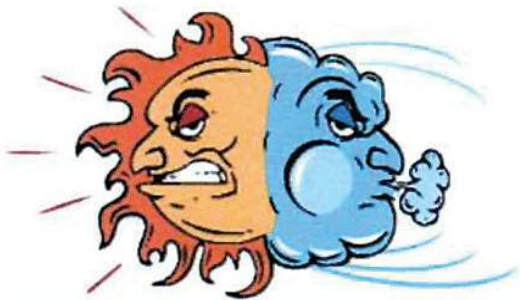




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Supervisors hear plans for former Jefferson School

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Developers have big plans for the former Jefferson Elementary School in Pulaski, and those plans involve – of all things – farming.

Vertical farming, that is, and they described the concept to the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors at their July meeting Monday night.

Cody Journell, President and CEO of VEGG – the name given the Jefferson project – and Luke Allison, Chief Development Officer presented the unique project to the board.

Journell said his group has been working on VEGG for almost a year.

The project centers around the old Jefferson school property, which Journell noted at one point was a staple in the community but has since become dilapidated.

“We’re hoping to bring it back to life with the project we’re working on,” he said.

Through VEGG, Journell said



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the group hopes to take old abandoned historic structures such as old schools in rural towns throughout Virginia, and redevelop them into controlled environmental agriculture, or vertical farming, agriculture space.

Journell, a Giles County native who owns a real estate brokerage and property management company in Blacksburg, is joined in the VEGG effort by Allison and several other advisors and stakeholders including Steve Critchfield, a local developer and entrepreneur

and Brad Copenhaver, the former Commissioner of Agriculture in Virginia among others.

Journell described what brought the group to Jefferson School.

“We had to take a step back for a second,” he said. “We started doing some research on farmland, and it’s no surprise that in the U.S. right now we are developing our farmland at a pretty alarming rate. We actually are losing 2,000

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Pulaski County Enthusiast

White retiring from tourism post this month

By **WILLIAM PAINE**
The Patriot

Her enthusiasm is contagious.

Talk to Peggy White for five minutes and you will come to understand just how enthusiastic she is about Pulaski County. This is most appropriate, as Peggy White serves as the Executive Director for the Pulaski County Tourism Department and holds an unapologetically sunny view of the future of Tourism in Pulaski County.

“It can only go up,” Peggy White said with a grin. “I think we’ve laid a really good foundation. We’ve got the branding and our social media is top notch. We have an award-winning website and we have an Instagram account. Today’s travelers are all



going to the Instagram to look and see what’s there. So, we have laid the groundwork. I mean, it can only go up from here!”

Peggy White has worked as the Executive Director for Pulaski County Tourism since this new department was created in 2021 and it’s been a busy couple of years. Since taking charge of tourism, Peggy has helped conceive and implement numerous projects to promote Pulaski County as a

choice destination for tourists.

One of the most prominent aspects of White’s efforts are the colorful “Welcome to Pulaski County” road signs stationed at every entry point into the county.

“The first thing we needed was a brand identity and the signs made a difference,” White explained. “We have gotten more positive feedback from that signage than anything else. We’ve put our branding in magazines. We’ve wrapped a bus and we have billboards! I think it created an internal pride with people. In the past, Pulaski has had a negative image, but I’ve seen that change in the past five years.”

Peggy White has seen many changes in Pulaski County since

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Dailey & Vincent return to NRCC for Sept. 22 concert

From NRCC

Bluegrass musicians Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent will perform on Friday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. at New River Community College in Dublin. The event is part of the NRCC 2023-2024 Concert Series.

Tickets for the show will go on sale beginning Tuesday, August 1 at 8 a.m. Reserved seating tickets will be \$35 and will be available for purchase online only at www.nr.edu/concerts. General seating tickets will be \$25 in advance and available online or in-person at the NRCC Business Office, 23 Godbey Hall (cash and checks only for in-person sales). General seating tickets will be \$30, and reserved seating tickets will be \$40 when purchased at the door.

Five-time Grammy award winners individually, three-time Grammy award nominees collectively, four-time DOVE Award Winners, and winners of 35 IBMA Awards altogether (including 3-time IBMA Entertainer of the Year Award winners and 3-Time Vocal Group of the Year Award winners), Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent, backed by one of the best bands on tour today, are some of the most reputable and elite entertainers in American music; bluegrass, traditional country and gospel music. The concoc-

tion of the fantastically instinctive vocal blends of Dailey's tenor and Vincent's reedy harmonies has gained them well-deserved praise for their own distinctive style and worldwide recognition as American music gold. Dailey & Vincent has garnered world-wide attention with their first national, top-rated television series, "The Dailey & Vincent Show," on RFD TV and over 500 airings of their PBS special "Dailey & Vincent ALIVE - In Concert." Their CD, Dailey & Vincent ALIVE, debuted at #1 on the Billboard Bluegrass charts and remained at the top position for over 15 weeks. In 2017, the duo was inducted into the prestigious Grand Ole Opry, an exhibit in the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame celebrating "A Decade of Dailey & Vincent - an All-American Music Journey," along with other stand-out performances including their third appearance at Carnegie Hall, plus hosting their annual music festival LandFest in The Mountains in Hiawassee, Ga. Fans can also catch Dailey & Vincent appearing on the world-famous WSM, as they host their monthly radio program.

NRCC is a Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, affiliated venue. Doors will open for the show at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.nr.edu/concerts. Questions may be directed to Tim Jones at 540-674-3625.



Photo courtesy NRCC

Bluegrass musicians Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent

Ohio female pedestrian killed in crash on I-77 in Carroll Co.

Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal crash in Carroll

County. The crash occurred July 25, 2023, at 2:54 p.m. on Interstate 77 at the 9 mile marker.

A 2008 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck was traveling north on I-77 when it experienced a tire blowout. The vehicle pulled to the left shoulder, but was still partially in the left travel lane. A 2002 Toyota Sequoia was traveling north on I-77 when it came upon the disabled vehicle and swerved to the left to avoid striking the Dodge. The Toyota con-

tinued into the median where it struck a woman standing in the median.

The pedestrian, Stacy L. Andrews, 27, of Newark, Ohio, died at the scene. She was a passenger in the Dodge Ram. The driver of the Dodge was not injured in the incident.

The driver of the Toyota, a 69-year-old male from Sanford, N.C., was not injured in the crash. He was wearing a seat belt. No charges were placed.

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acres of farmland per day to redevelopment in our country. That’s leading to roughly a 5 percent decline in the number of farmers in the U.S.”

Journell said his grandfather had a family farm. “And you know, he ran that for 30 to 40 years before he decided to retire. And unfortunately, no one in my generation was brought up, you know, tilling the soil or going to school to learn how to do that or anything along those lines. So, we had to sell the farm,” he said, adding that the loss of farms is leading to huge gaps in agriculture production.

“So, we have more population in our country at the moment, we’ve got less arable farmland that we can use to provide produce and food for our communities. And with all the government restrictions and things that are happening in our political climate, we’re actually being forced to do that in a more sustainable economic or eco-friendly way, which is a challenge,” he said.

However, he said there has been a saving grace which is the technology that is being developed around the horticulture space, more specifically in the vertical farming space. Those include advancements in LED lighting, hydroponic systems and AI robotics.

“We are actually able to take those farming methods that have been done outside and actually bring them inside and do them vertically,” Journell explained. “So, with these facilities we are able to grow sometimes six to 10 acres worth of produce in a one-acre footprint indoors. There’s no pesticides that need to be used



VEGG photo

Concept photo of the VEGG project at former Jefferson Elementary School in Pulaski.

and you can do it year-round. You don’t have to worry about droughts. It uses 97 percent less water and a lot of that is recycled throughout the process.”

Journell added the process is the way that big agriculture is trending.

He noted, however, that with advancements in technology, there are always the challenges that come with that.

“What we found is with the rising costs of real estate, which is no surprise to anyone here I’m sure, the acquisition costs for land for vertical farmers to find places for them to do these projects in these facilities is on the up and up. The development costs, the building costs, any materials, equipment, all of that is keeping a lot of farmers from being able to come in and really make a splash in this space unless they have a lot of venture capital backing, which is few and far between. That leads to tight operating margins for these ver-

tical farmers. There’s high overhead costs when it comes to the debt and everything along those lines. The energy usage in a lot of these facilities is inefficient because they’re trying to build the facilities from the ground up with these warehouse type setups. It’s also burning a lot of fossil fuels. Most of them are heated by burning fossil fuels, natural gas, creating CO2 for the facility and supplementing the plant growth within the facility.”

In the old Jefferson School property, Journell said VEGG is creating a space for small to medium sized vertical farmers to be able to come in and actually lease vertical farming space as opposed to having to build something from the ground up or redevelop a building from scratch.

“We take these school buildings or old historic structures and use historic tax credits to redevelop them, and then offer them to small and medium sized vertical farmers

to lease them out. That creates a lot of positives. They don’t have a lot of debt on their books and a lot of other things.

“The cherry on top of this is that we can do this in a completely carbon negative growing environment. So, it is a way to fill the gap in agriculture. It’s also a way that we can do it and be sustainable.

Allison went into how VEGG is going to accomplish the project.

“We’re talking about the building itself. So, to build a 30,000 square foot structure right now from the ground up, you’re talking \$250 to \$280 per square foot,” Allison said, adding the cost is about the same to do historic renovations.

“But when you can use historic tax credits 45 percent of the cost of rehabilitating it is covered with those historic tax credits. When you’re borrowing 55 percent of the cost, that’s what you need to cover with the lease.

“But instead of just using the tax credits we’re obviously using private investment. We’ve been running all over this state finding people to invest in this community, whether it’s Main Street or VEGG, or some other businesses like MOVA Technologies in Pulaski. When it comes to people and private investments, Pulaski has a lot of buzz right now. So, we really feel confident that through the historic tax credit mechanism in the private investment sector, we’re really going to be able to cut this (costs) down. So as a grower moves into the space, they don’t have to worry about these tight margins because really, the borrowed money – the traditional financing – we will be able to cover that quite easily.

“There’s so much money in the government right now in regard to climate smart technologies, regarding healthy food options for

rural communities, and rural development we’re really targeting all of them. We don’t want any money left on the table in regard to this project,” Allison continued.

“The redevelopment of the structure from the beginning is already 50 percent less embodied carbon compared to traditional brand new construction. And then we’re going to use solar panels. The whole roof of of the Jefferson School will have solar panels. We’re going to use rainwater that can be recycled, so very little water will be used and we’re going to use captured CO2. That’s going to be harvested directly out of the atmosphere.

“There’s going to be a new story break for MOVA technologies and VEGG, Inc., where we got a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Energy to harvest CO2 directly out of the atmosphere and sequester it in that growth facility. To create carbon negative produce, which has never existed. Pulaski is where we experience in the Jefferson School, a contributing historic structure, contributing structure for not only the community but the heritage of this community.”

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet said it makes a lot of sense for Pulaski County to be the home for the project.

“It makes logical good sense considering the Board of Supervisors’ triple bottom line approach to governance and the emphasis you put on solar photovoltaics. We’ve got the hydro renewables. We’ve got methane conversion at our landfill. We’re working on a next gen solar farm concept. You put all this together, Pulaski County has the potential to be one of the greenest communities, of course in the Commonwealth, and perhaps in the country from a per capita standpoint. We’re home to a variety of international companies who have a focus on reducing carbon footprint, whether it’s Volvo who has the largest market share of commercial electric vehicles, or Trova who is putting forth a product in the marketplace for yard trucks, in an electric space. And so we really have this electric mobility market tied up here. You add MOVA technologies and what they’re doing with carbon capture ... the moral of the story is you put all this together and it makes sense for us to be looking at really these next level, green investments, climate smart, green tech investments and it fits into some of the pursuits we’re making collectively with the private sector for major federal funding sources,” Sweet said.

NRV Sheep, Goat Club plans G.O.A.T. festival on Sept. 23

The 3rd annual New River Valley Sheep & Goat Festival will feature numerous breeds of sheep and goats, shearing demos, milking demos, working dog competitions, live music, club member artisan vendors, as well as numerous activities for kids like a petting zoo, scavenger hunt, straw-bale maze, and pumpkin painting.

There will be a live rendition of “Three Billy Goats Gruff” performed with actual goats, of course, and our own “troll under

the bridge!” This event highlights more than 650 members of the New River Valley Sheep and Goat Club representing 270 farms.

