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Neice retiring in January, Shumate hired as new chief

From Town of Pulaski

The Town of Pulaski would like to announce that after over 25 years of dedicated law enforcement service to the community, Police Chief Jill Neice is retiring on January 2, 2024 and handing over the torch to a very capable and equally dedicated public servant, Samuel J. Shumate.

Mr. Shumate comes to the Town of Pulaski from the Radford University Police Department, where he has served for over 24 years, including his current role of Assistant Police Chief for the past five years, and prior progressive roles as Lieutenant of Criminal Investigations, Sergeant of Criminal Investigations, Patrol Sergeant, and Police Officer. Mr. Shumate is a veteran of the United States Air Force, in addition to his service in the Virginia ARMY National Guard, and the United States Navy Reserve, where he spent



time as a NCIS Naval Criminal Investigator.

Mr. Shumate's education includes a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and Leadership, a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership, and graduation from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Police Staff & Command, and the New River Criminal Justice Academy. Additionally, Mr. Shumate has completed the Supervisor, Command, and Executive Leadership Institute Programs through

the FBI-LEEDA, is a Certified Law Enforcement Command Executive through the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Foundation (VACP), is an active member of the several professional organizations to include the VACP, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA), and he is the President of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy Alumni Association.

Mr. Shumate will begin work with the Town of Pulaski on December 18, 2023 to allow for a seamless transition into his role, and he will officially take over as Police Chief on January 3, 2024. The Town of Pulaski believes that Mr. Shumate's extensive background and experience, combined with his knowledge and familiarity of the community will be instrumental to his leadership and the continued success of department.

Honor Guard article prompts new volunteers, donations

By DANIELLE REID
Patriot Publishing

Recently, The Patriot ran an article about the Pulaski County Veteran's Funeral Honors being in jeopardy. The result was that several Veterans have stepped forward and volunteered their time and talents to help ensure their military counterparts are shown the highest appreciation for their service to our nation. This is especially impactful since Veteran's Day was celebrated last week.

Emil Moldovan, Commander of the Honor Guard for Dublin American Legion Post #58, was especially grateful for the results.

"Both new members called me as a result of the newspaper article in The Patriot. The third new potential is a member of Pulaski VFW Post and told another one of my members he wanted to help," stated Moldovan.

He received an email from Commonwealth's Attorney Justin L. Griffith, but thinking it was just another of the dozens

of police pleas for funding, he deleted it. Fortunately, Griffith also made contact through a phone call.

When Griffith read the story in The Patriot about the Pulaski County Veterans Funeral Honors being in jeopardy, he made a commitment for his office to find a way to help.

The plight of the Veteran's Funeral Honors program reached several other readers as well, and three individuals contacted Moldovan to volunteer their time and talents for this important detail.

By law, every Veteran is entitled to a military detail if they served for one-year or more, has an honorary discharge or equivalent and has not been convicted of a capital offense. There are different types of military funeral honors, depending on the deceased Veteran's rank.

Last year, the Veteran's Funeral Honor Guard performed 154 military funerals; and over 100 so far in 2023. They try to maintain a military-type presence by wearing regulation-

type uniforms and performing specific maneuvers. The uniforms and accoutrements can cost up to \$700 each, which puts a financial burden on the Post as well as the volunteers.

"There is nothing cheap about our uniforms," stated Moldovan. The coats cost \$150.00, shoes are up to \$100.00, Pea Cutter caps are in the \$75.00 range and the black wool military sweater costs \$85.00." Some participants have been able to locate items at a thrift-shop or Goodwill store to cut costs.

Steve Akers, Dublin Post #58 Commander reiterated that they have always bought uniforms including coats, blazers, shoes and all the patches, gold braid belts and buckles, etc. Although the Post raises money through several venues, it is still a financial burden.

Here is where an unexpected resource, supporting Veterans in the community, transpired.

In a heart-felt press release to the citizens of Pulaski County, Griffith explained the motive and the process for the

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Council talks I&I, street lights, manager

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

The Pulaski Town Council met on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 8 with all members present. The Town's engineering department dominated most of the meeting, as presentations were made concerning three major projects.

Town engineers Steve Aust and Austin Painter are overseeing the Lead Service Line Project, the ongoing Streetscape project and the proposed Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) remediation of the town's sewer lines.

The Lead Service Line Project was brought to the town's attention through the Virginia Department of Health under the guidance of the Environmental Protection Agency. The goal of the project is to replace lead water lines running from the water meter up to a resident's house with lead-free pipes, so as to eliminate harmful exposure to lead in drinking water.

This project is set to occur in two phases. The first phase involves inventorying the lead

pipes that need to be replaced and the second phase involves replacing those pipes.

It is estimated that the town can accomplish the inventory phase of the Lead Service Line Project for \$250,000. Of that, \$95,000 will be comprised of state and federal grant money and \$155,000 will be acquired by the town with a loan.

The replacement package for these water lines is \$500,000, with \$190,000 awarded as a grant and \$310,000 coming in the form of a loan.

In total, for both stages of this project, the Town of Pulaski must borrow \$465,000 from the Virginia Resource Authority at a 1 percent interest rate.

A public hearing will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Town Municipal Building for the sole purpose of passing this bond.

Aside from passing the bond, there is much to be done before any pipes would be replaced. The engineering department must review the history of the residential structures in town to determine which homes would need line replacements.

"We know that lead was a banned in 1986," said Painter. "We know that all homes built after that point are 100 percent safe according to our records and that's the assumption that the EPA and VDH has recommended."

In addition, some homes built before this date have had their water lines replaced with safer materials.

"We're not just looking at the age of the house," said Painter. "We'll be looking at building permits to see if there was any contract work to see if the lines were changed. We're going to get a nice database from this information."

There are other issues as well. "The state has yet to decide how we're supposed to replace those lines on private property," said Pulaski Town Manager Darlene Burcham. "What if a homeowner refuses? They have to be willing and all of that is yet to be determined, but the first step is to identify the order of magnitude of the problem and that's all that the consultant has been commissioned to do at this point."

There is also the matter of lead-based water pipes inside the house, which would not be affected by this project. This responsibility falls to the homeowner.

When a councilman asked whether \$500,000 would be enough to replace all the lead pipes in town, Burcham replied, "That's not going to solve the problem. We anticipate that there are going to be multiple appropriations over the years to address this problem. We don't anticipate that the half a million dollars would be anywhere near sufficient. I think there's gonna' be continuous money coming in a grant loan package for many years to come."

Next, the engineers spoke about the Streetscape project which will rehabilitate the sidewalks of West Main Street between Washington and Jefferson Avenues. According to Aust, VDOT is expected to give the final approval for the sidewalk design in the coming days. The only aspect of Streetscape that was yet to be determined was the design of the new streetlights, which will line each side of road.

After much discussion, the council agreed upon a design with a decorative base, banner arms extending in both directions and an electrical outlet placed along the upper portion, so decorative lights could be added to fit any occasion.

The new LED streetlights will replace the 28 existing streetlights currently in place at a cost of approximately \$7,800 each. The county will use this same design to place streetlights in three county parking areas in town.

The third project deals with Inflow and Infiltration issues in the Town's sewer system. Inflow includes rainwater sources that are channeled into the sewer system from storm drains or gutters from homes. Infiltration occurs when water flows into

the sewer because the pipe is cracked or damaged due to deterioration.

All sewer water from the town is eventually piped to the Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and this relatively clean water is processed along with the sewer water resulting in an unnecessary extra cost for the town. This is especially true during heavy rain events.

"Average flow in dry weather is 1.6/1.7 million gallons that we distribute every day," said Painter. "During a rain event, it jumps to 6 or 7 million gallons and that will gradually decrease over the following week. The largest surprise was not necessarily that one section was worse than another, but that all of the sections were pretty severe."

To find out which parts of the sewer system were most affected, the town engineers divided the town's sewer lines into 11 different districts.


"We were able to stick a flow meter in each district and monitor the average flow and then peak flow during rain events," said Painter. "Those heavy rain events gave us our data. We found three areas of top concern. The Case Knife area, the Bob White Blvd. section and the Dora Highway section along Peak Creek."

According to Burcham, this phase of the project was paid for using funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) that had been set aside by the town.

The next phase of this project involves finding where the greatest inflow and infiltrations occur in these three sections of the sewer line. This will be accomplished through "smoke testing" and the use of closed-circuit cameras.

Costs estimated to complete this phase is \$150,000 for both the Bob White and Case Knife sections of sewer, while the

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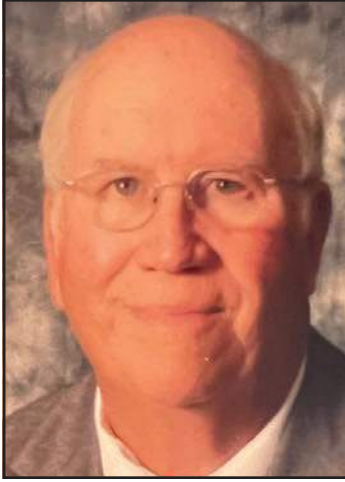
JAMES THOMPSON TURNER
{November 14, 1945 – November 13, 2023}
James Thompson Turner, 77, of Dublin, passed away Monday, November 13, 2023, at the Veterans Care Center in Salem. He was a U. S. Army veteran and owner/operator of Northside Gulf, Jim's Radiator, and J&J Sales.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Margaret Turner; daughter, Patricia Davis; brother, and brothers-in-law, Jack Mullins and Jim Gettys. He enjoyed working on and talking about cars, hunting, fishing, boating and snowmobiling.
Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Shannon Turner; son, Brian Turner (Heather); son-in-law, Chad Davis; grandchildren, Thomas Davis, James Davis, and Lily Wallace; siblings, John Turner (Betty), Sue Mullins, and Brooks Turner (Fran); sister-in-law, Judy Gettys; special friend, Steve Whitt; special family members, Molly (Boston Terrier) and JoJo (Tabby Cat); and many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.
The family will receive friends from 12 until 1 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Memorial services will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Allison Unroe officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow at 2 p.m. in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.
In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to either the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church or American Cancer Society or Dementia Research Van-Andel Institute or the Alzheimer's Association.
The Turner family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.



