://www.nr.edu/nursing/scholars). For more information about the Nursing Scholars Program at NRCC, contact Lynn Taylor at (540)674-3631 or [ltaylor@nr.edu](mailto:ltaylor@nr.edu).

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policy. The high court is expected to issue a ruling in the coming weeks on the case, which considers the race-based admissions policies at Harvard and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Specifically, the ruling in this case could have a major impact on schools' affirmative action policies and how they discriminate based on race, especially whether schools receiving federal funding can continue to do so.

Students for Fair Admissions, a nonprofit group boasting 20,000 members, filed the relevant lawsuit against Harvard and the University of North Carolina in 2014. The lawsuit alleges that the policies discriminate against white and Asian-American applicants. Both SFFA cases have been defeated in lower courts, but now the Supreme Court will have its ruling out imminently.

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

# NEC, Tech demonstrate intersection safety

## From Virginia Tech

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) and NEC Corporation of America (NEC) announced Monday that they have combined private 5G and artificial intelligence (AI) to create a road-way warning system that could potentially saves lives.

VTTI and NEC's research have created the potential to identify dangerous traffic conditions and hazards, such as the approach of pedestrians or animals, to provide

warnings to drivers. These tests were conducted from January to March 2023 in Blacksburg, Virginia on the Virginia Smart Roads, one of the only facilities in the world that can conduct these advanced tests.

"The concept of infrastructure-cooperative mobility that NEC is aiming for requires highly reliable, low-latency communications via a dedicated network to predict or detect incidents near intersections," said Mike Mollenhauer, Director of the Division

of Technology Implementation at VTTI. "VTTI believes this proof of concept will complement C-V2X technology and improve road safety by informing vehicles and pedestrians of possible traffic hazards when passing through an intersection. VTTI intends to work with NEC to apply the results of these tests to intersections on live public roads."

The use of 5G is expanding throughout a wide range of fields, and demand for 5G networking is expected to continue growing

globally. In response, NEC is conducting verification tests, such as these with researchers from VTTI, to develop best practices in effectively using 5G for traffic safety across various frequency bands, technical specifications, and other conditions internationally.

During these tests, cameras and private 5G base stations that are installed on signal poles of VTTI's private testing facility transmitted high-definition traffic images via private 5G, enabling real time analysis of the images using AI.

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

**Take note! The Master Paddler (5-mile) Paddle Board Race and the Bona Fide (2-mile) Paddle Board Race are set to start at 10 a.m.**

**The Kahuna Kayak (4-mile) Competition begins at 10:30 a.m. that same Saturday - June 17.**

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

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

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

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

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



Paddle Board and Kayak Rentals Available At The Rock House on Race Day!