To accommodate this growing event, we have relocated to the New River Valley Fairgrounds, the rolling hills are a beautiful backdrop for our festival. Attracting more than 2,000 people last year, we’re excited to bring back our livestock tent, and even more booths with handmade crafts using angora wool, felted wares, knitting, paintings, farm jewelry,

and more. Lunch and snack opportunities aplenty; everything from lamb burgers, sweet Italian sausage, lamb BBQ, and a variety of sheep and goat cheeses, ice cream, and gourmet popcorn!

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NRCC to offer EMT program in fall semester starting Aug. 23

From NRCC

New River Community College will offer the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) career studies certificate program this fall. The 16-credit program consists of five courses that can all be completed in one semester.

The EMT program is designed to lead to entry-level employment opportunities in the emergency medical services field. The program prepares students to assess and care for patients at the basic life support (BLS) level. Students who successfully complete the required courses can sit for the National

Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians EMT certification exam.

Program courses include HLT 105 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), EMS 111 Emergency Medical Technician, EMS 120 Emergency Technician—Clinical, BIO 141 Human Anatomy and Physiology I, and ENG 111 College Composition I.

The program is based on the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSSES) which are derived from the National EMS Education Standards (NEMSSES). The EMT program is also approved by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Classes begin August 23. For

more information, including Virginia Department of Health eligibility requirements, visit www.nr.edu/ems/ or contact Sheila Hart in Admissions & Records at (540) 674-3600, ext. 4204 or shart@nr.edu.

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PATRICIA ANN STEARNES DAVIS

Patricia Ann Stearnes Davis, 48, passed away in Yucca, California, on April 10, 2023, after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her parents, James T. and Shannon Turner of Dublin.

She is survived by her loving husband, Chad, and sons, Thomas and James Davis, all of Twenty-nine Palms, California.

Patricia is also survived by her brother Brian (Heather) and niece, Lily. Also aunts and uncles Judy Gettys, John Turner (Betty), Sue Turner Mullins, Brooks Turner (Fran). And cousins Carla, Jill, Greg, Michelle, Christa, and Brandon. Also Maddi, James' girlfriend.

A Memorial Service will be held at Fairlawn Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 5 at 2:00 p.m.



WILLIAM "BILL" CLYDE JOHNSTON

William "Bill" Clyde Johnston, 67, passed away after an extended illness on Saturday, July 22, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde William and Hazel White Johnston.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Valerie Oder Johnston; daughter and son-in-law, Caroline Mora (Andres Mora Guevara); son, Tyler William Henry Johnston; grandchildren, Austin, Andrew, Ariana, William and Julianna; and numerous close family members and friends.

The family will receive friends on Friday, August 4, 2023, from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Blue Ridge Mountains Council, P.O. Box 7606, Roanoke, Virginia, 24019.

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



LAVERNE "KAY" PRICE

Laverne "Kay" Price, 67, of Pulaski, Virginia, was reunited with her heavenly father on Saturday, July 22, 2023, surrounded by her loving family at her home. Kay was born on September 29, 1955, to the late William Eugene Burton and the late Vergie Hurst Burton.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Eugene Burton, mothers, Mary East Burton and Vergie Hurst Burton. Also, two sisters, Lorraine Wright, and Barbara O'Dell.

She is survived by her loving husband Rusty Price of Pulaski; her daughter, Sherry Lawson of Dublin, her son, Bradley Lawson (Carine) of Woodlawn; Five Grandchildren- Sierra Duncan, Kayla Burton, Anthony Harbin, Cayden Lawson, and Eva Lawson. Four brothers and two sisters: Danny Burton (Bobbie) of Shelby N.C., Larry Burton (Betsy) of Pulaski, Carolyn Davis (Tommy) of Pulaski, Caddell Burton (Yonna) of Dublin, Randy Burton (Teresa) of Christiansburg, and Donna East of Pulaski. Several nieces, nephews, and special friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Fairlawn Church of God with Pastor Marcus Harrison and Pastor Derrick Burton officiating. Pallbearers will be Anthony Harbin, Cayden Lawson, Jamie Davis, Eric Davis, Chris Burton, Zeb Shrader. Interment followed in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to Zeb Shrader, RN and Julie Horton, CNA with Medi Hospice of Pulaski for the amazing care and support they provided during this journey. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



CHELVIA CARDEN MCCOY

Chelvia Carden McCoy, 83, of Conover passed away on Friday, July 21, 2023 at her residence.

She was born January 27, 1940 in Pulaski County, VA to the late Everett Oral Carden and Sarah Gertrude Warf Carden. Chelvia was of the Presbyterian faith and enjoyed sewing and working crossword puzzles

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dewight McCoy and daughter, Tammy Young.

Those left to cherish her memory are;

Son: Joey Farlow of Pulaski, VA
Daughter: Lisa Houston and husband Jeff of Conover

Brother: Lewis Carden of Virginia

Sisters: Bonnie McCoy of Virginia

Betty Clemons and husband Larry of Virginia

Brenda Assid of Virginia

Evelena Kinsley and husband Buck of Virginia

Lola Lynton and husband Leroy of Virginia

Grandchildren: Stacy Hopkins, Steven Hopkins, Blake Young and John Young

Great-Grandchildren: Seth Hopkins, Ayden Hopkins, Scarlete Hopkins, and Sawyer Hopkins

A graveside service to celebrate Chelvia's life was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at Sifford Cemetery, 6235 Parrott Mountain Rd., Parrott, VA 24132. Rev. Tommy Young will officiate.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105

Condolences may be sent to the McCoy family at www.bennettfuneralservice.com

The McCoy family is in the care of Bennett Funeral Service of Newton, 828-465-2111



MARGARET SUE CONNER

Margaret Sue Conner, born October 21, 1945, passed over on July 23, 2023 at Radford Health and Rehab surrounded by her loving family.

Sue was a loving, hard-working woman. Sue came from humble beginnings and worked very hard to provide a good life for her children. She earned her degree in nursing and quickly became a very respected RN in our area. After years of serving our community as a nurse, Sue retired and focused her time on one of her passions, being a seamstress and crafter. Sue was a true artist and her abilities to create everything from beautiful wedding gowns to one-of-a-kind showpiece quilts was unmatched. Sue is a loving mother and grandmother, and she will be greatly missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing her.

Sue was preceded in death by husband William Earl Conner; son, Jeffrey Todd Conner, grandsons Brandon Michael Connor and Darren Thomas Connor, father, Alfred Paul Horton, mother, Forest, Bralley Horton; sisters, Martha Jane Covey and Francis Marie Slaughter; brother, Alfred Thomas Horton.

She is survived by her son Matt Conner (Sandy); daughters Tami Conner, Wendy Roope (Charlie) and Brenda Conner; Special nephew, Kenney Slaughter (Connie); grandchildren, Chris Conner (Crystal), Andy Millirons (Teresa), Chaz Roope, Zach Roope (Paige), Alex Roope (Adele), Dylan Conner; Special grandnephew/niece Cody Slaughter (Brittany) and Cassie Slaughter; great grandchildren Nick Conner, Evelyn Conner, Keyton Warden, Gavin Roseberry, Brooke Millirons, Logan Rice, Finn Roope, Parker Beth Roope, Jacob Slaughter, Jackson Slaughter and Karleigh Slaughter; brother Paul Bruce Horton; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Special thanks to Kenney and Connie Slaughter and daughters Tami & Sandy Conner for the loving care provided over the last several years. Special thanks to Medi Hospice and Radford Nursing and Rehab Center.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023, beginning at 11:00 in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church located at 2 5th Street NW in Pulaski. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Service will be officiated by Pastor, Jessica Darty.

The family is in the care of Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

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NRCC, VCCS announces three percent tuition increase

New River Community College (NRCC) tuition will increase for the first time in five years. This three percent increase of \$4.61 per credit hour will go into effect for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Recognizing the impact of mandatory cost increases, which include statewide adjustments for compensation and benefits, the State Board for Community Colleges recently voted unanimously to increase tuition at all 23 Virginia Community College System institutions. The new rate is \$158.61 per credit hour, or \$2,379.15 for a 15 credit-hour semester.

At about one-third of the com-

parable costs of tuition of Virginia's public four-year universities, NRCC continues to be an affordable option for those in the college's service region. With programs like Access to Community College Education (ACCE), G3 tuition assistance, and scholarships through the NRCC Educational Foundation, NRCC remains committed to assisting students reach their educational goals.

Fall classes at NRCC begin on Aug. 23. For more information about classes, tuition, financial assistance or to register for the fall semester, visit www.nr.edu/registernow.

Carroll County Fair Coming Aug. 23-27

By Donald Trausneck

Only one month to go and the Carroll County Agricultural Fair will be upon us once again.

The Fair will run from Wednesday, August 23, through Sunday, August 27, at the Carroll County Fairgrounds, 497 Farmers Market Drive, just off Interstate-77 exit 14.

Kicking off the Fair will be the always-popular Cowboy Challenge and Horse Show the prior weekend, August 19-20.

Prior to the Fair opening will be Ag Education Days for second and third graders and Ag Day for fifth graders.

Among some of the other highlights of the week will be:

Rabbit show and poultry show – Thursday, August 24, 6 p.m., plus there will be several other livestock shows.

Lawn mower race – Friday, August 25, 7 p.m.

Pet show – Saturday, August 26, 2 p.m. for teens and adults and 3 p.m. for children 15-under.

Storytelling contest – Saturday, 6 p.m. Prizes totaling \$150 will be awarded in each of three divisions: youth, adult, and special needs. There will be a 10-minute limit for each participant.

Horse pull – Saturday, 7 p.m.

Recipe contest – Sunday, August 27, with judging at 3 p.m.

Cornhole tournament – Sunday at 4 p.m.

Other highlights include the barnyard, bench show and treeing contest, farm horse pull, forestry events, hillbilly pig races, kids' tractor train, music entertainment, and wrestling.

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The Patriot

4-H Livestock Club holds 1st Steer, Hog Show & Sale

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

According to Cynthia Hurst, Pulaski County 4-H Program Assistant, this is the first year that the Pulaski County 4-H Livestock Club has held a Steer & Hog Project Show & Sale during the New River Valley County Fair. The Steer & Hog Project Show & Sale took place Monday, July 24th and began at 1:00 pm at the Beef Barn at NRV County Fair.

The Pulaski County 4-H Livestock Club was formed in January of 2023 to provide youth an opportunity to be involved in activities that build skills, and engage in agricultural sciences such as raising and training of animals.

As part of the 4-H program, young people are mentored and learn leadership skills by participating in hands-on projects in areas such as health, science, agriculture and community engagement. The four-leaf clover insignia of 4-H stands for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health and these are the four values mem-

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Cynthia Hurst photo

Fourteen youth competed recently at the Pulaski County Virginia 4-H Livestock Club Steer & Hog Project Show & Sale held on Monday, July 24th during the NRV County Fair. Members of the club range in age from five to fifteen.



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

Winners of the first Pulaski County 4-H Livestock Club Steer & Hog Project Show & Sale are (L to R) reserve champion hog, named Pork Chop, was raised by eight-year-old Kinzly Talbert from White Gate in Giles County. The grand champion hog, was raised by 15-year-old Carlie Hamblin of Newbern.

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Biden and FBI probes

Currently, there are multiple inquiries into Hunter Biden and the FBI.

There is a long list of legitimate investigations happening, more so than ever during my tenure in Congress. The House Committees on Judiciary, Oversight and Accountability, and Ways and Means, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of Government are all investigating Hunter Biden, the FBI, or both.

This column is not for me to pre-judge the outcome of ongoing investigations whose evidence I may later be required to make significant judgements on. Today, I am explaining the current state of affairs.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

It is ultimately Congress' responsibility to investigate claims of government wrongdoing, and though some Democrats might not want that to happen, we are obliged to do so.

It was announced in 2020 that Delaware U.S. Attorney Weiss was investigating Hunter Biden for tax crimes. The investigation dealt with Hunter Biden's business dealings with foreign entities.

When Republicans took control of the House in January, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability immediately launched its own investigation into Hunter Biden and whether the Biden family was engaged in influence peddling.

In March, the Committee announced they obtained financial records showing Biden family members receiving money from Chinese Communist Party connected individuals, while Joe Biden was Vice President.

In April, IRS whistleblower Greg Shapley came forward with information about a "failure to mitigate clear conflicts of interest in the ultimate disposition" of the criminal investigation into Hunter, stating that Hunter was receiving preferential treatment. A second IRS whistleblower, Joe Ziegler, came forward to validate Shapley's claims.