BONNIE JEAN RICHARDSON NUNN
Bonnie Jean Richardson Nunn, age 88, passed away on Nov. 13, 2023. She was the daughter of Virgil and Hazel Richardson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Nunn, daughter, Cynthia Nunn Quesenberry, son, Dennis Nunn, sisters, Dorothy Smith, Linda Lawson and brothers Jimmy, Doug, Charles and Jerry Richardson.
Bonnie was an active lifetime member of the Family Worship Center, Pulaski, VA where she was a member of the Women's Ministry, and fulfilled many different positions and was active in Missions projects. She was employed many years at Jefferson Mills and Refro.
She and Claude were married 65 years.
Surviving are daughter, Karen Nunn, sisters, Carolyn Acrostic, Sandra Nuchols, Juanita Troupe, and special family, niece Lois Ashton and nephew Todd Smith.
In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Family Worship Center's Women's Ministry.
Funeral service will be held on Friday November 17, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the Family Worship Center, 955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski, VA with Pastor Jeff Wilhoite officiating. There will be no family visitation prior to the service and no graveside service.
Norris-Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
BETTY C. DOWDY
Betty C. Dowdy, of Dublin, died Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at her residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700



MARK HEATH COLEMAN
Mark Heath Coleman, age 65 of Blacksburg, died Saturday morning, November 11, 2023, at Lewis Gale Hospital – Montgomery. He was born on August 9, 1958, in Radford, and is the son of Alma Ruth Swecker Coleman and the late Bernard Heath Coleman, Jr.
In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his wife Becky Lancaster Coleman
He is survived by three daughters: Misty (Dylan) Blake of Waynesburg, PA, Melody Combs of Palm Coast, FL, and Moriah (Brennan) Grimshaw of Pulaski: four brothers; Mike (Terri) Coleman of Pulaski, Mickey (Kim) Coleman of Narrows, Matt (Melissa) Coleman of Christiansburg, and Marty (Rebekah) Coleman of Troutville: his mother; Alma Ruth Swecker Coleman of Christiansburg: four grandchildren; Tristan, Ella, Alex and Maribelle: and three grand dogs; Ellie, August, and Goblin.
Per Mark's request, he will be cremated, and requested that there be no service.
Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



AARON "JAY" JEFFERSON PEAKE, JR.
Aaron "Jay" Jefferson Peake, Jr., age 87 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, November 9, 2023 at the Radford Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born April 30, 1936 in Wythe County, he was the son of the late Aaron Jefferson Peake, Sr. & Fannie Moore Mills. He was also preceded in death by his son, Matthew Dane Peak, granddaughter, Brenna Snow Peake, five brothers and six sisters.
Jay retired from Volvo Trucks. He is survived by his Wife of 68 years – Snowdeer (Jamison) Peake – Pulaski
Son – Aaron J. (Rachel) Peake, III – Lebanon, TN
Grandchildren – Shannon Peake, Aaron Peake
Great Grandchildren – Charlee, Grizzly, Sampson, Andrew and Eden
Great, Great Grandchildren – Nova, Kalee and Dustin
Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Mike Ingo, Melton Johnson and niece, Juanita Stroupe officiating. Interment followed at the Thornspring UMC Cemetery, Dublin.
To sign Jay's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com
Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



EDWARD F. SOUTHERN, SR.
Edward F. Southern, Sr. (Ed to most, JJ to his most favorite people) left his earthly body on November 14, 2023.
The youngest of three children, Ed was born on April 9, 1936 to Early Floyd and Edith Marshall Southern. A true "Newberner" Ed lived all but a few years on what is now Whitt Southern Road, attending grade school in the one room Newbern School and being a lifelong member of the Newbern United Methodist Church.
From an early age, Ed loved to work. He also loved to tell stories of days gone by. Some of our favorites include: memories of Panther Creek with his Mama's people, living beside his grandparents and helping on the farm, working for Conrad's (he started there when he was 10). He had so many stories to tell about his time on Claytor Lake. Ed drove a school bus while he was in high school, fondly recalling all those "wild kids." Around this time, he also began working for his Uncle, Frank Marshall. Eventually, he and his brother bought part of this business and formed Southern Welding and Machine Shop. No job was too big or too small. Their reputation for quality work led them to becoming the gold standard in Maintenance Machinist and Welders for many years in this area. After the business was sold, Ed started his second career at the tender age of 55, selling insurance and real estate.
Ed loved to travel and was so proud of the fact he had been to almost every state, but Alaska and Wisconsin always eluded him. He often took off in his mobile home to Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach, SC and a trip wasn't complete until you traveled out into the "back country" to eat at Luvanne's. He also loved to go out west and "check up" on how the Crazy Horse Monument was coming along.
Ed married Gloria Lucille Ware and together they raised two boys, Edward F. Southern, Jr. and Kenny R. Southern. They also raised Gloria's sister, Helen "Ray" Ware Warf, after the death of her mother.
The role Ed loved more than any other was being "JJ." Ed was an amateur radio enthusiast and his oldest granddaughter picked up on Ed being called "JJ." 47 years later, he is even called Great PawPaw JJ. He doted on his only grandchildren Christy and Eric. These two souls held the key to his heart and will always remember and be thankful for all the many ways he taught, protected, encouraged and loved them. He became the proud Great PawPaw JJ with the births of Caleb, Tyler, Zane and life only got sweeter when Elliott and Amelia came along. These seven souls were the shining stars of his world.
He is survived by his children (Eddie and Kenny) grandchildren (Christy (Johnny) Underwood and Eric (Jessica Pabst) Southern, great grandchildren, (Caleb, Tyler and Zane Underwood, Elliott and Amelia Southern) sister-in-law (Helen "Ray"Warf, nephew (Ed "Bit" Warf), along with many other family members and countless friends.
Ed will be greeted by his parents, siblings (Donald and Marie), his wife (Gloria), niece, (Shannon) and many other family members that he loved to keep alive in memory through his storytelling.
The family would like to offer their sincere gratitude to Nurse Haley Seagle and Physical Therapist Jeanie Grant for going above and beyond with the level of care they provided to Ed. His son, Eddie, became his main caretaker in his later years and his devotion and care gave us all the opportunity to love our JJ and keep him comfortable at home during his final years.
Arrangements are being

MARK WAYNE SAUNDERS



Mark Wayne Saunders, age 65 of Hiwassee, died Wednesday evening at his residence. He was born on July 6, 1958, and was the son of Alice Faye Duncan Saunders and the late Mack Lewis Saunders Jr.. Mark was a proud Master Electrician.
In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by: Grandparents Maxwell & Hallie Saunders, Burt & Margaret Duncan. Son Mark Wayne Saunders II.
He is survived by: Mother Alice Faye Saunders, Wife Annette Elaine Saunders, Son Eric Dewayne Saunders (Cheryl), Daughter Markie Nicole Saunders (Derrick), Stepchildren, Angela, Paul, Pierce, and Asher. Sister Susan Alderman (Brad). Neice Kasey Edwards (Nick), Neice Elizabeth Bishop (Jeremy). Step grandchildren Sadie, Charli, Gabe and Many Grand pups and Grand kittens. Also survived by many beloved Aunts, Uncles,
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EDITH KATE THOMPSON WAYNE

Edith Kate Thompson Wayne of Dublin, Virginia, joined her beloved late husband, Al Wayne, on a beautiful autumn morning, November 13, 2023. Edith Kate was born March 28, 1936, in Bland, Virginia, the eldest daughter of the late Zeb and Alma Thompson, and grew up in Dublin, Virginia. She is survived by her three daughters, Tamala Wayne and husband, Chris Sauer, of Richmond, Va.; Joy Wayne, of Bedford, Va.; and Christi Wayne and husband, Charlie Whitescarver, of Christiansburg, Va.

After graduating from Dublin High School, Edith Kate moved to Bluefield, West Virginia to attend business school. Ready for her next adventure, she then made her way to Louisville, Kentucky, to live, work, and attend the Kentucky Derby. Edith Kate eventually returned to Dublin to be with her family, including her beloved sister and best friend Sue Thompson Hubble, and her adored brother Zebbie Thompson. In Dublin, she spent time with friends at the Dublin Sundry, where she met the love of her life, Al Wayne. The first time Al saw Edith Kate walk into the Sundry, he said to his friend, "I'm going to marry that girl." Al and Edith Kate married in Dublin in 1963 and later moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where they lived for several years while Al served in the Air Force before they returned to Dublin to be with their families and raise their three daughters, Tammy, Joy, and Christi.

Edith Kate loved roses, was an avid reader, and was always finishing a crossword puzzle. She was mischievous and had a quick wit and wicked sense of humor, with a spark that only a redhead could have. "You can have your Kate and Edith too!" was one of her favorite quotes. She loved Elvis Presley, always won at Scrabble, and was a lifelong member of the Dublin United

Methodist Church. She was also known for her amazing baking skills, especially her famous pound cakes (Al's favorite) and peanut butter "jobbies" that she made for every holiday. Being a city girl at heart, Edith Kate was adventurous and loved restaurants and travel, especially to New York City.

Edith's greatest love, though, was her family. She will be missed by so many and was so deeply loved. Her daughters and sons-in-law absolutely adored her and will miss her endlessly.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Dublin United Methodist Church with the Rev. Don Shelor officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family will receive friends on Friday at the church from Noon until 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made, in her memory, to the Dublin United Methodist Church P.O. Box 577 Dublin, VA 24084. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



SHIRLEY MAE EDEN

Shirley Mae Eden, age 87 of Pulaski County, passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin, following a long life here on earth. Shirley was a retired employee of Pulaski Furniture, where she worked until the age of 70.

Over the years, she loved doing ceramics with her sister Lola and going out to eat and shopping. After her retirement, she and Lola loved going to Calfee Ball Park to watch baseball games. These sisters were so close that Shirley even accompanied Lola on her first date with her boyfriend, who later became her husband.

She loved walking up to Tom's Drive Inn to eat dinner every night. She loved to go on family vacations with her

daughters Denna and Maelynn and their children, Zach, Shelby, and Cody. She attended various sporting events and school events with all her grandchildren and was so very proud of the adults that they had become. Shirley played a huge role in helping raise her grandchildren by watching them as much as she could when they were small.

She was preceded in death

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and Cousins.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 13, 2023, at Seagle Funeral Home. Interment followed in Shiloh Cemetery.

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EDITORIAL

Remembering Veterans

Each year on November 11 we celebrate Veterans’ Day, honoring our fellow Americans who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces.

Originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Unfortunately, the “war to end all wars” was not the end and the day was renamed Veterans’ Day, recognizing all of the other conflicts our brave men and women in uniform have fought in.

This year’s Veterans’ Day coincides with the anniversary of the end of a number of major



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

conflicts in our country’s history.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the official end of the Vietnam

War. On January 27, 1973, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of Vietnam, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, and the United States signed a peace agreement known as the Paris Peace Accords. By August 1972, the last of our infantry battalions had withdrawn from Vietnam. The Paris Peace Accords in 1973 removed any remaining American troops from the conflict.

Unfortunately, despite the peace agreement, fighting between the North and South Vietnamese resumed not even a day later and continued for more than two years.

The war lasted almost 20 years and it is estimated anywhere from 1.3 to 3.4 million people lost their lives during the conflict. Approximately 58,000 Americans died in the war and 153,000 Americans were wounded. Keep in mind that those who were listed as wounded may not include those who came back with some degree of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

About nine million American military personnel served on active duty during the Vietnam War era, with more than 2.7 million Americans serving on the ground in Vietnam. Today, there are about 6.3 million veterans still alive. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are 203,807 Vietnam veterans living in Virginia.

This year is also the 70th anniversary of the end of the Korean war. In 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea following years of hostilities. After a little more than three years, the fighting ended with the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953.