The whistleblowers testified before the House Ways and Means Committee that DOJ officials delayed Weiss' investigation, allowing the clock to run out on charging Hunter Biden with felonies; shared sensitive information about the investigation with Hunter Biden's attorneys; and denied investigators the ability to follow evidence that implicated President Joe Biden.

At the House Oversight and Accountability hearing on July 19, IRS whistleblower Greg Shapley testified that "prosecutors instructed investigators not to ask about the 'Big Guy' or 'Dad' when conducting interviews" and that they were "not allowed to follow up on WhatsApp messages from Hunter Biden...where he suggested he was sitting next to [Joe Biden]."

In June, DOJ announced that Hunter Biden would plead guilty to misdemeanor tax offenses, avoiding jail time. Immediately Chairmen of the House Judiciary Committee, Oversight and Accountability Committee, and Ways and Means Committee opened a joint investigation into how the Justice Department, FBI, Secret Service, and IRS handled the case and whether their investigations were influenced by politics.

On a similar, yet separate note, Republicans have begun probing FBI misconduct in general. Evidence suggests that the FBI and DOJ improperly targeted conservatives after a series of concerning instances.

In a 2021 memo, Attorney General Garland asked the FBI to coordinate with school districts in response to threats related to school boards meetings where conservative parents questioned school policy. The memo likened these parents to domestic terrorists.

Further, an FBI agent out of Richmond connected white nationalist groups to "radical-traditionalist Catholics." The agent claimed that violent extremists have "sought out and attended traditional Catholic houses of worship" and suggested that the FBI develop informants within the church.

In fairness, FBI Director Wray recently testified before the House Judiciary Committee, stating he was "aghast" when hearing of the memo and had it removed from FBI systems.

Unfortunately, this is not your father's FBI.

Additionally, a boatload of Biden Administration officials and agencies, including the FBI, have been enjoined from contacting social media companies relating to "the removal, deletion, suppression, or reduction of content containing protected free speech posted on social-media platforms."

U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty stated in part, "Plaintiffs have produced evidence that Defendants did not just use public statements to coerce and/or encourage social-media platforms to suppress free speech, but rather used meetings, emails, phone calls, follow-up meetings, and the power of the government to pressure social-media platforms to change their policies and to suppress free speech."

This comes after evidence, presented by journalists, that the FBI and other agencies had numerous communications with Twitter immediately prior to the breaking of the Hunter Biden laptop story.

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John Quincy Adams - Career Statesman

- John Quincy Adams - Career Statesman

John Quincy Adams, son of Abigail and the future President John Adams, lived in interesting times. When he was seven years old, he and his mother watched the Battle of Bunker Hill (aka Breed's Hill) from their home just a few miles south of Boston, Massachusetts. By the time he was nine, his father and 55 patriots signed the Declaration of Independence.

Growing up in a family steeped in patriotism and Christian morality gave him a headstart in understanding the importance of freedom, liberty and service to his country.

John Quincy wrote: "One great advantage of the Christian religion is that it brings the great principle of the law of nature and nations - 'Love your neighbor as yourself, and do to others as you would that others do to you' - to the knowledge, belief and veneration of the whole people. Children, servants, women and men are all professors in the science of public and private morality. No other institution for education, no kind of political discipline, could diffuse this kind of necessary information, so universally among all ranks and descriptions of citizens..."

Because the elder John Adams was frequently away on diplomatic business,

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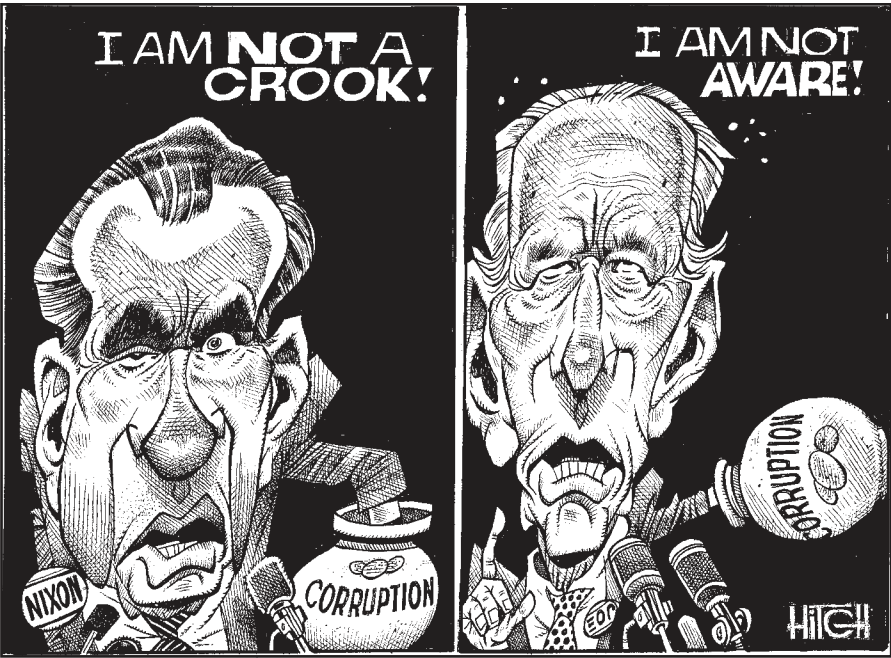
By Danielle Reid

the Adams family relied heavily on written correspondence with each other. John and Abigail were prolific letter writers and their letters help us understand much about the times and political season in which they lived.

John Quincy idolized his father and asked him in a letter: "I wish, Sir, you would give me some instructions, with regard to my time, and advise me how to proportion my studies and my play, in writing, and I will keep them by me and endeavor to follow them. I am, Sir, with a present determination of growing better, yours." John Quincy

So advanced in his studies and in wisdom that at age 13, he accompanied his father to France with the American delegation that negotiated the Treaty of Alliance in 1778. While there, he learned French very quickly and astounded his father by absorbing more of the French language in one day than his father did in a week.

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Love Them Enough to Teach Them Well

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are having arguments about money where our children are concerned. They are both 16, and I think they should have part-time jobs and be learning the value of work. He feels they're only young once and wants them to enjoy being teenagers. He also gives them money anytime they ask. I want our kids to have fun, too, but this is beginning to cause tension in our relationship. I'd love your advice.

Kaytee

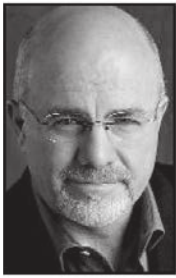
Dear Kaytee,

I understand your concern. I'm sure your husband has a good heart, but by doing this he's acting like a friend instead of a parent. In the process, he's allowing them to be nothing but takers and consumers. He's setting them both up for lifetimes of helplessness and ridiculous expectations without realizing it.

But yes, kids should absolutely learn to work, make money and manage it wisely from an early age. My wife and I gave nice gifts to our kids from time to time, but they also worked and made money for themselves. And the nicer gifts we gave them were for special occasions. Even then we didn't go crazy with things.

Still, the biggest problem you and your husband are experiencing is a communication breakdown. Your husband should stop being so impulsive, and grow a backbone where the kids are concerned. You've recognized this—and you're right about it—so it's up to you to take the first step in finding a solution.

Try sitting down with him, just the two of you, and sincerely explaining



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

your feelings. Let him know you love him and how generous he is. But let him know, too, you're worried this is having a negative impact on your children and why. Talk it out, openly and honestly, and try to agree on some changes together. There's a middle ground here, but it's going to take some time and effort from both of you to reach it.

Most of all, it means you two will have to communicate with each other like mature, caring adults, and pull together for the sake of your kids. It might be difficult at first, but it'll be worth it in the long run. For you and them.

Thanks, Kaytee!
— Dave

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Military doesn't need DEI

House Republicans voted to end diversity, equity and inclusion programs and personnel at the Pentagon, and one wonders whether the U.S. military will ever be the same.

The provision was one of a number of anti-"woke" measures in the House-passed National Defense Authorization Act -- including reversing the Pentagon's new abortion-enabling paid travel and leave policies -- that have occasioned sputtering outrage.

According to National Security Council spokesman John Kirby, there's no way that President Joe Biden would ever sign such legislation "that would put our troops at greater risk or put our readiness at risk."

America's leaders used to worry that we wouldn't have enough stopping power to defend against Soviet tanks potentially pouring through the Fulda Gap or a survivable nuclear force in the event of a nuclear first strike; now they worry servicemembers might not be learning enough about microaggressions.

Last year, Bishop Garrison, serving at the time as the senior advisor to the Secretary of Defense for human capital and diversity, equity and inclusion, said that diversity, equity and inclusion needs to be part of every decision that the military makes -- it's a "force multiplier," and will make the military more lethal.

It's not clear how this could possibly be true. Is the Marine operating a howitzer going to be more proficient if he's familiar with the work of Ibram X. Kendi? Will our fighter pilots be better at aerial warfare if they think the U.S. is defined by systemic racism? Are our submariners lacking so long as they don't know that it's supposedly offensive to ask someone with an accent where he or she is from?

If diversity training is so crucial to a fighting force, maybe we should stop sending so many munitions to Ukraine and ship the embattled country Power-Point presentations on equity instead?

The U.S. military has been a model for decades of how to build a racially diverse institution that is united by common purpose and standards. That doesn't mean it is perfect -- nothing is -- but it was notably diverse long before anyone thought it needed diversity, equity and inclusion training.

Thankfully, by its standards, the Pentagon doesn't spend much on diversity, equity and inclusion. It requested just \$115 million in 2023, although that was an increase of nearly \$30 million.

This suggests that the personnel and programming around diversity, equity and inclusion can be easily axed, and they should be.

Diversity, equity and inclusion is a scammy fad that has ballooned into a more than \$3 billion industry even though there's no solid evidence that it works, and it may well make things worse.

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bers work on through fun and engaging programs.

Fourteen youth between the ages of 5 to 15 entered to show the hogs and steers that they personally raised this year. The grand champion steer, named Roscoe, was raised by nine-year-old Clint Kidd from Giles; and the reserve champion steer, named Stormy, was raised by 11-year-old Lily Cullip.

The grand champion hog, was raised by 15-year-old Carlie Hamblin of Newbern. The reserve champion hog, named Pork Chop, was raised by eight-year-old Kinzly Talbert from White Gate in Giles County.

The sale of the animals is held after the show and proceeds of the sale of their livestock go to the youth who raised it.

“The kids work really hard to raise and show their steer or hog,” said one of the show sponsors. Besides a feeling of accomplishment, their monetary reward comes after the sale of their show steer or hog, when registered buyers bid on the livestock. The proceeds go to the child who raised the animal.

Kelly Talbert commented, “The Pulaski County 4-H Livestock Club is a unique youth organization where they learn lots of responsibility and life lessons.” Her husband Chris added, “It also teaches them how to handle money – to save, give and tithe on what they earned for their hard work.”

Club members include Maison Bunn, Addy Cullip, AnnieBlu Cullip, Gatlin Cullip, Harper Cullip, Lily Cullip, Carlie Hamblin, Carson Hamblin, Charlie Jones, Clint Kidd, Colby Kidd, Kinzly Talbert, Kreed Talbert, and Dylan Sowers.

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Griffith

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Of course, one must not forget the Russia collusion hoax. Special Counsel Durham recently released a report in which he concluded, among other concerning actions, that FBI investigators relied on “raw, unanalyzed and uncorroborated intelligence,” and repeatedly relied on “confirmation bias,” ignoring or rationalizing away evidence that undercut their premise of a Trump-Russia conspiracy.

More evidence to come. Stay tuned!

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Eight-year-old Kinzly Talbert and her six-year-old brother, Kreed, enjoy a dinner with parents after participating in the Pulaski County Virginia 4-H Livestock Club Steer & Hog Project Show and Sale, held Monday, July 24th during the NRV County Fair. Pictured are parents Kelly and Chris Talbert, with Kinzly and Kreed. Kinzly took reserve champion hog title while Kreed took third place in the steer and hog class. When asked if he minded that his sister took reserve champion, Kreed commented, “It doesn’t matter what number you place – just so you do your best.”

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The moral corruption of the French people during that visit was a great concern and embarrassment to John Adams; and the elder Adams attempted to keep John Quincy and himself at a distance from society. A diary excerpt from the elder Adams’ reflects many of the beliefs that shaped John Quincy’s life and which, in his later career as a U.S. statesman, earned him the title, “The Last Puritan.”

It was John Quincy’s custom to rise early (pre-dawn) and read the Bible in French or Martin Luther’s original version in German. Known to never let popularity or peer pressure sway him, he was seen as a young man of strong moral conviction and determination.

These qualities brought him to the attention of General George Washington. In 1781, at age 14, John Quincy was asked to accompany Francis Dana to Russia as his private secretary while Dana negotiated a Russia-America Treaty. Upon returning to America a year later, he enrolled at Harvard University as a law student; and while there, John Quincy wrote many articles supporting President Washington’s national policies.

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As the left-of-center author and podcaster Jesse Singal writes, diversity, equity and inclusion programs often “seem geared more toward sparking a revolutionary re-understanding of race relations than solving organizations’ specific problems. And they often blame white people -- or their culture -- for harming people of color.”

Why does the military, of all institutions, need that?

At the very least, diversity, equity and inclusion is another administrative burden. A recent report on the fighting culture of the U.S. Navy prepared at the direction of Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton and several Republican congressmen noted that “non-combat curricula consume Navy resources, clog inboxes, create administrative quagmires, and monopolize precious training time.”

At worst, it is injecting a poisonous ideology into a fighting force that needs to look past racial

Washington appointed John Quincy to the position of Minister to Holland. In 1801, he was elected a Senator from Massachusetts. In 1809 – 1812, he served as James Monroe’s Minister to Russia; and later under Monroe, served as Secretary of State.

In 1819, John Quincy negotiated what some historians call “the greatest single-handed diplomatic achievement in US history” – the Transcontinental Treaty with Spain, enabling America to purchase Florida for \$5-million; and expand our territory from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific Ocean.

More accomplishments were in store for John Quincy. In 1824, he was elected as the sixth President. While most men would consider that elected position the crowning glory of their career, John Quincy believed that public service was a sacred trust – a call of God to serve in whatever capacity He required. So, in 1832, at the urging of the citizens of Massachusetts, he returned to public service as their Congressman.

John Quincy took his father’s valuable advice and built upon that foundation an exemplary life of service to this country. As a child, his father had instructed

him: “It is essential, my son, in order that you may go through life with comfort to yourself, and usefulness to your fellow creatures, that you should form and adopt certain rules or principles. It is in the Bible you must learn them, and from the Bible how to practice them. Those duties are to God, to your fellow creatures, and to yourself...”

Later in life, when challenged about his faith (i.e., how could an intelligent, well-traveled man like you believe in the Bible) he quickly responded: “You ask me what Bible I take as the standard of my faith...the Hebrew, the Samaritan, the Old English translation, or what? I answer, the Bible containing the Sermon on the Mount – any Bible that I can understand. The New testament I have repeatedly read in the original Greek, in the Latin, in the Geneva Protestant, in Sacy’s Catholic French translations, in Luther’s German translation, in the common English Protestant and in the Douay Catholic translations. I take any one of them for my standard of faith...But the Sermon on the Mount commands me to lay up for myself treasures, not upon earth, but in Heaven. My hopes of a future life are all founded upon the Gospel of Christ...”

I challenge you to find a modern public servant who has the spirit, faith and integrity of a man like John Quincy Adams. What greater accomplishments could America attain if we had career politicians, who would instead consider themselves public servants, with these high standards?

cial and other divisions and needs to believe in this country’s worth. Those who want diversity, equity and inclusion in the armed forces either can’t distinguish between the military and an elite liberal arts college, or want it to be corrupted by the same rotten ideas.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries said the National Defense Authorization Act shows “that extreme MAGA Republicans are willing to even detonate the ability of our military to do what it needs to do to keep us safe.”

To the contrary, it is progressives who want the military to bend to their ideological imperatives. We aren’t going to deter or -- if it comes to that -- defeat an adversary like China with diversity, equality and inclusion trainers or self-flagellating nonsense about our society’s supposed irredeemable flaws.

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she moved here in the 1980's.

Before that ...

"I'm from a little place called Phoenixville, Pennsylvania ... right outside of Philadelphia," said Peggy. "My father was with the railroad and he went from the Penn Central to the Norfolk & Western. I moved to Roanoke for high school."

Peggy then attended Virginia Western Community College to study Commercial Art before heading to the mountains of North Carolina to work at Sugar Mountain Ski Resort.

"That was fun for a little while, but then I ended up working in art galleries in Houston and I got a really intense interest in fine art," Peggy recounted.

To further her knowledge, Peggy began taking Art Conservation and Museum Studies classes at Virginia Commonwealth University. Eventually, she decided to attend Mary Baldwin University so she could take business classes.

In the meantime, Peggy met Locke White, who was intent on giving Peggy real life business experience as a part of Collegiate Designs, a company that he and a partner formed in 1982. Peggy joined the business, which was located in Dublin's Industrial Park, in 1987. That same year, Peggy married Locke White.

"We made ready to assemble furniture for college students," said Peggy. "We made rack beds, futons, computer desks and love seats and all of that. I came up with the designs for the sewing and how to do the assembly of that. I did a lot of marketing and promotion, too. We were a real factory."

While working at Collegiate Designs, Peggy attended Hollins College and acquired her degree in Economics with a Business Concentration in 1993.

"Collegiate Designs was very successful, except for the fact that it was seasonal," said Peggy. "So, we would transact a year's worth of business in about eight weeks' time. We ran three shifts all through the summer and delivered to 16 schools. The final year that we were in the business, (1996) Locke's partner bought him out."

Peggy White's next employer was the YMCA, where she worked under Director Jack Leahy as Membership Director.

"I'm a big fan of the YMCA and the family feel it had at that time," said Peggy. "Believe it or not I set

up a bench press contest there and it drew people from all over ... it was kind of a big deal. A local guy named 'Michael J' won one year after benching 600 pounds. I just ran into a man who had fond memories of attending the event when he was a boy and that made me feel really good. So, I stayed there until I was kind of recruited by Nancy Bowman to work at the Chamber as their Membership and Communications person in 2001."

The next year the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce moved its headquarters to the Visitor's Center in Dublin, now known as the Experiential Center.

"I wasn't aware of the importance of the Chamber until I was involved in it," said Peggy. "It's an integral and important part of a community. It's a place where businesses can network and get resources where they can have a place to go to discuss ideas and trends with their peers."

"The other thing I've noticed with all the different presidents is how political the chamber is," Peggy continued. "It's really a cushion between government and business. So, you can imagine how political it gets. Before we had liquor by the drink, we had to get signatures from people so that we could get it into different districts in the county. Before that, we were dry. You couldn't get a beer with your meal until 2003 or 2004 and you couldn't get a restaurant in here because we were a dry county. The chamber was instrumental in making that happen."

White became Executive Director of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce (PCCC) in 2008. As such, Peggy has wielded the oversized scissors used for the Chamber of Commerce's famous Ribbon Cuttings on many occasions.

"I can't count how many ribbon cuttings or our Business After Hours events I've attended," Peggy confessed. "Phoenix Packaging was a really huge ribbon cutting and a really great little thing for the county to get them in here. So, I do remember that one."

While in charge of the PCCC, White was involved in numerous business-related projects, including the establishment of the Marketplace at the Pulaski Train Depot.

"We figured nothing is going on Tuesday, so we made it on a Tuesday," said Peggy. "We also knew we had to provide food, entertainment, beverages and shopping. So, we tried to make it an experience. We put plants in and put white lights out. We put events



William Paine/The Patriot

Peggy White stands in front of a mountain setting at the newly christened Experiential Center. White has served as the Executive Director of the Pulaski County Tourism Department since its creation but will retire at the end of July.

going on in there. So, it would provide not only a place where people could get together, but it also became a place where they could buy healthy food options. "

During her tenure, the PCCC was also involved in numerous programs geared toward the youth of Pulaski County. White championed such programs as 8th Grade Reality Day, 5th Grade Reality Day, Manufacturing Day, a Youth Excel Program for 11th Graders and the Young Entrepreneurs Academy.

"With the kids, it's a two-fold story," said Peggy. "One, you need to let the kids see what's happening, as part of a community. And two, you're training the next workforce. The next workforce is seeing what they have here. They don't have to go anywhere else."

As Director of the Chamber, Peggy White was also familiar with the Tourism industry.

"Tourism had always been handled by the Chamber and you could see that tourism was becoming a big industry," said Peggy. "But at the time we were going from textile and furniture manufacturing to higher manufacturing, but when these plants were closing down, nothing was happening. So, our focus was on workforce development. Tourism wasn't really being accepted, but we still kept it up. We used a lot of the Chamber's resources to promote tourism."

According to Peggy, Pulaski County Administrator Jonathan Sweet put a new emphasis on tourism and, along with Peggy, initiated the "Pulaski County is ..." campaign.

"We asked the public, 'What does Pulaski County mean to you?'" Peggy recounted.

"Someone sent us a picture of their daughter at a ballet recital. Others sent us pictures of biking and boating and so we made posters and we really started trying to promote it at that point."

As mentioned, the Pulaski County Tourism Office opened for business in 2021 and Peggy White was chosen to be its first Executive Director. A few months later, COVID restrictions were firmly in place and this ultimately resulted in the closure of the Tourism Center.

"When COVID hit, that changed everything," said Peggy. "We were shut down. Reservations all went online, but there were no reservations to take anyway. Ticket sales went online. So, the need for the Visitor Center kind of went away. We went from 10,000 visitors a year in 2019 to the last year that we had it open where we were lucky if we hit 500 people and most of those people came to use the restroom. So, this became a fairly expensive restroom stop."

This Spring, the Visitor's Center was rechristened as the Experiential Center, which is now used to promote the best Pulaski has to offer by hosting businesses and recruiters interested in coming into the county.

With the closure of the Visitors Center, Peggy was tasked with producing some type of self-serve information station, that could be accessed in multiple areas of the county. The end result of this effort was the Guidery.

"We needed a self-sustained place where visitors could get information that wasn't manned and I thought what can we do?" Peggy opined. "Then I remembered the phone booths made by Pulaski Furniture Company back in 1977 and thought that would be perfect! So, we wrapped the back of the booth with a scene you might find anywhere in the county and we made a book full of QR codes and we called it a Yellow Book. The QR codes don't change. They take you right to a website, so it's constantly up to date."

There are several of these bright red Guideries posted at various locations around the county and they can be accessed by anyone using a smart phone.

Under Peggy's direction, Tourism in Pulaski County has also taken a more regional approach. In addition to the Pulaski County Tourism website, which has won an award for Best New Website Design, Pulaski County Tourism is also being promoted on the new Visit the NRV website.

"We've got partnerships in the New River Valley and we're forming a partnership with Galax and Wytheville for the first time ever," Peggy explained.

Peggy White will officially leave her post as Tourism Director by the end of this month.

"Retiring feels really weird," Peggy confessed. "I can't tell you how wild this is."

Any plans?

"I've talked to so many of my friends that have retired and they said don't do anything, make no decisions for the first few months," said Peggy. "But I am going to go hiking and I want to do a lot of travelling. The woman that got me into hiking actually got me started on Draper Mountain. That's her favorite place ... and I love to kayak. I've got my favorite run on the New going from Foster Falls down."

Peggy still seems to have the energy and enthusiasm to perform the job, so why retire now?

"My father just turned 91 years old and he lives in South Carolina and I had to go on down for his knee surgery," Peggy explained. "My mother had Alzheimer's at that time and it was very difficult to be up here and not to be able to help them out down there. It really hit me when I first realized my mother had Alzheimer's. I was working when the phone rang. I answered it and she said she was so glad it was me. I said 'Mom, what's wrong?' She didn't know where she was. She didn't even know she was calling me. It was the worst feeling in the world to know I couldn't get to her to help her. That experience really triggered me. I don't ... I don't want that again. If pops is declining, I want to be there for him. So that's why and that's the truth."

In the more immediate future, Peggy's daughter, Jordan White, who recently attained her Masters Degree, will be moving back to this area from Richmond. Her eldest daughter, Hope White, is Director of Photography for a marketing group in New York.

Both Jordan and Peggy are planning to visit Hope, and catch a Broadway show, this fall.