In just three years, approximately three million people died in the war. Approximately 36,000 Americans died in the war and 103,000 were wounded. About 5.7 million American servicemen and women served on active duty during the war, with 1.7 million serving on the ground in Korea. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are 1,165,000 Korean War veterans still living today. Of those, there are 31,535 living in Virginia.

Along with our Korean and Vietnam War veterans, we must not fail to recognize the thousands of World War II veterans that are still with us and the many veterans who served more recently in the Desert Shield/Desert Storm conflict and during the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, etc. In total today, about 16.5 million living Americans have served in our armed forces.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting a remarkable veteran, Marcus Luttrell, who was on Capitol Hill visiting his brother, Congressman Morgan Luttrell. Marcus is a retired Navy SEAL who received the Navy Cross and Purple Heart for his actions in 2005, fighting against the Taliban. He fought in Operation Red Wings in Afghanistan, in which he was the lone survivor. His story was featured in the 2013 movie, Lone Survivor, where he was played by Mark Wahlberg. The movie was based on Luttrell’s 2007 book of the same name.

As the Athenian Greek historian and general Thucydides (c. 460-400 BC) said, “the bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding, go out to meet it.”

During this Veterans’ Day season, I’d ask everyone to reflect on what called these brave men and women to risk their lives to serve their country and to consider the tremendous debt we owe them.

Thank you to our veterans, like Marcus, who served their country in the most extraordinary way.

I urge you to thank any veterans you come across in your life, including family members, friends, and neighbors. It is the least we can do to honor the heroes who risked their lives for our freedoms.

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

Changing the Atmosphere in America

The late Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Broadcast Network, the 700 Club and author of many publications, knew a lot about God’s love and compassion. In his book “Steps to Revival” he stated, “God first refines and purifies His people, then He fills them with His power. Then He places in their heart His love and compassion for those who are lost without God and without hope in the world. Christian people...radiate the knowledge of the One whose power is continually filling their lives.”

Have you ever felt the heavy, humid air building up just before a summer storm? The clouds gather, the wind picks up, and the atmosphere is heavy and burdensome. But after the rainstorm the air feels fresh and invigorating.

How do you change the atmosphere in a community where the atmosphere is burdened with crime, fear, drug addiction, pornography, and other wicked behavior? It would be nice if a summer rainstorm could wash away the vile behavior and create refreshing changes; but unfortunately it takes much more than wishful thinking to change the atmosphere of a community trapped in immorality.

Back in America’s history – during the Founders’ era – there were fiery preachers such as Charles Finney, John Wesley and Dr. John Witherspoon. When these men came into a community and preached the uncompromising Word of God, the community responded.

During that era, drug addicts, alcoholics and people addicted to gambling were gloriously converted. All saloons were closed for lack of customers, jails were empty for lack of criminals, and courts were empty for

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

lack of disputes. Whole societies were transformed when the uncompromising Word of God was preached.

Benjamin Franklin wrote that when Dr. John Witherspoon preached, the atmosphere of his hometown (Philadelphia) was changed. You could walk through the city and hear people singing Psalms, praising God and praying in their homes. There was an unexplained unity and happiness among the people.

This legacy of revivals popping-up in unexpected places in America is happening today with the same results: drug addicts, alcoholics, traffickers and gang members have gloriously been converted. In California where Evangelists like Mario Murillo have been preaching, they report that gang members are turning to God. People involved in witchcraft are being set free. Neighborhoods are being cleaned up and community pride is being restored. And all the while, people are hearing and seeing the truth of God’s love in action.

Throughout the centuries the Christian Church as been the greatest source of positive change. Hospitals, libraries, orphanages, safe houses and shelters have been started through the compassion and love of Christians.

Every community in America could have a positive change of atmosphere – and we desperately need this. All it takes is Christians acting together as Christians.



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Easy trick to winning

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. has a history, and a present, of promoting wild conspiracy theories. His independent bid for the presidency is quixotic at best. And yet a new Quinnipiac poll has him getting an impressive 22% in a three-way contest with Donald Trump and Joe Biden, and with a narrow lead among independents.

This should be less encouraging to RFK than a warning sign to the major parties that they are courting disaster by nominating two candidates so unappealing that a solid bloc of voters, at first blush, would prefer someone, anyone really, with the last name Kennedy.

Democracy is usually the art of giving voters what they want. But, apparently, not in 2024.

Usually the obvious political considerations prevail in presidential politics.

It was pretty obvious that Joe Biden was a stronger general-election candidate in 2020 than Bernie Sanders, and lo and behold, Biden rose from the dead and won the Democratic nomination.

Sometimes passion, calculated risk-taking, delusion or stasis overwhelm the obvious, though. When this happens to one party -- think of the Barry Goldwater or George McGovern nominations -- it often suffers a debacle. But what if both parties succumb to these forces at same time?

Then, you get a clash of weakness where each party risks throwing away a winnable race through its insistence on a desperately flawed nominee.

The Republican reaction to the likely re-nomination of President Biden is, in effect, “We’ll see and raise your unpopular incumbent who looks like he could tip over at any moment with an unpopular former president who will likely be convicted of felonies next year.”

The Democratic reaction to the likely re-nomination of Donald Trump is, in effect, “We’ll see and raise your radioactive standard-bearer with a president who is trailing him in polls and who most people think can’t serve another four years.”

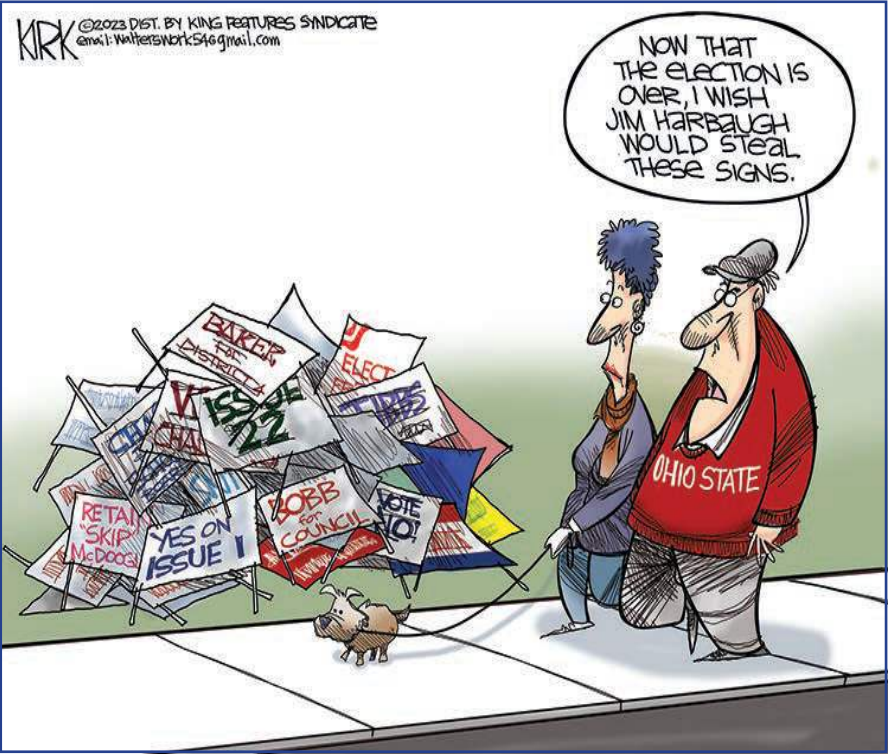
Both parties think they are going to win anyway. Even if they are right, their chances of victory would go up appreciably if they switched away from their current presumptive nominees.

A generic Democrat who is not festooned with Biden’s failures and weaknesses and is not in his or her 80s would almost certainly readily defeat Trump. (The unpopular Kamala Harris does not meet the definition of such a Democrat.)

A generic Republican who hasn’t spent years making him- or herself hateful to suburbanites, who isn’t wedded to ridiculous yarns about the 2020 election, and who isn’t in serious legal jeopardy in multiple jurisdictions would almost certainly readily beat Biden.

According to the latest USA Today/Suffolk poll, Trump leads Biden on who’s best to handle the economy, foreign affairs and the border, while surveys consistently find about three-quarters have doubts about Biden’s ability to serve another four years. And yet the mandarins of the Democratic Party believe he’s best suited to beating Trump.

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Go into Debt for a Wedding? Nope!

Dear Dave,

Our daughter’s college education is pretty much paid for already through grants and scholarships, and my wife and I make good money. We just started your plan, so when we get to Baby Step 5, saving for college, can we substitute that with saving for a wedding?

Benton

Dear Benton,

I’m glad you’re thinking ahead, buddy. And I don’t have a problem with your idea. It’s always a good plan to save for a wedding, if you have the financial resources to do so.

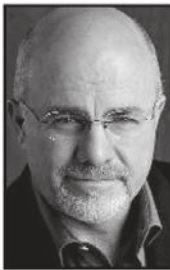
Did you know the average wedding in America this year, according to Zola.com, ran around \$29,000? Of course, you don’t have to pay anything close to that amount to make a wedding a beautiful and memorable occasion. Your household income, debt, savings and other factors will all play a part in how much you can legitimately afford.

Sit down with your wife, crunch some numbers and see what makes sense in your situation. Just remember to pay cash for the wedding. If you have to go into debt to make it happen, you’re spending way too much!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have just \$12,000 to pay off before we’re debt-free. We’ve paid off almost \$70,000 in debt in the last two years, and we both just turned 50. We would like to buy a house soon, but



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

an emergency fund, considering the rate at which you’ve been paying off debt.

Yes, you need a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses set aside before you start saving a down payment for a home. Maybe in your case, you could lean a little more toward the three-month side with your emergency fund. Then, after you’re all moved in, you could revisit the emergency fund and beef it up to six months.

Fifty isn’t old, Debbie. Just stay on course and stick with the plan. You two have plenty of time to get your finances in order and find a great home!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.



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Guard

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Commonwealth’s Attorney Office’s generous donation of \$2,000 toward the purchase of uniforms and repair of the Jeep used in funeral processions.

“I was fortunate enough to be raised in a household where my parents taught me if you see a need and you can meet a need, you should. Our office makes every effort to carry that mentality forward to our community,” Griffith stated in the release.

“In criminal prosecutions of drug dealers, law enforcement may take money that is tied to the crime. Once forfeited to the Commonwealth, prosecutors can disburse those funds back into the community in a way that strengthens relationships and encourages goodwill with law enforcement.

“In October, of 2023 our local paper, The Patriot, reported that Pulaski County veteran funeral honors are in jeopardy. The article quoted ‘they deserve our appreciation for their service in life, and our honor in death, for when their service is over.’ There has never been more of an understatement written. I was completely aghast at learning they were sounding an alarm those services potentially coming to an end in our County. In addition, I felt guilty for being naïve at what an undertaking and commitment those services are.

“Shortly after reading that article, I contacted the Commander of the Honor Guard of Dublin American Legion Post and inquired regarding a desire to help. We recently learned in response to the original article two new members have joined the Honor Guard of Dublin American Legion Post and they are processing a third candidate. The new members receive new shirts, patches, belts, buckles, pants, shoes, topcoats, blazers and sweaters. In addition, as part of the burial services, the Honor Guard transports caskets in a 1942 Army Jeep that is fitted with a caisson.