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Veteran Suicide in a VA Emergency Room

A veteran with a documented history of suicidal thoughts and attempts, as well as drug abuse and PTSD, committed suicide while being left unattended in a VA facility emergency room. The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General investigated, and they unearthed the facts ... which are not pretty. It's this: The veteran showed up at the

VA facility ER with bladder complaints and depression. He'd been there before, and it was noted in his file that he'd had admissions for substance abuse and suicidal thoughts. The first medical person ("Nurse 1") did a triage, which is asking questions to decide how to classify the patient. Instead of using the computer to ask him specific questions (per policy) and record his answers, she did it from



by Freddy Groves

memory. Nurse 1 allegedly told the physician (who was resting in another room) there was a patient waiting. Another person, Nurse 2,

did a bladder scan. An hour later, no physician had shown up. An additional hour later, Nurse 1 left for the day and handed off the records to incoming staff. Later a technician found the veteran on the floor of the room, dead by suicide, still unseen by a doctor. The OIG investigation revealed: During the investigation, Nurse 1 could not recall from memory the risk assessment questions she supposedly asked the veteran. Nurse 1 also did not actually alert the physician that patients were waiting. The physician did not respond to an alert from Nurse 2 either


about patients waiting and did not get up until the boss came on shift. The "Door to Doc" policy was severely violated. That performance policy states that the target is 25 minutes from the time a patient walks in the door to the time he's seen by a doctor -- not the two hours and 20 minutes this veteran languished by himself. Information surfaced that showed facility admin sought to interfere with the OIG investigation, instructing in emails that "appropriate responses to direct questions are: yes, no, I don't know, and I don't remember." To read the whole report, see www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAO-

Adopting a 'War Dog'

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I just watched an older movie about a military dog, called "Max." How can I adopt a dog like that? -- T.T. via email

DEAR T.T.: While "Max" is a compelling movie, adopting a former military working dog takes a fair amount of research on your part, and the ability to care for dogs that have high energy and need plenty of attention and continuing training. All military dog adoptions are handled through the Department of Defense Military Working Dog Adoption Program at Lackland AFB in Texas.

Dogs eligible for adoption were retired due to age, injury or sickness. Not all dogs saw combat. Some worked in national se-



by Sam Mazzotta

curity, while others were trained as working dogs but did not meet the standards for military service. Be prepared for a long wait after submitting the application -- up to a year or more. First priority for adoption goes to law-enforcement agencies, if the dog is still fit for duty. If not, the dog's handler can adopt it. Only after that do dogs become available for adoption to civilians. Some dogs,


sadly, are not adoptable due to temperament or severe injuries. In addition to patience, be aware that you don't have control over what type of dog is made available; although you can state your preference on the application. Be prepared for some pre-adoption expenses as well: If selected to adopt a MWD, you'll need to travel to where the dog is being kept (most likely, Lackland) at least twice -- once to be interviewed and meet the dog, and again to pick it up if your application is approved.

To view all requirements and find out more, go to tinyurl.com/2vpjufdm.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

A New Drug for Alzheimer's Disease

The FDA recently approved a new drug that is supposed to slow the progression of Alzheimer's. Earlier this year, the FDA gave conditional approval to Leqembi, pending more safety and efficacy trials. Now, with "accelerated approval," the drug has full approval.



by Matilda Charles

\$56,000 per year. Our Medicare Part B went up by \$21.60 in 2022, up to \$170 per month, likely due to the cost of Aduhelm, which Medicare initially expected to cost close to \$3,000. Some insurers said they wouldn't cover the drug


unless prices came down. The cost of the drug eventually did come down, to \$28,200. The caveat about Leqembi, however, is that the experts point to the very small degree of slowing of early Alzheimer's in the patients in the trial. In many, the result could be quite subtle. Still, some researchers say it does buy patients time and could delay the coming of the later stages of dementia.

Another drug, Aduhelm, launched in June 2021, still only has conditional approval and is waiting results from more trials. Both drugs work in a similar way, targeting the proteins in the brain. There are differences, however. One difference between Leqembi and Aduhelm is the way it's delivered. Aduhelm is given by spinal infusion and Leqembi is given intravenously every two weeks (although other means are being studied in trials that are still going on). Another difference is in what the drugs do: Aduhelm targets the plaques in the brain, while Leqembi targets the proteins that create the plaques. The other is the cost. Leqembi will likely cost \$26,500 per year, although that can vary by patient weight and what schedule of maintenance dosing the patient is to get. Medicare will likely cover the majority of patients if they have a supplemental drug plan. The rest will likely pay the 20% coinsurance not covered by Medicare. Aduhelm had much different pricing when it first came out --

Report: Virginia ranked fifth in the nation for best schools

By Morgan Sweeney

(The Center Square) — Virginia schools have been ranked fifth in the nation in terms of quality and safety, according to a WalletHub report. With a total score of 60.28 out of 100, Virginia trailed behind Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Wisconsin. The study evaluated state school systems according to their quality and safety. Using a 100-point scale, a state earning a perfect score in quality would receive 80 points, and 20 points would be a perfect score for safety. Fifteen metrics were used to measure quality, and 17 were used to measure safety. Some were weighted more heavily than others.



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Draper Community Park officially opened

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Draper Community Park has been enjoyed by many people since the playground, basketball court and shelter were constructed in the recent past. But park's official opening came Tuesday with a ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.

"It's a beautiful day to be in Draper," remarked Chamber President Bill Cunningham to open the ceremony, which largely focused on commending the efforts of those who did the heavy lifting to take the facility from a dream to a reality.

Cunningham briefly recalled the history of the park property – noting the tornado of 2011 damaged the old elementary school that had been located for decades on the site.

About \$350,000 in insurance money from the tornado damage became seed money for what sits on the site today.

That money was augmented by thousands of dollars raised over the past several years through fundraising activities and events conducted by the Draper Community Park Board and a slew of volunteers.

Pulaski County, the county's Economic Development Authority and the Parks and Rec Department also played a significant role in making the park happen.

Cunningham said the property was re-purposed in 2017 with the opening first of the walking trail and basketball court. Since then, he said, there had been several significant additions.

Today, the basketball court, walking trail, ballfield and playground have been joined by a new pavilion with concrete floor and picnic tables. Plans are for a bathroom facility to be built on the open end of the pavilion. Inside the pavilion a stage will be built forming an amphitheater style facility.

Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers said the park project had been a "true community effort."



County staff, members of the Board of Supervisors and Draper Community Park Board, State Senator Travis Hackworth and Chamber of Commerce President Bill Cunningham pose during the ribbon cutting.

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Draper Community Park Board members (from left) John Hawley, Barbara Cain, Gayle Kiser, Dirk Compton, Fran Streff and Dean Pratt listen to board chairman, Carol Smith. Smith noted two members - Beulah Webb and Carolyn Foltz were unable to attend.

Mike Williams/The Patriot

He added, "we appreciate your patience," alluding to the long wait for materials and available workers needed to construct the pavilion and delays caused by COVID.

Draper Supervisor Dirk Compton noted he joined the Board of Supervisors after the park project was well underway, taking over the



Draper seat on the board from Dean Pratt.

"It has been a journey," Compton said.

"I told [Massie Supervisor] Mike Mooney we might be doing pickleball courts out here next," Compton remarked. "Because whatever we do out here (in Draper) it seems to be a hit."

He mentioned the basketball courts and playground that have been heavily used by young people since their installation.

He noted Debbie Gardner at the Draper Mercantile is planning an ice cream shop and other things there, with a New River Conservancy office and tourism kiosk also in the works.

Carole Smith, leader of the park board, agreed it "has been a long journey, but a good journey."

Smith praised Akers and County Administrator Jonathan Sweet along with county staff who did so much to make the park a reality.

"I appreciate everyone who's eaten a taco or a hamburger or hot fudge cake during fundraisers," she said, adding the park board and volunteers had been the best group to work with.

"I remember when we first started

to do this and I was asked, 'Do you really think we can do this in this community?' And my response was, 'Absolutely, and it's not going to be just this community, but the Pulaski County community,'" Smith said.

She said the first donation to the park fundraising effort came from the late Judge William Thomas. She said the \$5,000 donation at that time was to be kept anonymous.

"He was a great supporter of Pulaski County," Smith noted.

Smith offered thanks to all the contributors to the park project, including Tractor Supply who donated the trees that were planted around the pavilion in just the last few days.

"We are truly blessed to live in God's country and to work with such wonderful people," Smith said.

Donations are still being accepted for electrical work and other things needed to finish the park project. Checks can be made out to the Draper Community Park and mailed to Carol Smith at 4793 Clark's Ferry Road, Draper, 24324.

For those needing more information, call 540-616-5217.



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Barbara Cain (left) and Gayle Kiser are members of the Draper Community Park Board and fixtures at the old Draper Elementary School site. Both are former teachers at the old Draper Elementary. Counting their teaching and volunteer work time for the park, Cain has 50 years of involvement with the school and park, and Kiser has 51.

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7 standouts in the Appy All-Star Game

Includes Pulaski third baseman

By SAM DYKSTRA Milb.com

KINGSPORT, Tenn. -- The 2021 Appalachian League All-Star Game ended with a home run derby, and the 2022 edition concluded with a walk-off single in the 10th. The latest version of the wood-bat collegiate circuit's midsummer classic was a less contest, but equally exciting

contests. The West took home a 3-2 victory over the East on Tuesday in Kingsport's Hunter Wright Stadium, thanks to an eighth-inning sacrifice fly off the bat of Greene (West Virginia). The contest featured 19 pitchers and 24 position players, and despite the relatively low score, it presented a solid mix of pitching, defense, baserunning and timely hitting.

Thirty-one Appy League players were selected in the 2023 Draft, an all-time high since the league switched to its current format two years ago, and nine of those went in the first five rounds alone led by 38th overall pick Ty Floyd (Reds). The loop's Draft success highlights just how soon some of Tuesday's All-Stars could become prominent names in the professional baseball sphere and the upper levels of college ball even sooner.

Here are seven of the biggest standouts from Tuesday's game in Kingsport:

Mike Mancini, 2B, Kingsport/James Madison

Named game MVP in his home ballpark, Mancini opened the scoring with a full-count RBI triple to right-center in the first inning. The Axmen's three-bagger was one of only two extra-base hits on the entire night and was the result of the left-handed slugger doing a nice job of sitting back on an 80 mph breaking ball on the inside corner. From there, Mancini, who is tied for the Appy League lead with 23 steals, put on the jets when East right fielder Jesse Robinson Jr. slammed into the wall. While he typically is a contact-over-power hitter, the James Madison product proved he can run into a ball on the big stage.

Hollis Fanning, RHP, Kingsport/NC State

The 6-foot-8 right-hander was once worried he would never pitch again after a freak wire fence-cutting accident left him blind in his left eye. Not only is he pitching, he's thriving in the Appalachian League. The Tennessee-turned-NC State hurler got seven whiffs on only 14 pitches during his one-inning appearance in the fifth frame. Fanning, who throws a low-90s fastball along with a mid-80s cutter, worked around a Jordan Taylor single to work his scoreless inning, ending on back-to-back strikeouts of Michael Callan Moss and Robinson -- the latter swinging-and-missing on three straight heaters up in the zone.

Hayden Cooper, RHP, Johnson City/Southern Illinois-Edwardsville

Cooper owns the Appy League's top max velocity with a 97.2 mph fastball, making him an ideal candidate to close out the West's win on Tuesday. But the 6-foot-3 right-hander also showed some good feel for spin, working two upper-80s sliders away for strikeouts against Carington Aaron and Taylor. His throwing error on a tough bouncer may have extended the inning, but he rebounded nicely enough to get Moss to ground out to short for the game-winner.

Tyler Cerny, INF, Greenville/Indiana

West manager Mike Guinn pointed to Cerny as the player who was most excited to manage

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Pickle Ball Courts Opened In Pulaski

Last Friday the Town of Pulaski celebrated their new pickle ball courts with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Because of the skill required and low cost, this sport is accessible to many. Check out the pickle ball courts at the corner of 6th and Washington in the Town of Pulaski. At right, Pulaski Mayor Shannon Collins serves the ball.

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce photos



Five to go: Richmond kicks off final stretch

From NASCAR

Only five races remain in the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series regular season (Richmond, Michigan, Indianapolis, Watkins Glen and Daytona) to decide who will compete in the 16-driver Playoff field, and for the second time this year the NASCAR Cup Series will head to Richmond Raceway

for some Sunday afternoon side-by-side short track action in the Cook Out 400 on July 30 at 3 p.m. ET on the USA Network, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

A little history about Richmond Raceway. ... It was originally known as the Atlantic Rural Exposition Fairgrounds, Richmond Raceway held its first race in 1946 as a half-mile dirt track. The

first NASCAR Cup Series race at Richmond Raceway was held on April 19, 1953 and was won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Lee Petty in a Petty Enterprises Dodge with an average speed of 45.535 mph.