“This cause feels personal to me, in our community we have the privilege to interact with veterans daily. Whether it is shaking the hand of a veteran dropping his daughter of for ballet practice or meeting the newest lawyer at the Public Defender’s Office who served. In addition, as you probably know, many law enforcement officers segue their careers from the military to law enforcement. This office has gotten the opportunity to know many veterans that we have the honor of working with every day. Just as they were prepared to do anything to protect this country they are willing to do anything to protect our County. Their duty to serve constantly permeates throughout our office.

“Commonwealth’s Attorney’s offices, by nature, are required to make difficult decisions every day that impact the

Lowry

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On the other hand, despite all his troubles, Biden has a higher favorable rating (39% positive, 49% negative) than Trump (35% positive, 54% negative), according to a recent NBC News poll.

There’s no doubt that Trump could eke out a win against Biden, the way he did against Hillary Clinton in 2016. But why settle for hoping for a narrow win against such a debilitated incumbent?

With Trump, the GOP will be asking the middle of the electorate to conclude, “We can’t stand this guy and there’s nothing that can make us change our minds about him, but things are so bad in the country that perhaps we should give him a try again, anyway.”

Maybe that happens, but it isn’t the strongest grounds on which to contest an election.

The parties show no sign of doing something different, though. Benefiting from incumbency, Biden is all but unchallenged, and Trump continues to have an incredible grip on Republican voters.

So, both parties will probably roll the electoral dice unnecessarily next year, and try to give the voters what they don’t want, good and hard.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



Photo by Ginger Clayton

Pulaski County Veteran’s Funeral Honor Guard



Danielle Reid/Patriot Publishing

American Legion Post #58 Commander Steve Akers and Post #58 Commander of the Veterans Funeral Honor Guard, Emil Moldovan stand at the Wall of Honor where their names and other Veterans’ military service are commemorated. The Honor Guard presides at the funerals of Veterans who have served our country.

whole county. Today, we were able to make an easy decision. The Pulaski County Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office is proud to announce that we will be purchasing these new uniforms and contributing to the cost of repairs for the Jeep. I am hopeful that our \$2,000 donation can springboard others to reach out to our American Legion and tell them how you can help them. Our community deserves to be known seeing a need and meeting a need and collectively we can accomplish that,” Griffith closed.

This has been said, “Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it is in your power to act.” (Proverbs 3:27-28) There are many Veterans’ families who will appreciate the good deeds performed by our local Veteran’s Funeral Honor

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School board talks calendar, cyber-attack, raises

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

This week’s meeting of the Pulaski County School Board began with former school board member Mike Barbour directly addressing school board members in the opening public comment segment of the meeting. Barbour heaped praise on the outgoing board members, four whom lost in their bids for re-election while a fifth – Bill Benson did not seek re-election.

Barbour went through a litany of occurrences that took place at Pulaski County Public Schools in the last several years and thanked the board for their service to the community.

Barbour ended his comments by turning around to face all five incoming school board members, who were sitting in a single row near the front of the auditorium, to wish them well and express his hope for a smooth transition.

Assistant School Superintendents Tara Grant and Sarah Polcha spent the next several minutes presenting the proposed 2024-2025 school calendar.

“We decided on a 990-

hour calendar which is 170 instructional days,” said Grant.

“The start of school would be August 14 and the last day of school May 23 (2025). Spring Break will be in March instead of April because the closer we are to SOLs, the more time we want with our kids before SOLs so they don’t forget. It also includes four parent teacher conference or professional development days and 12 teacher workdays. So that’s 200 teacher days.”

Polcha added that teachers’ contracts would not change under this new calendar.

“It’s a nice long winter break,” said board member Paige Cash. “And thank you for including President’s Day. It came up in one of my forums.”

Pulaski County School Superintendent Rob Graham then explained how the Virginia Department of Education gives schools the option of requiring 180 school days or 990 hours in school.

“One thing that’s so impressive about Pulaski County is the children go to school during the school day longer than anywhere I’ve been and I’ve been to six or seven schools,” said Graham.

“So, we’re able to take those hours and multiply it by the instructional days that we have through this new school year and they are well over 990 hours. The beauty of that is that you can use that over time during the school year for inclement weather or other things like a cyber-attack without having to make those things up.”

Since this meeting occurred, Pulaski County Public Schools has reconsidered the recommendation and, according to Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Brenda Crawford, will most likely return to the 180-school day model. This was because of concerns that students will miss meals when there is no school and non-faculty members of PCPS will lose income as a result of less time on the job.

The school board calendar for 2024-2025 is scheduled to be approved and voted on at the upcoming December 12 meeting.

The Cyber Attack referenced by Superintendent Graham was not theoretical, as Pulaski County Public Schools computer systems were under siege over the past weekend.

“I want to give a really big thank you to our IT Department,” said Graham. “I was in church when I got the call Sunday morning about the cyber-attack and when I left church I kind of tried to have a regular day, but the IT folks did not have a regular day. They came in and tried to get us up and running as fast as we could ...

What happened is the Atari Ransomware Gang comes in and tries to take over your entire computer system so that you cannot function operationally. Then they send in special notes to servers that say, ‘we have your stuff, you’re not going to be able to operate and we’re requesting this amount of money so that you can function again.’”

“This is happening more and more often in school divisions,” Graham continued. “A company that we’d paid for called Binary Organizations came in and immediately helped, along with our IT specialists. They started working Sunday afternoon on servers and things and we were able to get by. Monday and Tuesday we were still offline, but by Tuesday afternoon, we were feeling very comfortable about the security of our students, faculty and staff coming to school on Wednesday.”

Graham noted that employees in the IT department have been working 12- and 14-hour days since the attack and subsequently called for a round of applause for the IT team. The applause was duly given and Graham, who thought school might be out for the entire week due to the attack, predicted that all departments would be online in the coming days. Student Chromebooks were not affected by the cyber-attack.

The first action item on the agenda involved authorizing Pulaski County school Assistant Administrators Polcha, Lincoln Whitaker and Director of Finance Morgan Sklar as designees to sign VDOE documents, reports and requisitions in the absence of the Superintendent of Schools. Superintendent Graham supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

During the state budget process prior to June 30, PCPS was able to give a 5 percent increase in salary to school system employees using the \$1,863,508 state compensation supplement, as well as a portion of the state basic aid funding.

In the finalized budget, the General Assembly provided additional funding for a 2 percent salary increase effective Jan. 1, 2024, for a total of a 7 percent salary increase for FY 2024. School systems that have raised employee salaries by 12 percent in the last two years became eligible for additional funds and since PCPS employees’ salaries have increased 13.85 percent over two years, \$239,689 in additional funding was made available for

the school system.

With this additional inflow of cash, the school board voted unanimously to give all school system employees a \$1,000 bonus on Dec. 1 of this year.

The school board’s last action was to unanimously approve a Leave Sharing Policy that allows one school system employee to donate sick days to another employee who faces a serious medical condition that necessitates a longer leave of absence.

A school employee can now donate up to five sick days to another PCPS employee in a given year. Under the plan an employee could take a maximum of 20 sick days for a personal illness or 20 days to care for an ill family member.

Pulaski County Public Schools was recently approved to receive \$1.7 million over a two-year period from the VDOE for the All In Virginia learning plan. Of these funds, 70 percent is slated to go for learning loss, 20 percent to the Virginia Literacy Act and 10 percent to battle chronic absenteeism.

“We wanted the All In tutoring plan to start Wednesday, but with the cybersecurity attack, we were unable to do that,” said Graham. “We plan to start Monday. We are very excited about that. We’re spending almost \$300,000 in virtual tutoring with a company called Stride, who we have a really good relationship with and it’s really convenient because they have certified teachers and certified tutors. So, we don’t have to worry about transportation to bring our students here earlier.”

According to Graham, there is a five to one student to teacher ratio in the online tutoring classes.

In addition to the online tutoring program, PCPS is planning to hire learning loss tutors for each school in the system, with two slated to work at Pulaski County Middle School. Natalie Quesenberry, who currently works as a tutor, is overseeing the person-to-person tutoring program, which should begin in the Spring semester.

Graham then explained which students would be eligible for tutoring.

“They want us to tutor our significantly at-risk students,” Graham explained. “The students that haven’t passed SOLs are the ones we’re starting with. There’s another group who scored 400 to 450 that we will start working with at the beginning of the second semester. So about two-thirds of our student population qualify for our All In tutoring plan.

“We’re very hopeful that our county will see a significant increase in academic achievement with this plan,” said Graham. “We hope that the VDOE sees academic improvement in schools all over the Commonwealth and that money keeps coming to us.”

Council

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Dora Hwy. section is estimated to cost \$125,000.

“This is going to be another multi-year project that will require more funding,” said Burcham, who suggested that the town would likely have to set aside funds for the next several years to aid in the repair and replacement costs of the sewer pipes.

“We have not at this point had the opportunity to investigate what might be available for grant or loan financing of that,” said Burcham. “But we do know that we can certainly recover some of our cost if we could address particularly those areas that are sending a large flow to Peppers Ferry for treatment on a monthly basis.”

The council then voted to replace section 46 of the town code as it relates to flood zones and to amend the definition of “gas stations” in the town code to align with the terms used by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

MYSTERY ORDINANCE

Members of the Town Council seemed pleased with the Town’s Halloween Treat Trail event on West Main Street.

“It was great to see that activity downtown,” said Councilman Greg East of the event.

“People loved it,” echoed Mayor Shannon Collins. “Let’s keep moving forward. Our eyes are in the front of our head, not in our back, so let’s keep moving forward.”

According to Burcham, the county was able to determine that 1,600 cell phones were active along West Main Street during the Treat Trail event. Considering that many of the younger trick or treaters did not have cell phones, it’s estimated that at least 2,200 visitors ambled along West Main Street

on Halloween.

Mayor Collins also announced that the Christmas Parade would once again be held on West Main Street this year.

In her report to the Pulaski Town Council, Burcham announced the sale of the second Acquire, Rehabilitate, Sell (ARS) house.

“We participate in programs with the state that provide some seed money for us to either build new or rehabilitate homes and make them available for first time homebuyers,” said Burcham of the ARS program. “We’re using properties that we purchased several years ago at a delinquent tax sale as the location for those homes. So far, we’ve only done it with vacant properties, so that we’re building new. In my mind, it’s always easier to build new. We’ve done two of those. We did one last year on Maple Avenue and we just sold one on Pierce Avenue.”

According to Burcham, the house on Pierce Avenue sold for \$249,000 and cost about \$219,000 to build.

“It’s a way to do what I call in-fill housing in areas where you already have a lot of older homes and you have a vacant piece of property that’s been sitting idle for years and yet we want to try to attract more people to come into the town,” Burcham continued.