The first 24 NASCAR Cup Se-

ries races held at Richmond Raceway were run on a dirt surface (1953-1968). NASCAR Hall of Famer David Pearson won the final Richmond race on dirt, driving a Holman-Moody Racing 1968 Ford to Victory Lane. The track

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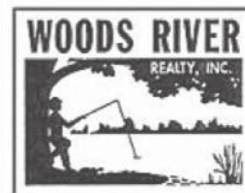
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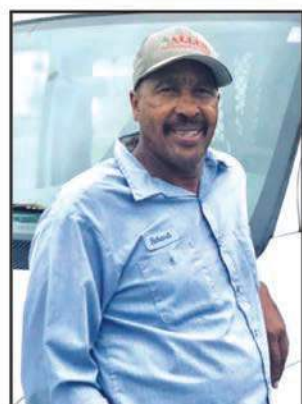
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Public Notice of Unsafe Building

Property: 215 4th Street SE, Pulaski, Virginia 24301

Tax Parcel: 081-007-0154-0007

Dear Property Owner(s):

Notice is being issued pursuant to Town of Pulaski Code Sec. 38-161—Dangerous Structures.

That an unsafe, derelict, and dilapidated structure exists on the aforementioned property, which constitutes a public health hazard and a safety hazard, a nuisance to the community, and blight. The Property Owner is hereby notified and required to commence repair immediately or complete demolition of the building by August 11, 2023. If no action is taken, The Town of Pulaski will demolish the structure. The cost of the demolition and other valid administrative costs pursuant to Town of Pulaski Ordinances (See Chapter 38 Environment) will be billed the owners. The failure to pay the costs will result in placement of a lien on the Property for the billed amount.

The Property Owner has the right to appeal this matter in writing on or before August 10, 2023.

If so appealed, the matter will be heard by Town Council at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

A copy of the full text of the notice is available at the Code Enforcement Office at the Town of Pulaski.

Appeals: In addition to first class mail, a notice must be emailed and faxed to the Following prior to 5:00 pm EST, August 10, 2023:

Carla E. Hodge, Town of Pulaski
Property Maintenance Official/Code Enforcement

LEGAL NOTICE

The NRV MPO Seeks Public Input for the Viscoe Road Corridor Study

Find out about the study progress and potential safety improvements along Viscoe Road in Pulaski County. The meeting will be held at the Pulaski County Innovation Center in the New River Room located at 6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 305 in Fairlawn on August 16, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. In addition to the in-person meeting, public meeting materials can be found on the New River Valley's website at www.newrivervalleympo.org. It is also available for review at the offices of Pulaski County and the New River Valley MPO. Give your written comments at the meeting or submit them via USPS to the NRV MPO's office, located at 755 Roanoke St. Ste. 2I, Christiansburg, VA 24073. You may also e-mail your comments to viscoestudy@rkk.com. Please reference "Viscoe Road Study" (Pulaski County) PH Comments in the subject line. Comments for this study will be received until 5:00 PM, August 24, 2023.

This public notice and opportunity to comment on the Viscoe Road Study meets the program of projects requirements as established by the FTA pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 5307(c). The NRV MPO ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Dan Brugh at: brughjd@montgomerycountyva.gov or 540-394-2145, TTY/TTD 711.

Who will add their name to playoffs?

From NASCAR

Joe Gibbs Racing's Denny Hamlin snatched his second win of the 2023 season at Pocono Raceway, and his seventh victory at the 2.5-mile track - breaking a tie with Jeff Gordon for the series-most wins at Pocono.

Now, with 11 drivers already earning their spot in the Playoffs by virtue of their wins this season, which leaves five positions still up for grabs heading into this Sunday's Cook Out 400 at Richmond Raceway.

The five drivers currently in position to earn a spot in the Playoffs on points are Kevin Harvick (+163 points), Brad Keselowski (+122), Chris Buescher (+111), Bubba Wallace (+27) and Michael McDowell (+17).

Harvick, Keselowski and

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LEGAL NOTICE



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Professional Engineering Firm

The Town of Pulaski (Town) is seeking proposals from qualified professional engineering firms (Firm) to provide engineering services and assistance with the design and build of a K9 Training Facility and other related services including but not limited to planning studies, permitting, construction, administration, etc. utilizing and expanding upon an existing partial design and job estimate. Proposals received from interested Firms will be evaluated for their professional qualifications, experience, and competence necessary for the completion of the requested services.

The RFP document may be obtained by going to www.pulaskitown.org Bids and RFP page. All sealed proposals are due by August 11, 2023 by 2:00 PM. All responses received after the date and time will not be considered. All hard-copy deliveries shall be made to the following Town of Pulaski Engineering Department address: 42 1st Street NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Note: This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4343.1 or against an offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment. "MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit proposals".

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, August 15, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the applications as listed below:

- Petition by Tim & Melissa Lawson, 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 6317 W H Smith DR, Dublin VA 24084 Tax Map #066-019-0000-0003, Ingles District.
- Petition by Robert Stone, 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 4965 Weaver RD. Dublin, VA 24084 Tax Map #067-006-0000-0028, Ingles District.
- Petition by Texas Republican Signs LLC on behalf of Brabham Enterprises LLC, Variance to Article 5.1 Signage, in a Commercial Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 5150 State Park Road Dublin, VA 24084 Tax Map # 057-001-0000-012A, Ingles District.
- Petition by Michael Waller of Hidden Valley Camping Club, Variance to Article 4.22 Conditional Uses F.1.d&e, Setbacks of Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicle Parks of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 4640 Hidden Valley Camping Club Lot 181 Dublin, VA 24141 Tax Map # 066-001-0000-050B Ingles District.

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



Church League Winners

Trinity Baptist in Pulaski went undefeated for the season and won the tournament for Radford Church League Softball. Members of the team are: Conner Compton, Jonathan Howlett, Snuffy Smith, Mike Hudson, Bethany Anderson, Thomas Anderson, RJ Blevins, Jay Sayers, Eric Martin, Shawn Dalton, Adam Kuehl, Nate Hurd, Jeff Conner, Braeden Blevins, Haley Eversole, Chandler Dishon, and Coach- Angie Howlett.

Playoffs

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Buescher, each have comfortable point cushions above the post-season cutoff, but 23XI Racing's Bubba Wallace (up +27 points on the Playoff outline) in 15th, and Front Row Motorsport's Michael McDowell (+17 points) in the 16th and final available transfer spot,

are in precarious positions with five regular season races to go. If one or two of the drivers outside the Playoff outline were to win over these next five races it could bounce McDowell and Wallace out of the post-season.

Heading into this weekend at Richmond, there are seven different

drivers that won last season that are looking for their first win of this year; including Daniel Suarez, Alex Bowman, Chase Elliott, Austin Cindric, Erik Jones, Austin Dillon and Chase Briscoe – of that group, Hendrick Motorsport's Alex Bowman is the only one to formerly win at Richmond (2021).

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice
Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund, Project # WSL – 001-22

Pulaski County Public Service Authority (PCPSA) has applied for funding from the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund for its Pulaski County Water Improvements Project. The project proposes to construct approximately 8,800 linear feet of 8-inch waterline, 7,100 linear feet of 6-inch water line, an elevated water storage tank at the site of the existing Bella Vista tank, upgrades at the existing Bella Vista/Tyson Hills pump station, a pressure reducing valve interconnection between the Town of Pulaski and PCPSA, and associated appurtenances. Waterline extensions will be within previously disturbed roadside right-of-way. Best Management Practices would be implemented to minimize impacts, and all federal, state, and local ordinances will be followed. The total funding request for the project is \$2,897,000. A description of the project and an Environmental Assessment of the project are on file at the Pulaski County Administration Building at 143 Third Street N.W. Suite 1 Pulaski, VA 24301 and available for public review between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Written comments on the proposed project, the alternatives considered, their environmental impact, the estimated cost, and the associated user charge impact should be addressed to Lawrence Hoffman, Associate Vice President, CHA Consulting, Inc., 1341 Research Center Drive, Suite 2100, Blacksburg, VA 24060 or emailed to LHoffman@chacompanies.com and post marked no later than September 6, 2023.

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Richmond

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surface was changed from dirt to asphalt between Cup Series races in 1968, with NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty winning the first NASCAR Cup Series race on the paved Richmond surface on September 8, 1968 driving a Petty Enterprises' Plymouth. The track was then rebuilt as the three-quarters-mile D-shaped oval we know today in 1988. In total, Richmond Raceway has hosted the NASCAR Cup Series 133 times producing 57 different pole winners and 53 different race winners.

NASCAR Hall of Famers Richard Petty (1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 sweep, 1974, 1975) and Bobby Allison (1972 sweep, 1973 sweep, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1982) lead the NASCAR Cup Series in poles at Richmond with eight each. Eight of the 57 NASCAR Cup Series Richmond Raceway pole winners are active this weekend, led by Denny Hamlin (2006, 2008, 2016) and Kevin Harvick (2005, 2018, 2019) with three poles each.

NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty leads the NASCAR Cup Series in wins at Richmond Raceway with 13 victories (spring 1961, 1967 sweep, fall 1968, fall 1970, 1971 sweep, 1972 sweep, 1973 sweep, fall 1974 and spring 1975). Petty's 13 Richmond wins are the third-most victories by a single driver at a single track in NASCAR Cup Series history, behind his 15 wins at Martinsville and 15 wins at North Wilkesboro.

This weekend, eight of the 53 NASCAR Cup Series Richmond Raceway winners are active, led by Joe Gibbs Racing's Kyle Busch with six victories (spring 2009, spring 2010, spring 2011, spring 2012, 2018 sweep).

Hendrick Motorsport's driver

All Stars

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for the first time, and as such, he batted the Hoosier leadoff. Strong move. Cerny singled to left and doubled to right in his first two at-bats, showing a whole-fields approach in the process. After playing 59 games during the NCAA season, Cerny has kept up his momentum with the Flyboys, ranking fifth in the Appy League with a .561 slugging percentage and eighth with a .946 OPS entering Tuesday. Sign up

Jordan Taylor, OF, Danville/Florida State/Portal

Ranked as MLB Pipeline's No. 83 prospect in the 2022 Draft, Taylor has been arguably one of the Appy League's most talented players with run, fielding and arm tools that all grade out as at least plus. He showed something with the bat on Tuesday too, going 2-for-5 from the East leadoff spot with one single that measured in with a 100 mph exit velocity. He was also the only All-Star with multiple steals after swiping both second and third in the fifth inning. Taylor entered the transfer portal after not getting much playing time at Florida State this spring and showed multiple ways he could provide impact at his next stop Tuesday.

Ciaran Caughey, RHP, Blue-



Kyle Larson is the most recent active NASCAR Cup Series winner at Richmond Raceway. The California native scored his second career Richmond win (2017, 2023) back in April. Larson returns this weekend looking to become the 12th different driver in the NASCAR Cup Series to post consecutive series wins at the 0.75-mile track; joining Joe Weatherly (1962-1963), David Pearson (1965, 1966 sweep), Richard Petty (1970, 1971 sweep, 1972 sweep, 1973 sweep), Cale Yarborough (1976-1977), Bobby Allison (1982, 1983 sweep), Dale Earnhardt (1987 sweep, 1990-1991), Rusty Wallace (1989 sweep), Terry Labonte (1994-1995), Jimmie Johnson (2007 sweep), Kyle Busch (2018 sweep) and Martin Truex Jr. (2019 sweep).

NASCAR Hall of Famer Richard Petty leads the NASCAR Cup Series in consecutive wins at Richmond Raceway with seven consecutive victories from the September race of 1970 to the September race of 1973.

All the on-track NASCAR Cup Series action at Richmond Raceway begins on Saturday, July 29 with practice and Busch Light Pole Qualifying on the USA Network from 12:35 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ET.

field/Kent State

Fans who prefer their pitchers with a little funk might have found a new favorite in Caughey, who acted like a right-handed Nestor Cortes at times with the way he differed his delivery to mess with hitters' timing on Tuesday. The Kent State product struck out a pair in his perfect fourth inning for the East and showed good rise on a low-90s fastball and fade on a mid-80s changeup along the way.

Sam White, 3B, Pulaski/West Virginia

The Mountaineer was the only All-Star to reach three times after he went 2-for-3 with a walk and a run scored for the East. A former junior hockey goalie back home in Canada, White also flashed good reaction times and a strong glove at the hot corner to add another layer to his impact. He already got a good amount of playing time (50 games) as a freshman at WVU in the spring and stands to build on that in 2024 and beyond, if Tuesday's showing was any indication.