“The state will give us a total of \$45,500 toward a house and that’s to purchase the property, but because we already own the properties, we’re able to acquire that money and then set up a line of credit with a bank. Then when we sell the property, we pay off the interest and any loan that is due. Any money that is extra, and the first one didn’t give us anything extra, we put back into a fund to use for the next house.”

The Town of Pulaski is currently in the process of

interviewing candidates to fill the position of Town Manager.

One might assume that Burchum is set to retire.

“I’m not retiring,” said Burcham. “I’m still going to be working someplace I haven’t decided what or where yet, but I’m not ready to hang it up.”

If that’s the case, then why leave Pulaski?

“I think it’s time for the council to have somebody who can commit long term and I’m not in a position to do that,” Burcham replied. “When I came, I said I’d stay a year and they asked me to stay another year and then they asked me to stay another year and I feel like going a year at a time is not the right way to do it. They’ve told me I could stay as long as I wanted, but I think it’s time for them to find somebody who has some permanency.”

“I’ll do something,” Burcham continued. “When I left Roanoke 13 years ago, I went home and stayed a couple of months and somebody called me and said, ‘Can you come be my interim Manager in Clifton Forge?’ and I went there and I stayed 10 years. And then the day after I left Clifton forge I came here. So, I really have left places where I could retire, but I just have not retired. As long as my health is good and somebody thinks I have the ability to make a contribution, I want to keep working ... I’m crazy.”

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SPORTS



Antonio Nottingham/Pulaski County Cougar Football

Pulaski County fullback Trevor Gallimore dives across the goal line at the end of a four-yard TD burst with 2:30 to go before halftime.

Cougars' season ends, 45-21

By MIKE WILLIAMS
Patriot Publishing

The high school football season ended last Friday for the Pulaski County Cougars in the Class 3 Region D quarterfinals when they fell to the William Byrd Terriers, 45-21.

With the loss in Vinton, the Cougars end the season with a 4-7 record, while William Byrd improved to 10-1.

The No. 2 seeded Terriers' season continues this Friday night when they host No. 3 seed Lord Botetourt in a semi-final contest.

On the other side of the Region D bracket, No. 4 seed Christiansburg travels to top-seeded Magna Vista.

The Terriers led from the get-go last Friday night, jumping out to a 21-0 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The Cougars finally got on the board with just 2:30 to go in the half when Trevor Gallimore dived over the goal line on a four yard gain. Bryant Nottingham's PAT was good, and Pulaski County trailed, 21-7.

The Terriers would add a late score just before the half ended, to push their lead to 28-7 at intermission.

Byrd struck again in the third quarter, scoring on a 64-yard pass play to go up, 35-7.

The Terriers tacked on a 29 yard field goal with seconds left in the third, to make the score 38-7.

With 7:19 to go in the game, Nottingham hit senior tight end Marcus Reed on a 29-yard pass play for the touchdown. Nottingham added the PAT to make the score, 38-14.

About a minute later, Byrd scored on a 44-yard run to take



Antonio Nottingham/Pulaski County Cougar Football

Pulaski County defenders swarm all over this William Byrd ball carrier.

a 45-14 lead.

There was no quit in the Cougars, however, as with only 14 seconds left to play, Tyler Underwood scored from three yards out. Nottingham's kick was good and the Cougars made it the final, 45-21.

Gallimore had another big night for Pulaski County

with 119 yards on 35 carries. Chase Lawrence added 55 on 12 rushes. Underwood finished with 19 yards on three carries, Isaiah O'Dell gained six yards on four carries, and Nottingham finished with three carries for minus-two yards.

Nottingham went 9 of 16 passing with two interceptions and one touchdown. He finished with 179 yards through the air.

Reed went over the century mark in receiving with 104 yards on six receptions. Lawrence added two catches for 44 yards, and O'Dell had

one catch for 31 yards.

William Byrd had 437 yards in total offense compared to Pulaski County's 376. The Cougars had 197 yards on the ground with 55 carries, while the Terriers amassed 275 yards rushing on only 21 carries.

The Cougars gained 179 yards through the air, while Byrd had 162.

Pulaski County finished with 19 first downs to William Byrd's 12.

The visitors had only four penalties for 25 yards, while the home team had seven miscues for 65 yards.



High School Playoff Scores

VHSL Playoffs Regional Quarterfinal

Class 6
Battlefield 26, Patriot 6
Colonial Forge 49, Gainesville 26
Fairfax 32, Edison 20
Freedom 41, Potomac 0
Herndon 28, McLean 21
Highland Springs 49, Cosby 6
James Madison 42, Langley 6
Lake Braddock 49, Mount Vernon 16
Manchester 42, Landstown 0
Mountain View 48, Forest Park 6
Oscar Smith 28, Glen Allen 17
South County 22, West Potomac 18
Thomas Dale 31, Western Branch 22
West Springfield 41, Hayfield 19
Westfield 30, Washington-Liberty 7
Yorktown 7, South Lakes 6

Class 5
Douglas Freeman 46, Hermitage 41
Massaponax 35, Lightridge 14
Matoaca 28, Lloyd Bird 0
Maury 63, Kecoughtan 0
Mills Godwin 32, Louisa 24
Nansemond River 35, Granby 20
Riverbend 41, Independence 16
Warwick 57, Menchville 6
William Fleming 23, Patrick Henry 16

Class 4
Churchland 70, Gloucester 0
E.C. Glass 38, Sherando 30
Huguenot 25, Powhatan 20
Jefferson Forest 20, GW-Danville 13
John Handley 21, Millbrook 7
Loudoun County 42, Woodgrove 22
Loudoun Valley 42, Broad Run 7
Phoebus 104, Jamestown 0
Salem 55, Liberty-Bealeton 7
Varina 43, Courtland 0
Warhill 59, Manor High School 12

Class 3
Armstrong 52, William Monroe 14
Brentsville 49, Meridian High School 20
Christiansburg 26, Abingdon 3
Heritage 30, Grafton 6
Kettle Run 47, Skyline 7
Lake Taylor 38, Colonial Heights 0
Liberty Christian 56, Fluvanna 6
Lord Botetourt 42, Bassett 10
Rustburg 40, Alleghany 29
Spotswood 21, Monticello 14
Turner Ashby 26, Heritage (Lynchburg) 14
William Byrd 45, Pulaski County 21

Class 2
Amelia County 24, Greensville County 20
Appomattox 49, Chatham 6
Clarke County 21, Buckingham County 7
Glenvar 56, Patrick County 0
Graham 56, Lee High 14
Gretna 28, Floyd County 27, OT King William 54, Bruton 13
Radford 63, James River 0
Riverheads 69, Madison County 14
Southampton 44, Central of Lunenburg 30
Strasburg 35, Fort Defiance 14

Class 1
Altavista 64, Surry County 16
Brunswick 41, Buffalo Gap 26
Essex 46, Colonial Beach 0
Fort Chiswell 48, Narrows 19
Galax 42, Bath County 7
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Sean Pedula drives around a Campbell defender Wednesday night in Blacksburg.

Pulaski County's Jeff King named to ACC Honors Class



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Jeff King with (from left) Bryan Stinespring, Jim Weaver and Frank Beamer.

Hokiesports.com

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Atlantic Coast Conference announced on Thursday that tight end Jeff King has been named to the 2023 ACC Football Honors Class.

King was a 2004 All-America second-team selection by College Football News and a two-time All-ACC second-team selection (2004 and 2005). The Pulaski County native set a school record for touchdown catches by a tight end with 11.

During his senior season, King became the first player

in school history to catch a touchdown pass in four consecutive games, finishing the year with 26 catches for 292 yards and six touchdowns.

Drafted in the fifth round of the 2006 NFL Draft by the Carolina Panthers, he played seven seasons in the NFL for the Panthers and the Arizona Cardinals. King finished his NFL career with 156 receptions

for 1,323 yards and 12 touchdowns.

He has worked in the Chicago Bears' front office since 2015 and currently serves as the Co-Director of Player Personnel.

The 2023 ACC Football Honors Class will be recognized at the ACC Championship Game in Charlotte. The game is set for Saturday, Dec. 2 at Bank of America Stadium.

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The New River Valley Airport Commission is accepting Hangar Management Services proposals for an existing 100ft x 100ft hangar with 400sf of office space on airport property. The selected proposal would lead to a lease between the submitting party and the Airport Commission with terms based upon the submitted proposal. Use of the premises is subject to the Airport Commission's Minimum Standards and Rules and Regulations (copies available on the Airport's website or upon request), and the premises would be limited to aeronautical use only. Inspection of the hangar is encouraged before proposal submittal. Proposals should include:

- Planned use of the premises
- Length of term
- Early cancellation policy
- Monthly rental amount

Improvements to the structure

The deadline for submission will be December 4th, 2023, at 3:00pm. The Airport Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers, and to enter into competitive negotiation to best serve its interests.

Proposals may be sent by mail or e-mail to:
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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

Pulaski Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW To remove Section 18-5 Administration (a) from the Town of Pulaski Code of Ordinances

All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Clerk of Council by Friday, November 3rd.

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

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Tech's big man notches career highs, double-double

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BLACKSBURG – Powered by career highs in points and rebounds by Lynn Kidd, Virginia Tech (2-1) defeated Campbell (1-2), 60-44, on Wednesday night inside Carilion Clinic Court at Cassell Coliseum.

Virginia Tech's defense, highlighted by 16 forced turnovers, led the hosts to victory. Accuracy from the free-throw line (12-15) and 30 points in the paint also helped the cause. Kidd led the Hokies with a career-high 24 points and recorded his second career double-double with a career-high 15 rebounds. It was the most rebounds recorded by a Hokie since Kerry Blackshear Jr. pulled down 16 against Duke in the Sweet 16 on March 29, 2019. Joining Kidd in double figures was Hunter Cattoor with 12 points.

HOW IT HAPPENED

- Assisted by Sean Pedulla, a Kidd basket opened up the scoring for the Hokies two minutes in. Back-to-back steals by MJ Collins led to a Kidd dunk and Collins layup. Tech was up 8-2 with 15 minutes remaining in the first half.

- A Collins jump shot put the Hokies up 14-5 with a little over seven minutes gone. With two makes at the free-throw line and a short jump hook, Kidd got up to 10 points for the game. Tech was up 19-7 with nine minutes left in the half.

- Assisted by Collins, Mylyjael Poteat threw down a dunk. The Hokies were up 21-10 with three minutes left in the half. A Cattoor 3-pointer put Tech up 26-16 at halftime.

- The Hokies forced the Camels into 12 turnovers, while only coughing up one themselves. Tech also had five steals to Campbell's



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Lynn Kidd had a career high 24 points and 15 rebounds.

one at halftime.

- Kidd opened up the second half scoring with a tip-in. Pedulla followed that with a jump shot at the end of the shot clock. Tech was up 30-19 two minutes into the second half.

- A Cattoor 3-pointer gave the Hokies their largest lead of the game at 17. Another Cattoor 3-pointer put Tech up 39-20 with 15 minutes remaining.

- To break the near six-minute scoring drought by the Hokies, Pedulla made one of two from the free-throw line to put Tech up 41-30 with nine minutes left. A Cattoor 3-pointer put the Hokies up 12 and gave him 12 points for the game.



Public Notice Town Accepting Applications To Fill Planning Commission Vacancies

The Town of Pulaski is seeking qualified residents to serve on the Town's Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission oversees development in the Town according to the Zoning Regulations and the Comprehensive Plan. Its prime function is to review and make recommendations to the Town Council on applications for zoning requests from citizens and to review and amend the Zoning Regulations and the Comprehensive Plan. Commission members are appointed by the Town Council for four (4) year terms.

If you are interested in applying for these positions, please contact Olivia C. Hale, Clerk of Council for a volunteer application form at 540-994-8602, by email at ohale@pulaskitown.org or online at pulaskitown.org. Application forms may be returned either electronically or to the following mailing address:

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Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing to consider two applications for the Month of October. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing on these petition(s) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

1. Rezone Application submitted by Kayla Lewis and Earl Hagee, rezone request for Tax Map 074-018-0000-0002 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture (A) located at 4535 Peak Creek Road Pulaski, VA 2430, Draper District.
2. Rezone Application submitted by Sergio Panuco, rezone request for Tax Map 055-001-0000-018C from Agriculture (A) to Commercial (CM) located at 4241 Lee Highway, Pulaski, VA 24301, Massie District.
3. Rezone Application submitted by Steve and Kimberly Johnston, rezone request for Tax Map 037-006-0000-0003.4,5 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture located at 6469 Lee Highway, Radford, VA 24141, Cloyd District.

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

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

Bobcats remain unbeaten, wallop James River, 55-0

By ELIZABETH KANIPE
The Patriot

The undefeated Radford Bobcats earned the top seed in Region C and have home field advantage in the playoffs. They faced a familiar foe in James River whom they beat 55-0 for their Homecoming game five weeks earlier. Radford's top receiver, Max Kanipe, returned after missing two games with a hamstring injury and wasted little time getting involved.

Radford received the opening kickoff and took 4 plays to score. Landen Clark threw a screen pass to Kanipe who made a defender miss and ran to the outside and dove into the endzone for a 19 yard score. James River received the kickoff and Radford's Bryant Weaver stripped the ball from the runner and Jaden Hendricks recovered at the Bobcat's 24 yard line. J.D. Grubb carried the ball 3 times and scored from 1 yard out. Radford led 14-0 and the Knights had not even ran an offensive play yet.

James River's offense finally got on the field but on the third play Kanipe intercepted the Knights pass at the 43 and ran it untouched to the endzone for his first pick six. Radford led 21-0. On the kickoff, Luciano Pugliese kicked the ball down the left sideline and it looked like it was going to roll out of bounds but Cole Martin dove on the ball to give the Bobcats the ball on the 24 yard line. On the next play, Clark hit Brandon Thompson on a corner route for the touchdown. Radford now led 28-0 with 8:23 left in the first quarter.

The Bobcats blocked James River's punt to take over on the



Elizabeth Kanipe/SWT

#18 Max Kanipe catches the pass for a Bobcat touchdown. This catch pushed Kanipe to become Radford's all-time single season passing yardage leader with 1,015 yards.

36 yard line. Clark found a wide open Kanipe in the back of the endzone for a 35-0 lead. The next Radford score would come after a bad punt snap gave the Bobcats the ball at the Knights 8 yard line. Grubb ran it in on the next play. Radford led 42-0 10:10 left in the second quarter. Clark would finish the scoring for the first half after pulling a handoff and sprinting 43 yards untouched for a 49-0 halftime

lead.

The reserves took over in the second half. On the first second half possession Bobcat backup QB Luke Gaither hit Colton Garner-Rollins on a screen pass. Garner-Rollins split defenders and sprinted 68 yards for the touchdown. Radford would finish its scoring when Garner-Rollins intercepted a half-back pass and returned it 39 yards for a touchdown..

The Radford defense was dominant again, holding the Knights to -7 yards in the first half and 39 yards for the game. The Bobcats offense only had 283 yards of total offense but that number was lower because they took possession in Knights territory almost every time. Clark was 9 for 13 for 114 yards and 3 touchdowns. He also ran 3 times for 68 yards and 1 touchdown. Grubb carried

the ball 10 times for 46 yards and 2 touchdowns. Kanipe caught 4 passes for 54 yards and 2 touchdowns. With the 54 yards, Kanipe became Radford's all time single season passing yardage leader with 1011 set by Parker Prioleau last season.

Radford will host Appomattox next Friday at Bobcat Stadium. The winner will play for the Region C championship.

No. 7 see Pioneers knock off No. 2 seed Narrows

By RODNEY YOUNG
For The Patriot

NARROWS – Playing on a cool but comfortable evening, the visiting Fort Chiswell Pioneers upended the home-standing Narrows Green Wave last week in the quarterfinals of the Class 1 Region C playoffs, 48-19.

The Pioneers came into the game seeded seventh in the region playoffs and Narrows was seeded second.

Fort Chiswell scored first as Layton Kennedy raced in from 20 yards out and Brayden Billings' point after put the score at 7-0.

Narrows would answer with a tying touchdown by Kolier Pruett. He scampered 65 yards to paydirt, and the Matt McGlothlin kick had it seven-all with 2:30 showing.

The Green Wave (8-3) would score to go up 13-7 as Cooper Helvey went around right end on a one-yard score, but the kick was wide right.

Fort Chiswell would go back up with five minutes before intermission as Mikey Melton ran it in from 11 yards out and it was 14-13.

Narrows would then start their next drive at their 35 and Pruett would go around his right and down the Narrows sideline on another 65-yard touchdown run. The point after kick was blocked, but the Green Wave had rolled back up on top, 19-14.

The Pioneers (5-6) on their next possession drove down to the Green Wave five and Kennedy ran it in to go up 21-19 with just a minute remaining before halftime.

Narrows would receive the second half kickoff, but were held on downs.

Fort Chiswell got a 20-yard touchdown run from Kennedy to extend their lead to 28-19. They would then get an interception and Melton scored from four yards out to make it 35-19.

The Pioneers defense would stop the Green Wave on fourth and short to takeover possession. Melton would then race 60 yards for another score for a 41-19 advantage on the last play of the third quarter.

The final score of the game

came on a Melton 16-yard run right straight up the middle for a 48-19 score.

Fort Chiswell got four touchdowns from Melton and three from Kennedy. Melton finished with 20 rushes for 223 yards, and Kennedy carried the pigskin 27 times for 209 yards.

Their defense held the Green Wave to minus 12 yards rushing and a big goose egg in the second half on the scoreboard. They intercepted three passes and offensively rushed for 265 yards in the dominating second half.

Narrows was led by Pruett who finished with 14 carries for 176 yards and two scores. They had 371 total yards, but couldn't stop the Fort Chiswell rushing offense.

Narrows head coach Kelly Lowe said afterwards, "It wasn't our night. We couldn't stop them from running the ball. Zane (Quesenberry) and his staff have done a remarkable job."

He then remarked, "I'm so proud of our kids. They have been resilient all season. It just wasn't our night as they just knocked us off the ball."

Fort Chiswell head coach Zane Quesenberry said, "We wanted to be physical and have success running the ball. We play in the tough Mountain Empire District and we wanted

to be aggressive on defense."

Fort Chiswell will now face county rival George Wythe Maroons this Friday at George Wythe High School.

Ft. Chiswell 7- 14 - 20 - 7= 48
Narrows 7 - 14 - 0 - 0 = 19

Rushing - FC - Melton 20-223- 4 Tds., Kennedy 27 - 209- 3 Tds., Stoots 4-18, Foushee 2-1, Narrows - Pruett 14-176- 2 Tds., Helvey 6-23- Td., Owens 1-(Minus 5)

Passing - FC - Kennedy - 1-2 -0 Ints. -0 Tds. - 15 yds., Kelly-0 -1-0 Ints. 0 Tds - 0 yds., Narrows - Pruett - 15-28- 2 Ints.-) Tds.- 150 yds., Owens - 5-8-1 Int. -0 Tds.- 27 yds.

Receiving - FC - Stoots - 1 -15, Narrows - Pruett 4-23, Hazelwood 4-26, Helvey 4-61, McGlothlin 6-58, Smith 1-7, Knoetze 1-2

First Downs - FC - 22, Narrows 13

Fumbles/ lost - FC - 1/1, Narrows 0/0

Penalties - FC - 5-45, Narrows - 5-42

Total Yds. - FC - 466, Narrows 371

Turnovers - FC - 1, Narrows- 3

Punts/ Avg. - FC - 1 / 30.0, Narrows 1 / 43.0

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An electric vehicle caught fire and became totally engulfed in flames just after 10 a.m. Thursday (Nov. 9). No one was injured from the blaze.

"Not long after that, we requested the aid of Newbern Fire Department for more water because electric vehicles take a lot more water than normal vehicles to put out," said Dublin Fire Chief Dean Russell. "So, a few minutes later Newbern brought a couple trucks for water."

According to his post, Le had just returned to his vehicle after shopping in Walmar when he attempted to start his car to return home. Instead, several warning buzzers instructed Le to turn off his car, which he did. Almost immediately the car began smoking and flames began popping up at his feet and in the back seat. He then grabbed his backpack and fled, as his car became quickly enveloped in flames.

lower parking lot next to the Japanese Restaurant where El Rancho used to be. There's a fire hydrant there. We tilted it up on blocks so we could cool the bottom of it. We probably put water on it for 30 minutes to an hour after we got it down there."

Two vehicles parked next to the flaming Audi e-tron were also damaged in the blaze. The owner of the pickup parked next to the electric car moved his vehicle within minutes of the blaze starting, but a second automobile sustained more serious damage to the paint and at least one tire was completely melted. The electric car is a total loss.

"I can't stand them," declared McCready. "It takes so much time and resources. That's the real problem. It might take them a couple of hours to cool them down enough and then they still sit there and smolder for another day or two. There's just so much heat in the batteries. Once they get on fire, you ain't going to save anything. It's gone."

"These electric vehicles take 10,000 to 15,000 gallons or more to put out," said Chief Russel. "Normal vehicle fires take 500 gallons or less. If that would have been a regular car fire, we could probably have it out in 10 to 15 minutes easy. We were on scene here for close to three hours. That's from the time we moved it and kind of cooled it off."

vehicles, they can re-ignite on their own days later," Russell continued. "You think you have it put out and you leave it, but it might re-ignite a couple hours later or a couple of days later. Could it start on fire again this evening or tomorrow? I guess it could, possibly. If it does, I guess we'll have to go back to where it is."

"I wish those yahoos in Richmond or Washington that advocate for electric cars could drag their sorry butts out here and see what it's like to fight one when they're on fire," said McCready.

Electric cars may be the way of the future, but they do still seem to have a few inherent problems.

*State Republicans
must now work
together in Va.*

Now that the dust has settled from Election Day, it has become clear that the Democratic party has prevailed by a slim margin not only in the Senate of Virginia, but in the House of Delegates as well. These results are certainly disappointing, but they come on the heels of historic redistricting that saw dozens of new candidates running—and in many cases, succeeding—in brand new districts.