Sam Dykstra is a reporter for MiLB.com and MLB.com. Follow and interact with him on Twitter @SamDykstraMiLB.



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July photo club winners announced

Independence was a popular topic at the Radford Photo Club July meeting, with a lot of entries in the contest and a lot of winners.

Martha Lacy of Newbern won with a photo of the flag and a rainbow. Joyce Sims of Radford won with a photo of a 1955 Chevrolet in front of the many flags at Glencoe Mansion in Radford. Robert Daniels of Snowville won with a photo of Layla running during July 4 festivities. And Eva Hinrichsen of Blacksburg won with statues of the country's leaders, featuring Jackson on the left and Lincoln on the right, taken at The Ruins of Presidential Park just outside of Williamsburg, Va.

Aileen Fletcher offered comments about photos

of wild and domestic animals as part of the meeting. Fletcher is a professional photographer who retired recently from New River Community College. Her work is on display at the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley in Pulaski, along with photos from other club members.

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public.

If you have questions, email Lucy Gilmore at lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com or Michele Borgarelli at mborgarelli@gmail.com



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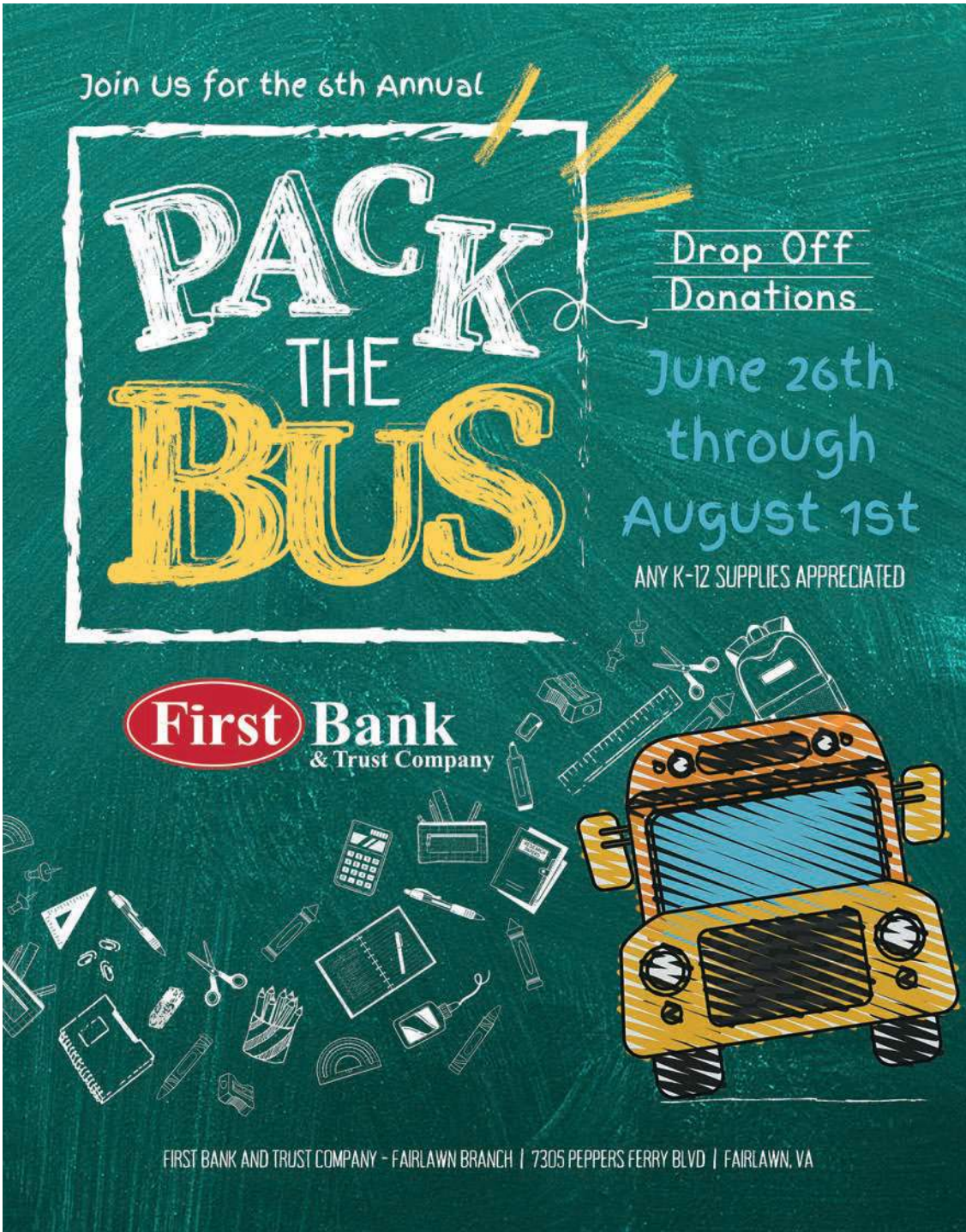
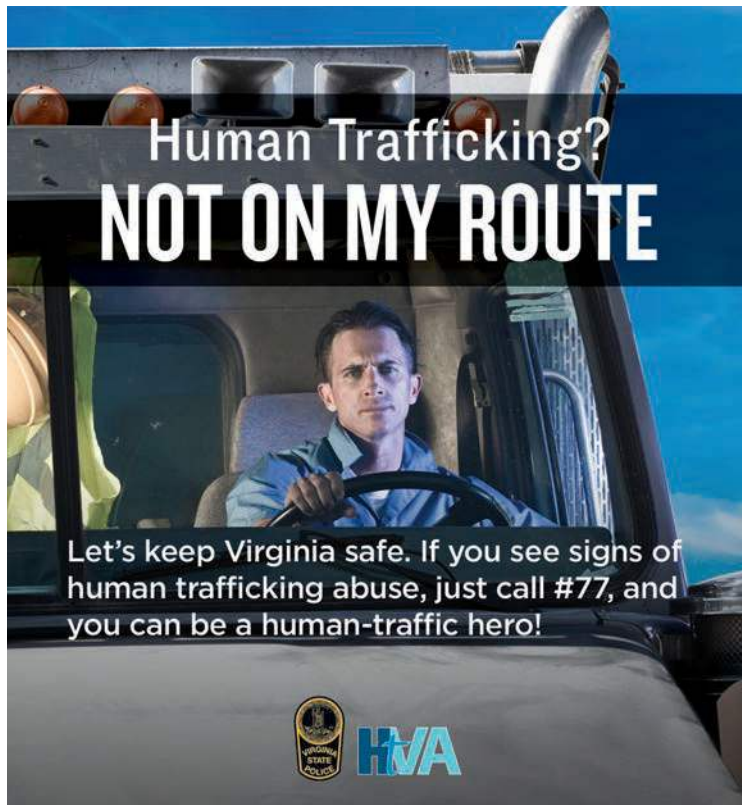
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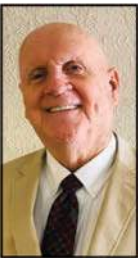
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

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Greatest in the Kingdom?

Part One

Matthew, Chapter 18, has some wonderful bible truths in it, given to us by the Master Teacher, Christ Jesus.

Matthew 18:1. “At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?”

The question the disciples asked Jesus seemed to be a reasonable enough request. But we learn from the other gospel accounts of this same instance that a heated debate among the disciples prompted the question.

Mark and Luke tell us they were arguing among themselves over which one of them would be the greatest in the Kingdom. Each of them wanted a higher place in the Kingdom than the others.

Jesus asked them about what they were debating on the way, and they were too ashamed to tell Him. Jesus knew already what they were discussing. Jesus, being both human and divine knew what was in their hearts. He was giving them the opportunity to confess their wrong motives. Someone said, “When God asks a question, it isn’t because He doesn’t know the answer.” It’s to draw us out and give us the opportunity to confess, and if need be, repent.

Anytime we want to outdo or outshine our brothers or sisters in Christ, it is a fleshly desire which needs to be repented of, forsaken and forgiven. To try to best someone else in the Kingdom, is exactly what the un-regenerated of the world would do. As Christians, we should want each other to excel over and above ourselves. “Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.” (Romans 12:10)

If there are two pieces of cake and two Christians approach the table at the same time, preferring one’s brother would be to allow him or her to choose which piece he or she wants first.

We should always be striving to do the best we can do for God, so He will receive glory from it. Not so we can lord it over our brothers and sister in the Lord.

Verses 2-4. “And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Who-soever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Jesus didn’t have to look very far to find a little child. For little children always ran to get to the front of a crowd, so they can see firsthand, all that is happening. I imagine that whenever Jesus spoke publicly to a crowd, there were frequently many little children gathered around Him as He spoke, so they could be as near to Him as possible.

All Jesus had to do was to reach down and pick up one of the little children who were gathered around Him, and wrap His arms of love around the child, and commence to teach a great object lesson to His disciples.

Object lessons are lessons in which a visual aid is used to teach a principle. Object lessons are the best kinds of lessons, because we not only hear the lesson, but we see it illustrated before our eyes. It has a way of engraving it into our hearts and minds.

Jesus essentially told His disciples, if they wanted to be great in the Kingdom, they must turn away from competing with one another for greatness in the

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Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

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674-1762
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Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

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Draper, VA 24324
Pastor: Lee Wiggins
Email: office@draper-methodist-church.com
Primary Service Times:
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11 a.m. Sunday Service

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Kingdom and become as little children.

Little children are humble. They are innocent. They are open and above board. They are teachable. They are trusting. They have faith. They have no sin of their own making in their lives. Their exhibit true and honest love for their parents. They are submissive. They seek not for the accolades of others as adults often do.

The disciples were arguing with one another about who among them was the greatest in the Kingdom. First of all they needed to make sure that they got into the Kingdom. Self-seeking ambition could hinder their entry into the Kingdom. They needed to become as little children.

Little children don't know how to lie, steal, curse or sin until they get older and learn it from others.

The greatest in the Kingdom is not the one who walks the best walk, or talks the best talk, or gives the most money, or has the most talent, but it is the one who, like this little child, is humble, honest, trusting, loving, believing, and innocent.

Jesus wants us to have child-like faith. Little children believe what they are told. If we have childlike faith, we'll believe what God tells us in His word and be able to pray and get a prayer answered.

Children are always learning. If we have childlike curiosity, we'll diligently seek the face of God for understanding of His word, and yearn to find out all we can about the principles of the Kingdom.

Little children, when joined with other little children, in school or at the playground, mix and mingle and play with one another, no matter if one is from a rich family and another is from a poor family. Social standing and wealth mean nothing to little children.

Even when little children quarrel among themselves, they are often best friends the next day. They don't hold grudges, at least for very long.