It's now incumbent upon Republicans to work together to solve the real problems facing Virginians, while standing as a bulwark against policies that would seek to make us more like California or New York. There will be plenty of time in the months ahead to discuss and debate how we arrived at this point, but right now, I'm interested in getting back to work on the topics that matter to our community.

With all of that being said, I want to bring to your attention a recent action brought forth by Governor Glenn Youngkin's administration to combat fentanyl abuse in our schools. By way of background, over a span of three weeks, eight students at a Loudoun County high school overdosed on what authorities believe to be fentanyl. Four of these overdoses occurred while

at school, and several students required the administration of Narcan and/or CPR to be revived. Parents were not notified of these overdoses until weeks after they occurred, which eliminated the possibility for parents to talk with their kids about the danger and prevalence of drugs like fentanyl. In response, Governor Youngkin announced an Executive Order to ensure that parents are notified within twenty-four hours of any drug overdose that occurs on school property.

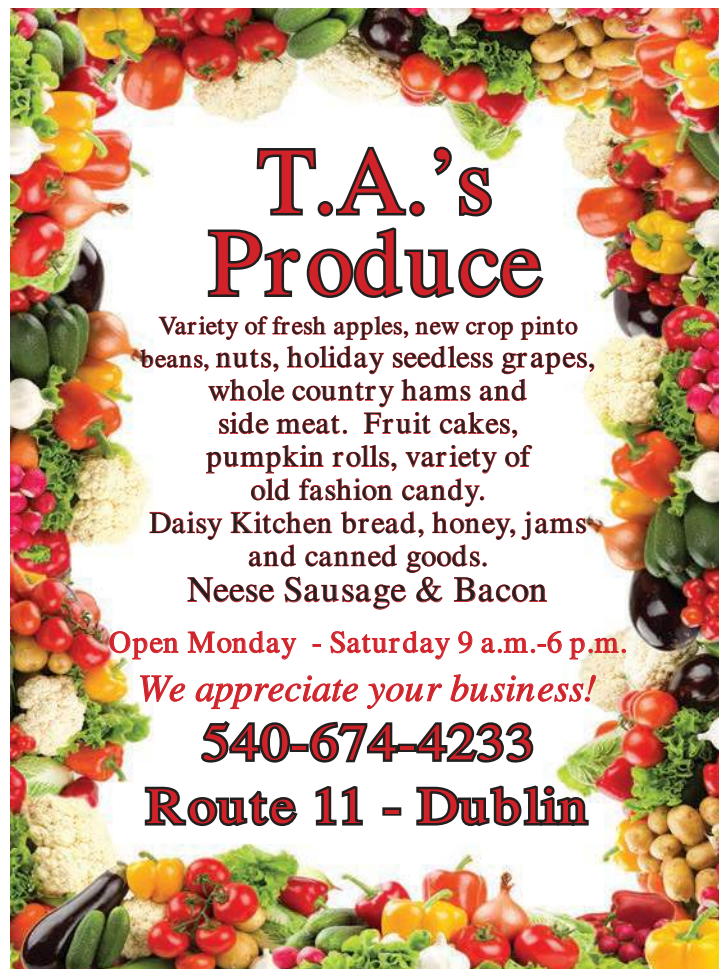
The fact of the matter is this: parents who are informed can warn their kids away from these dangers, or at worst intervene should they already be involved in the usage of drugs. Parents are responsible for their children, and schools should empower parents with information that may contribute to their child's safety. Parents who are left in the dark are left without the tools to ensure this safety. As a member of the

That Time Of Year Again ... Already!

Employees with the Town of Pulaski Public Works Department were seen this week outfitting the town's street lights with snowflakes, garland and holiday signs. The Holidays will be here before we know it!



Not many kids get to meet their great-great-grandparents, but Joseph Wickline of Dublin - who recently turned 1 year old - is seen here with his great-great-grandparents, Jock and Sissy Sheets of Hiwassee.



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Terry McCraw

The Holy Ghost Baptism

Acts 2:1-4. “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Notice that the word Spirit is capitalized, meaning it is a proper noun. A noun identifies a person, place or thing. Nouns can be proper or common.

A proper noun will name a specific person or thing, and it will always begin with a capital letter.

The word Spirit when it is capitalized, always means the Holy Spirit. He is one of a kind. There’s no one else like Him. So this tells us it was the Holy Spirit that fell on the 120 in the upper room that day and not some other kind of a spirit.

Notice what were these followers of Christ were doing when the Holy Ghost was poured out upon them. They were seated, praying and they were waiting with great expectation for the promise of the Father which was the Holy Ghost.

They were united in prayer. They were of one mind and one accord. They were being faithful to the command of Jesus to tarry in Jerusalem and to wait for the Comforter to come.

The first thing that happened that day was that they heard a sound from heaven. It wasn’t a trumpet. It wasn’t a voice. It wasn’t thunder. But it was the sound “as of” a rushing, mighty wind. It was not a rushing mighty wind, but it was the sound “as of” a rushing mighty wind. It didn’t blow the hats off of their heads as a rushing mighty wind would do.

When a tornado comes by, it is accompanied by a loud sound, and it sounds like a freight train. I can identify with that because a small tornado came by within a block of our home in Radford, VA one evening and the first thing we heard was a loud sound. And we ran to the door to look out. And as we stood back and watched it from our doorway, we saw that our two thirty feet tall white birch trees being blown over so far that their tops were literally touching the ground. They never did straighten back up all the way so later, we cut them down.

The noise was a loud, thunderous, roaring sound. Hurricanes also have a loud sound caused by the heavy winds. The bible says it filled all the house where they were sitting. It was real but could not be touched. You can’t touch a sound and you can’t touch the wind. But the wind can certainly touch you and the sound can certainly be noticed.

The word Spirit in the Greek is the same word used for wind. Wind and fire are symbols of God’s presence.

The sound came from Heaven. The Holy Ghost is God’s gift to us and comes to us from God, from out of Heaven.

“And there appeared unto them cloven tongues ‘like as’ of fire and it sat upon each of them.” Under the Old Covenant the Holy Spirit of God was given for specific services to God, and only given to a select few, but now, the Holy Ghost rests in and upon saved, sanctified believers in Christ Jesus individually.

The coming of the Holy Ghost was so essential that Jesus said to His Disciples that it was better for them that He go away for if he didn’t go away, the Comforter could not come. Jesus said, “If I go, I will send Him unto you.” (John 16:7)

I want to make mention of the importance of Holy Ghost See MCCRAW, page B7

CHURCH Church Directory

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

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

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

Draper Methodist Church
3080 Greenbriar Road
Draper, VA 24324
Pastor: Lee Wiggins
Email: office@draper-methodist-church.com
Primary Service Times:
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.

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

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

Cecil's Chapel Church
5801 Cecil's Chapel Road
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Interim Pastor: John Kellam
540 230 8837
Worship Service: 9am
Sunday School: 10am
www.facebook.com/cecils.chapel

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

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

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

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

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

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

Heritage Church
6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin
Joe Ratcliff, Pastor
Service Times:
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;
Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
Website: www.heritagechurch.net
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First Missionary Baptist Church
7318 Manns Drive
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524
(540) 639-5331
email: fimb1872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)
2755 Old Baltimore Road,
Draper, VA 24324
Senior Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews
Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer &
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e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org
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a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)

Trinity Lutheran
Church ELCA
2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski
540-980-3624
Pastor: Rev. Jessica Darty
trinitypulaski@gmail.com
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist
Pastor: Bill Schoeneman
540-695-0054
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
528 5th Street, S.E.
Pulaski, Va.
Phone - 980-0820

Grace Ministries
Church of God of Prophecy
1021 Macgill Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
Church: 540-980-2118
Cell: 276-233-8083
Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485
www.pulaskigracemin.com
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com
Pastor Mike Williams
Children's Ministry
Aaron & Becky Sampson
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

Faith Bible Church
110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Jim Linkous
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook.com/faithbiblechurch
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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New Hope Chapel
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Service Times
10 a.m. Sunday School
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4008 Robinson Tract Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
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Pastor Johnny Howlett
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth
Group - 7 p.m.

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
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first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com
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Mary Ann Armbrister
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Dublin Christian Church
5605 Dunlap Road
P. O. Box 1330
Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
Charles Pruett
Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Youth and Children's
Meetings 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and Chil-
dren's Classes 7:00 p.m.

Snowville Christian Church
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5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
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Sunday School: 10:00 am

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

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

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

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4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301
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Worship 11 a.m.
Worship 7 p.m.
Monday Bible Study
7 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
220 Magazine Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
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Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday Evening
6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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321 Dora Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Harry Gunter
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 320-0738

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10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

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

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Pulaski, VA 24301
Services:
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Sunday's 2nd Service - 11 a.m.
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For: Kids, Teens, Adults
Lead Pastor: Rev. Randy Lawrence Jr.
Church Phone: 540-980-5506

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

Hilltop Pentecostal Holiness Church
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Pulaski, VA
Pastor Todd Garwood
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First Christian Church of Pulaski
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Pastor: Timothy Moore
Men's Sunday School: 10 am
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Community Christian Church
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540-674-4308
Pastor: Bill Neeley
Children's Director: Kristen Edwards
Youth Director: Ashley Coake
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Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at
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p.m.
Thursday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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

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Corner of N. Washington Ave. and
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Pulaski, VA
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

New Dublin Presbyterian Church
5331 New Dublin Church Road
Dublin, VA 24084
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Phone: 540-674-6147
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Best Is Yet To Come

By MICHAEL COLLINS

The writer of Hebrews tells us in chapter nine, and verse eleven, there are good things to come. There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a deadly illness that illustrates this so well. She had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things “in order,” she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. The woman also told her pastor that she wanted to be buried with her favorite Bible. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. There’s one more thing,” she said excitedly.”What’s that?” came the pastor’s reply.”This is very important,” the woman continued. “I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.” The pastor stood looking at the woman not knowing quite what to say. “That surprises you, doesn’t it?” the woman asked. “Well, to be honest, I’m puzzled by the request,” said the pastor. The woman explained, “In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say ‘You can keep your fork.’ It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming, like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. “So, I just want people to see me in the casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder, ‘What’s with the fork?’ Then I want you to tell them, ‘Keep the fork, the best is yet to

come.”

Hebrews chapter nine, verse twelve, says, we will soon receive eternal redemption. My dad used to say, “We’re only half saved right now. Our souls are saved, but our bodies are still suffering the things of this earth.” When Jesus comes to rapture the church, we will be completely saved. Paul said, on that day, this corruptible will put on incorruption and this mortal will put on immortality. The best is yet to come.

Hebrews chapter eleven, verse fifteen tells us, we will soon receive our eternal inheritance. That has a nice sound to it, eternal inheritance! We’ve already learned we will inherit a new body. We will also inherit a new home, that has been prepared for us by Jesus. I’m sure He is anxious to show it to us. We will inherit a life of no more pain, sorrow, or tears. Our new home will have a River of Life, and Trees of Life whose leaves are for the healing of nations. The best is yet to come.

When we are raptured, we will meet Christ in the air and so shall we ever be with Him. The little sister, who was dying, had it right, “The best is yet to come.”

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Ezekiel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. A woman of this place is the only woman in the Bible (KJV) described as a wench. En-rogel, Gilead, Damascus, Ziba
3. Who met a man (or angel) and then wrestled him until the breaking of the day? Solomon, Goliath, Aaron, Jacob
4. What group of consecrated men did not cut their hair? Canaanites, Midianites, Nazarites, Hagarites
5. In Genesis 32, who/what was Mahanaim? Messenger, Mountain, Ford, Place
6. Who was the mother of Moses? Abigail, Jochebed, Elisheba, Athaliah

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) En-rogel, 3) Jacob, 4) Nazarites, 5) Place, 6) Jochebed
Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson’s Casey’s latest book, “Test Your Bible Knowledge,” available in bookstores and online.

McCraw

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Fire. We in the Church; we in Ministry; we who are called to share the gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with others; all need the fire of God burning in us. Fire energizes. Fire purges. Fire spreads.

If we don’t have the fire of God burning within the believers in our Churches, we’ll not be able to set our communities on fire for God.

Sam Luke said, “The Fire of God is a penetrating, purging, purifying, powerful, pentecostal Fire. When we are baptized with fire, we glow with enthusiasm. The joy of the Lord radiates and emanates from our lives.”

When the Disciples received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, they just didn’t set there and shout in their seats. Rather, they poured out of the Upper Room and ran out into the streets of the city, speaking in other tongues as the Holy Ghost gave them the utterance.

A great crowd of Jews from various nations had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. And when the phenomenon was noised abroad, they came out to see what was going on. Fire always draws a crowd. It did then and it still will today. If we’ll get the fire of God burning in our Churches, and keep it stoked up and burning, the news will be noised abroad all through our neighborhoods and people will come out by the droves to see and experience the incredible fire of the Holy Ghost in manifestation.

I love that great old hymn with lyrics by Charles Tillman.

“They were in an upper chamber, They were all with one accord;

When the Holy Ghost descended, As was promised by the Lord.

Yes, this old-time power was given, To our fathers who were true;

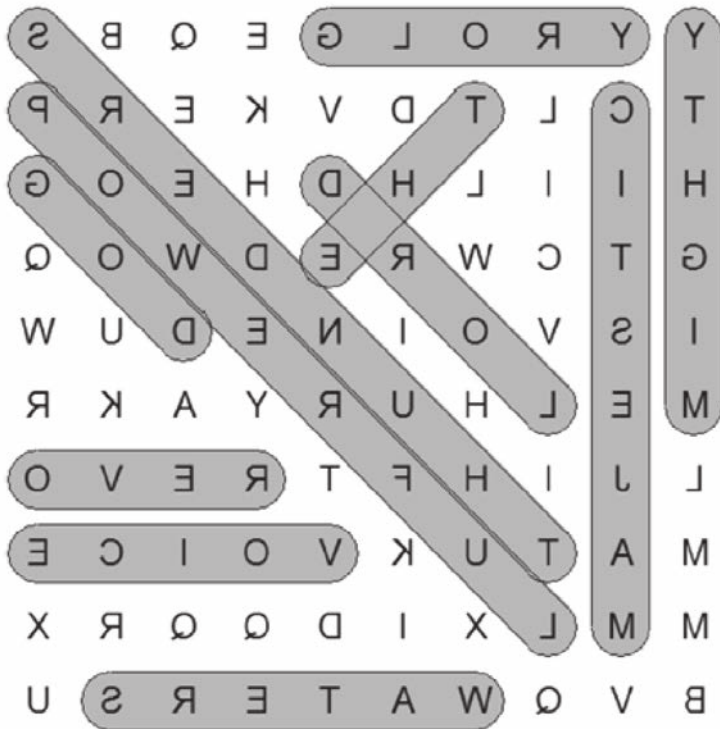
This is promised to believers, And we all may have it too.

Chorus: Oh Lord sent the power just now, Oh Lord send the power just now; Oh Lord send the power just now And baptize everyone.”



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Answers



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by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalms 29:3-4

The **voice** of the **LORD** is **over** the **waters**; the **God** of **glory** thunders, the LORD **thunders** over the **mighty** waters. **The** voice of the LORD is **powerful**; the voice of the LORD is **majestic**.

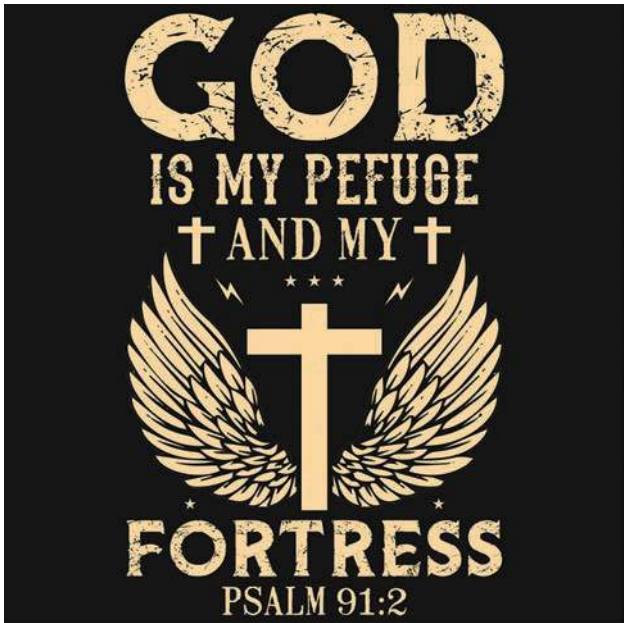
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

PROVERBS 15:3



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Dec. 9

Christmas Photos
December 9 - 10am to noon
- Take Your Christmas Photos With Santa at Cecil's Chapel Church! Bring your camera and visit with Santa. We'll have a backdrop and a wonderful Santa to greet young and young at heart. Everyone is welcome. We'll have drawings for gift cards as well as cocoa and cookies. Gift bags for kids. 5801 Cecil's chapel road,

Hiwassee, VA. Find us on FB @cecilschapel for more info

On going:

Ballroom Dancing
Ballroom Dance every first Saturday of the month at the Carroll County Virginia Senior Center @ 7pm. Find us on Facebook @ Ballroom Dance in Hillsville.

Alcohol Anonymous
Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group
Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at

975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

ups. Group Meeting at 6:15pm every Thursday at Valley Harvest Ministries, 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

To avoid travel problems this holiday, plan ahead

From Virginia Tech

The holiday season can be a stressful time for those planning to travel. Between costs, short staffing, and limited bookings, a Virginia Tech travel and tourism expert says to plan ahead.

"With the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays coming soon, the best travel planning should start now, if not earlier," says Mahmood Khan, professor and director in the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Virginia Tech. "Planning ahead of holiday travel solves many problems encountered by holiday travelers."

Due to the lack of flights and personnel, Khan says things are still slow in almost every segment of the travel industry from hotels to restaurants, requiring that advanced planning.

"Even rental cars are hard to find since many rental companies have sold their fleet due to slow traffic during the pandemic," he explains. "Hotel reservations are also a problem since many skilled workers were furloughed, laid off, or moved to another location. Airbnb is an option that can help in reducing lodging costs, but still requires careful planning."

"When it comes to picking a destination, one of the more noticeable trends after COVID-19 among holiday travelers is the desire to select eco-friendly destinations," says



Khan. "There are plenty of these destinations in the U.S. and beyond."

Khan recommends the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia which have plenty of locations that provide hiking and natural surroundings. "Indigenous international destinations such as Namibia Iceland or Andaman and Nicobar Islands, offer plenty of scenic locations where one can experience plant and animal life, and provide a lifetime experience."

For international travel, Khan says it is important to double-check if your passport or visa is still valid. "Getting new passports or renewing them is time-consuming and takes at

least a month, so consider that in your planning. Due to the pandemic, many travelers need to relearn travel procedures such as customs checks, seat assignments, or reservations."

As you prepare to take off, it's important to note that unruly traveler incidences have increased after the pandemic. To avoid frustration Khan

says to pack your patience. "With unexpected delays and cancellations, it is easy for people to lose their patience. Enjoying yourself will help work through holiday travels, especially those traveling with young children."

About Khan Mahmood Khan is a

professor and director of the Pamplin College of Business' Master of Science in Business Administration/Hospitality and Tourism Management program in the Washington, D.C., metro area. Major areas of his research include hospitality franchising, services management, customer relationships, food service, operational management, and consumer preferences in hotels, restaurants, and institutions.

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Ballard

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Opioid Abatement Authority, which seeks to treat, prevent, and reduce opioid usage in Virginia, I'm proud to see any and all steps taken in order to combat the opioid crisis. Our children are counting on us to be vigilant and to protect them, and we must not let them down.

I appreciate all who supported me in this past election, and for those who didn't, I hope to earn your support in the coming months. It is my honor to represent you in Richmond, and I want you to be fully informed what your government is doing for you. As the Delegate representing the 12th District (soon to be the 42nd District due to redistricting), your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you

and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House.Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter @JasonBallardVA or like my Facebook page, Jason Ballard for Delegate, to keep up to date with what I am doing in Richmond and in our community on your behalf.

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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CHECK OUT OUR DAILY SPECIALS!

Monday
Fried Chicken, Collard Greens, Mac & Cheese
Tuesday
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
Wednesday
Open Faced Smoked Turkey with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Thursday
Smoked Wings, Pinto Beans, Cornbread
Friday
Fried Catfish, Cole Slaw, Green Beans
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Fri. Nov. 10th: Evangelist Judy Gregory
Sat. Nov. 11th: **ATTENTION !!!**
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Sat. Nov. 18th: 14th Annual Feed The Hungry Thanksgiving Meal 3 pm. Also we will have a Coat Drive and the Clothing Bank will be open with free men's, women's, boys and girls coats and clothing.

NOTE: Pre-registration for Pulaski Co. residents, begins on Nov. 18th through Dec. 4th for children infant to 16 for our Big Christmas Celebration to be held at our ministry location on Sat. Dec. 16th at 3 pm. You may pre-register at the Patriot News Paper, Cougar Express, Emanuel Book Store or call 276-620-4293 to register at Taking It To The Streets Ministries. Children must be present to receive gifts.

NOTE: Coat Drive on Nov. 18th 3 pm at the Thanksgiving Meal. We will be accepting coats, scarves, gloves and toboggans for our winter coat drive through Saturday November 11th. You can bring the items to the Patriot Newspaper at 7 Fifth Street NE in the Hometown Realty building, Cougar Express, Emanuel Book Store or call 276-620-4293 to bring items to Taking It To The Streets Ministries.

Each Service Broadcast Live on streaming video at: www.streets4god.com

For More Information Contact: Charlie Barbettini. : 276.620.4293

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"Go Ye Into All The World and Preach The Gospel to Every Creature" Mark 16:15

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