Jesus taught that in the Kingdom, all are equal. There are no big "I's" and no little "you's." It's not who we are, or where we came from, or what we have done that makes us great in the Kingdom of Heaven. It's not earthy honors or riches or talents or worldly achievements or desiring greatness which makes us great in the Kingdom of Heaven. It's being humble and genuinely wanting the best for others in the Kingdom.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Ruth (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Whose last words were, "O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes"? Zimri, Paul, Eli, Samson
3. From Proverbs 18:8, "The words of a talebearer are as ____"? Truths, Wounds, Answers, Serpents
4. Who assumed if Isaac died that God would be able to bring him back to life? Rebekah, Esau, Abraham, Jacob
5. From Genesis 25:1, who was Abraham's second wife? Keturah, Abigail, Vashti, Candace
6. Who was the famed brother of Lahmi? John the Baptist, Herod, Goliath, Paul

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Samson, 3) Wounds, 4) Abraham, 5) Keturah, 6) Goliath

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Psalm 27:5

For in the **day** of **trouble** he **will keep** me **safe** in **his dwelling**; he will **hide** me in **the shelter** of his **sacred tent** and **set** me **high upon a rock**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
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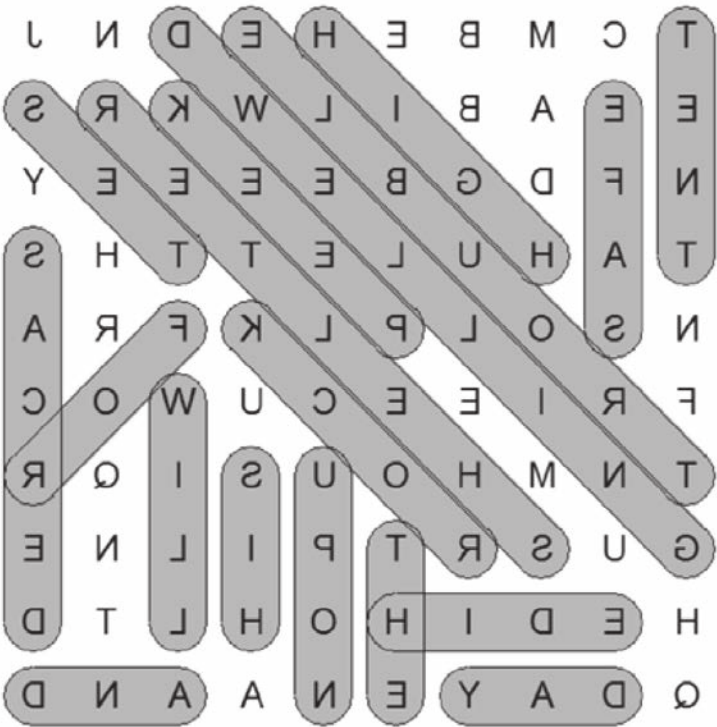
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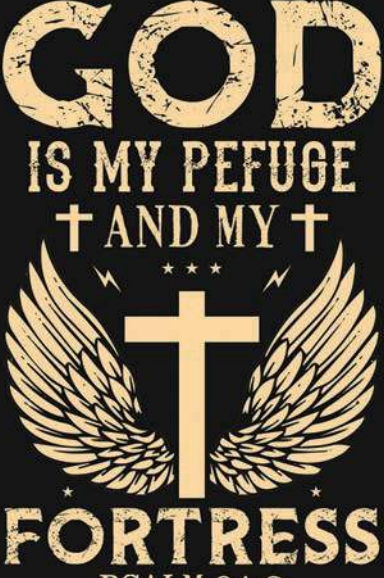
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Worship: 11 am

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers





GOD
IS MY REFUGE
† AND MY †
FORTRESS
PSALM 91:2



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...O Lord my God, You are very great:
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
who cover Yourself with light as with
a garment, who stretch out the heavens
like a curtain. He lays the beams of His
upper chambers in the waters, who makes
the clouds His chariot, who walks on
the wings of the wind, who makes His
angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

PSALM 104: 1-4



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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY THE MIKE WILL PLAY IN A VAN HALEN TRIBUTE BAND

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

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by BUD BLAKE

OLIVE

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLINOFF

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by Dave T. Phipps

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals L

LFVL CZK XNIYE EWZKYB-OVR

VRK SXVGC WVRLFYB, EN VL

FZE SZBLFKVP WVBLP LFYP

EYBIYK OVBIYX GVCY.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Stitch
BETAS

Trimmer
WORME

Lump
BUGLE

Cape
ALMOND

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Satan's purchase

5 Chest protector

8 Ski lift type

12 Old U.S. gas brand

13 Piercing tool

14 Hindu royal

15 Pub potables

16 King, in Cannes

17 Choir voice

18 New

20 Pal of Pooh

22 Stephen of "Still Crazy"

23 Hobbyist's abbr.

24 Mineral-hardness scale name

27 Tot's train

32 Rock's Brian

33 Science room

34 Klutz

35 Folks from Indiana

38 Garrison

39 Flop

40 Ostrich's kin

42 Exhibited ennui

45 In a way

49 "Metamorphoses" poet

50 Hosp. hook-ups

52 Carry on

53 Ms. Rowlands

54 Golf prop

55 Like some vaccines

56 Gross

57 Last letter in London

58 Mr. Disney

6 — Jima

7 Radar dot

8 Dire

9 Hype

10 Pot starter

11 Laugh-a-minute

19 Concerning

21 Altar vow

24 "I'm not impressed"

25 Music's Yoko

26 Snooker

28 Guffaw syllable

29 Fanatical

30 Rowing need

31 Frequently

36 Half the weekend

37 Chemical suffix

38 Groove

41 Kansas City's st.

42 Quotable Berra

43 Opposite of "sans"

44 Bubblehead

46 O'Hara estate

47 Cameo shape

48 Fedora fabric

51 Victory sign

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1 Line of fashion?

2 Capital on a fjord

3 Secondhand

4 Also-rans

5 Clinging crustacean

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SOURCE: THE SCOTSMAN

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- THEATER: Which group composed the rock opera "Tommy"?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is Mount Everest located?
- LITERATURE: Which novel contains the line, "Big Brother is watching you"?
- HISTORY: Who was the second president of the United States?
- WEATHER: What is a cloud shaped like a flying saucer called?
- TELEVISION: Which TV comedy features a character named Opie Taylor?
- MOVIES: What is the name of Argus Filch's cat in the "Harry Potter" series?
- MATH: What is the only even prime number?
- MEDICAL: What is the common name for the ailment called dysphonia?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many stages are in a butterfly's life cycle?

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WORD LADDERS

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

BURNT

CUFFS

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SCRAMBLERS

TURFS, TUFS, CUFFS

WALLET

Today's Word

1. Baste 2. Mower; 3. Budge 4. Dolman; solution

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Answers

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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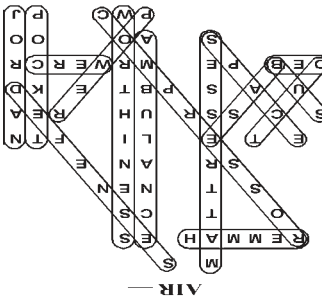
CryptoQuote

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

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— WQTVWL F. RBFPJJVW

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is always preceded by
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— Robert H. Schuller



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

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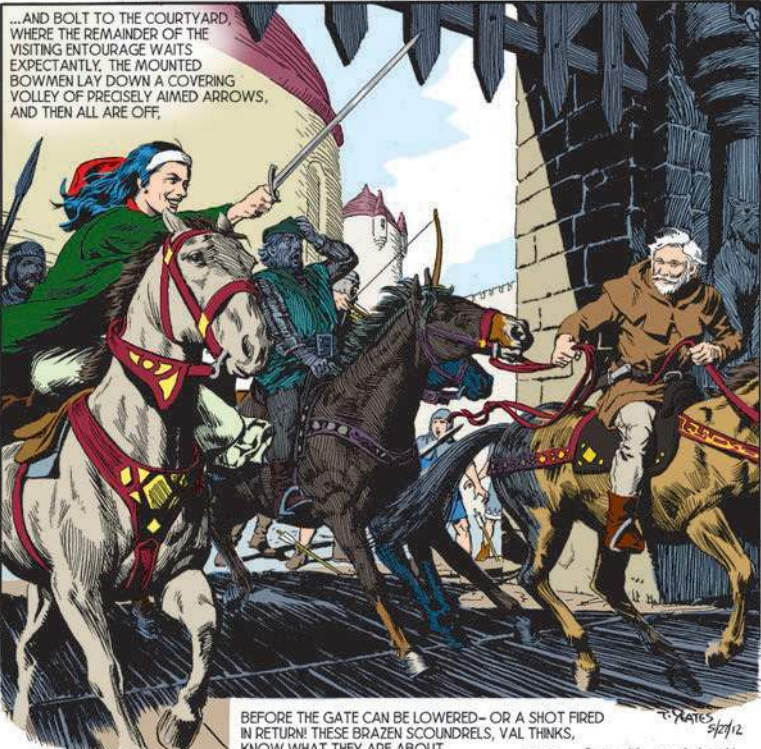
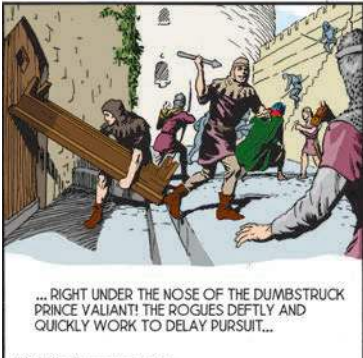
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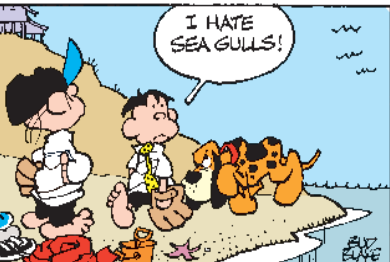
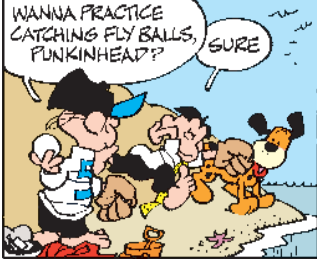
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July 29

Draper Valley PH Women’s Fellowship Event
Encouragement For Women
Saturday Evening, July 29, 2023
Prayer. Fellowship. Worship Music. Light Refreshments will be served. Special Speaker: Melissa Gaona Starts at 6:00 P.M.

Aug. 3

American Legion to meet
The American Legion, Harvey Howe Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, August 3, 6pm at the VFW Post Home at 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Aug. 4-5

Class Reunion
Members of the Pulaski High School Class of 1973 will hold their 50th class reunion on Aug. 4 and 5, 2023. The event will be held at Thornspring Country Club and Event Center in Pulaski. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. Invites will go out later, but right now we need to determine the number interested in attending. Please email us at efsouthern@gmail.com to let us know if you plan to attend and provide your up to date address. You can write us at Class of ’73 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. 5

Back to School Bash
2nd Annual Back School Bash at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren on August 5th. Located at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind the DMV. We will have school supplies, and games for the children. Lunch will be provided for all who come. This event will run from 12-2 at the Picnic Shelter. Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Aug. 6

Homecoming Celebration
First Dublin Presbyterian Church, ECO at 409 Church Street, Dublin will celebrate 150 years of continuous service to the Lord during Homecoming on Aug. 6. Service begins at 10:45 a.m. Lunch to follow.

Aug. 8

PSA Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski

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

Aug. 15

Board of Zoning Appeals
Tuesday, August 15, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 6:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator’s decisions and the interpretation of the County’s Zoning Ordinances.

Aug. 17

Sons of Confederate Veterans
The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, August 17, 7 pm at Aly’s Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Aug. 19

Ice Cream Social
First Dublin Presbyterian Church, ECO at 409 Church Street, Dublin will hold an Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall from 3 to 5 p.m. Family and friends, all are welcome to come cool off and enjoy fellowship with their ice cream.

Aug. 22

Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board
Tuesday, August 22, 2023, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administra-

tion Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7351 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Village Oaks Plaza, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-633-5146). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

Aug. 26

Dublin High School 50th Class reunion
The Class of Dublin High School 1973 will hold their 50th class reunion on August 26, 2023. The reunion will be held at Thornspring Country Club and Event Center in Pulaski. Save the date cards have been mailed and if you haven’t received one please email :cindyviers.cv@gmail.com or tcovey3@verizon.net or write DHS Class Reunion 1973, P.O. Box 233, Dublin, VA 24084. There will be more details mailed out soon.

Aug. 28

Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, August 28, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

Aug. 29

Economic Development Authority Board meets
Tuesday, August 29, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org or [HYPERLINK “mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org”](mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org) [HYPERLINK “mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org”](mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org) [HYPERLINK “mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org”](mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org)

wbird@pulaskicounty.org”g). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

Oct. 20-21

Crafts Fair
First Dublin Presbyterian Church, ECO at 409 Church Street, Dublin will hold a Crafts Fair on Oct. 20 and 21. Crafters and vendors are welcome. Please contact 540-505-4079 for booth reservations. \$25 for one day, \$35 for both days. An early set-up time will be available on Thursday, Oct. 19 for inside booths upon request. Food and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Nov. 11

Community Prayer and Praise
First Dublin Presbyterian Church, ECO at 409 Church Street, Dublin will hold a Community Prayer and Praise Service from 6 to 8 p.m. Special music performances and hymn singing will highlight our evening of prayer, praise and worship.

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.

Lifestyles Chances
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. Meeting at 6:15pm Thursday at Valley Harvest Ministries, 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

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Towne House
Ike’s Auto Sales
Downtown Exxon
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Cougar Express
Family Market and Corner Deli
SW Va Antiques, Collectibles
Patriot Office (7 Fifth Street)

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NRV Lube
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Papa John/7-11
Subway (Walmart)
El Ranchero
T.J.’s
Shop Eez (Rt. 100)
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Dublin Storage
Gobble Stop
Highland Ridge
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Dublin Station

Draper
Draper Post Office

Bryson’s Store

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Ramey’s Gun Shop
Kroger
Foodette
Bucko’s
Laundry Mat
Sal’s Jr.

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