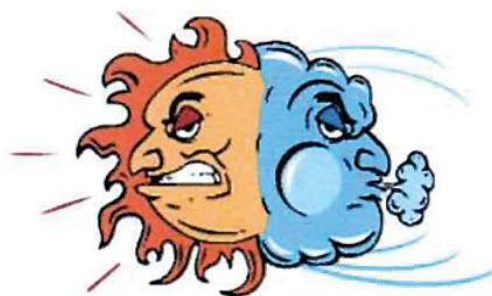




# Your Comfort Is Our Priority



**THERMAL SOLUTIONS HVAC LLC**  
**540.392.9143**

**HEIL**  
HEATING & COOLING PRODUCTS

**HEIL**  
HEATING & COOLING PRODUCTS

**Serving Pulaski County Weekly Since 2009**

**FREE**

# The Patriot

*Pulaski County*

**November 24, 2023**

[www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)

**BOWER**  
**FUNERAL CHAPEL**

**A Tradition Of Trust**

Providing Dignified And Affordable  
Funeral Services To Our Community.

1631 Bob White Blvd., Pulaski  
**980-6160**

320 East Main St., Dublin  
**674-4665**

**We Now Have Our  
2024 Almanac  
Calendars!  
Please Pick Up At Our  
Pulaski Location.**

**Turning 65 soon?**

**Let's talk Medicare!**

**Larry Nipper**  
(540) 616-9998  
lnipper32@gmail.com



543 East Main Street Dublin, VA 24084

**Karen Tuggle**  
(540) 250-6089  
ktuggleinsure@gmail.com



**INSURANCE  
CENTER OF DUBLIN**

[www.insurancecenterofdublin.com](http://www.insurancecenterofdublin.com)

**River Junction**  
**Campground & Canoeing, LLC**

*"Enjoy peace along the  
banks of the  
New River."*



**RV & Primitive  
Camping  
Campground  
Kayak  
Tubing  
Shuttle Service**

2257 Reed Creek Drive, Draper, VA 24324  
(276) 620-1374  
[riverjunctioncampground@yahoo.com](mailto:riverjunctioncampground@yahoo.com)  
Like Us On Facebook

## New restaurant planned for Red Barn property on Rt. 11

By **WILLIAM PAINE**  
Patriot Publishing

At their meeting Monday night, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors heard of plans for the "Red Barn" on Route 11 between Pulaski and Dublin.

Restaurant owner Sergio Panuco's rezoning request for the Red Barn property was one of two rezoning requests heard by supervisors.

Panuco requested that the zoning on his recently acquired property be changed from Agricultural to Commercial.

Panuco, owner of the Compadres restaurant in Pulaski, plans to open another restaurant at that Lee Highway location with seating capacity of up to 150 people. According to Pulaski County Zoning Administrator Markie Saunders, Panuco is working with VDOT to construct a safe entrance/exit area to the property, which is located near to the new Pulaski County Middle School. Saunders recommended that the zoning change be adopted and the supervisors agreed, voting



unanimously to approve the zoning change.

"VDOT is working with us, saying we just need a wing-out lane and so we're getting that together," said Panuco. "To make it fully ready, we're going to need six or seven months. We're going to need more parking and a new kitchen. We're definitely going to do something different. I don't want people walking in and saying, 'Oh, it's still the Red Barn.' I want to make it look nicer."

Next, Steve and Kimberly Johnston requested that their property at 6469 Lee Highway, located in the Cloyd District, be rezoned from Low Density Residential to Agriculture. The Johnston's made this request in order to grow more flowers on their property for their

business Grace Bloom Farms. No one spoke in opposition to this change and the board unanimously passed the rezoning request.

Supervisors heard a presentation made by Kevin Byrd, the Executive Director of the New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC).

The NRVRC is an organization formed to encourage collaboration between the 13 localities and three higher education institutions in the New River Valley so as to address regionally significant issues. The NRVRC provides the means to coordinate federal, state and local efforts to resolve problems. The focus of Byrd's update involved a recap of the NRVRC's role in forming the NRV Public Health Task Force and its response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

As Byrd explained, the New River Valley was among the first in the state to offer drive through COVID testing, a General COVID-19 Call Center,

See **COUNTY**, page A2

## Business community honors its own during Chamber event

The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted its Annual Meeting and Awards banquet at the prestigious Volvo Customer Experience Center.

This remarkable facility, reserved for Volvo customers and select organizations like the Chamber of Commerce, provided Chamber members with a unique glimpse into the cutting-edge Volvo facility.

The theme of this year's Annual Meeting was Honoring Our Workforce. The evening commenced with a welcome from Koe Knippenberg, Volvo Group North America Vice President & General Manager.

Marcus Thompson, Communications Director for Volvo Group North America passionately highlighted the invaluable contributions of the workforce, emphasizing their role in the success of businesses. A video presentation by the Chamber of Commerce followed, featuring local

See **CHAMBER**, page A8



Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce photo  
Outgoing Chamber President Bill Cunningham addresses the event on the success seen by the Pulaski County Chamber.



Hokies roll to win  
in basketball over  
Wofford.  
Radford wins to  
go for region title.  
Page B1

**SEAGLE**  
**FUNERAL HOME**



*Celebrating 141  
years of service,  
and family owned.*

*Traditional services  
with traditional  
values.*

*Accepting  
pre-arrangements  
from other  
funeral homes.*

*Financing for  
funerals available*

**415 N. Jefferson Avenue • Pulaski, Va., 24301**  
**S. Todd Bruce, Manager/Owner**  
**540-980-1700**

**JOBS! JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!**

**33 Immediate Job Openings!**

Jobs Available in Pulaski, Giles,  
Montgomery and City of Radford

First, Second, Third Shifts & OT Available - Temp To Hire  
**Starting Pay From \$14.00 to \$25.00 Per Hour**  
New Jobs Available Daily! Temp Jobs Available!

**Come In Today - Go To Work Tomorrow!**

**Valley Staffing Inc.**



Wright Ave., Dublin, Va.  
**540-674-3103**



EEO Apply Online [www.valleystaffingjobs.com](http://www.valleystaffingjobs.com) **DRUG FREE**

**Need Insurance? We've Got You Covered!**



Greg and Liza Ridpath  
Owners

**RIDPATH**  
**INSURANCE**  
*Helping you find the right path*

**We Offer Insurance For: Auto, Home, Business,  
Flood, Umbrella, Renters And More!  
A Family Run Business Since 1961**

**540-980-3434**

16 East Main Street, Pulaski, Va. 24301  
[www.ridpathins.com](http://www.ridpathins.com)



# County

Continued From Page A1

as well as the first to implement a Regional Vaccine Call Center. Byrd noted that Pulaski, Giles, Montgomery and Floyd Counties and Radford City all contributed to the efforts to combat COVID by providing nearly \$3 million of funding for testing equipment, masks, marketing, etc.

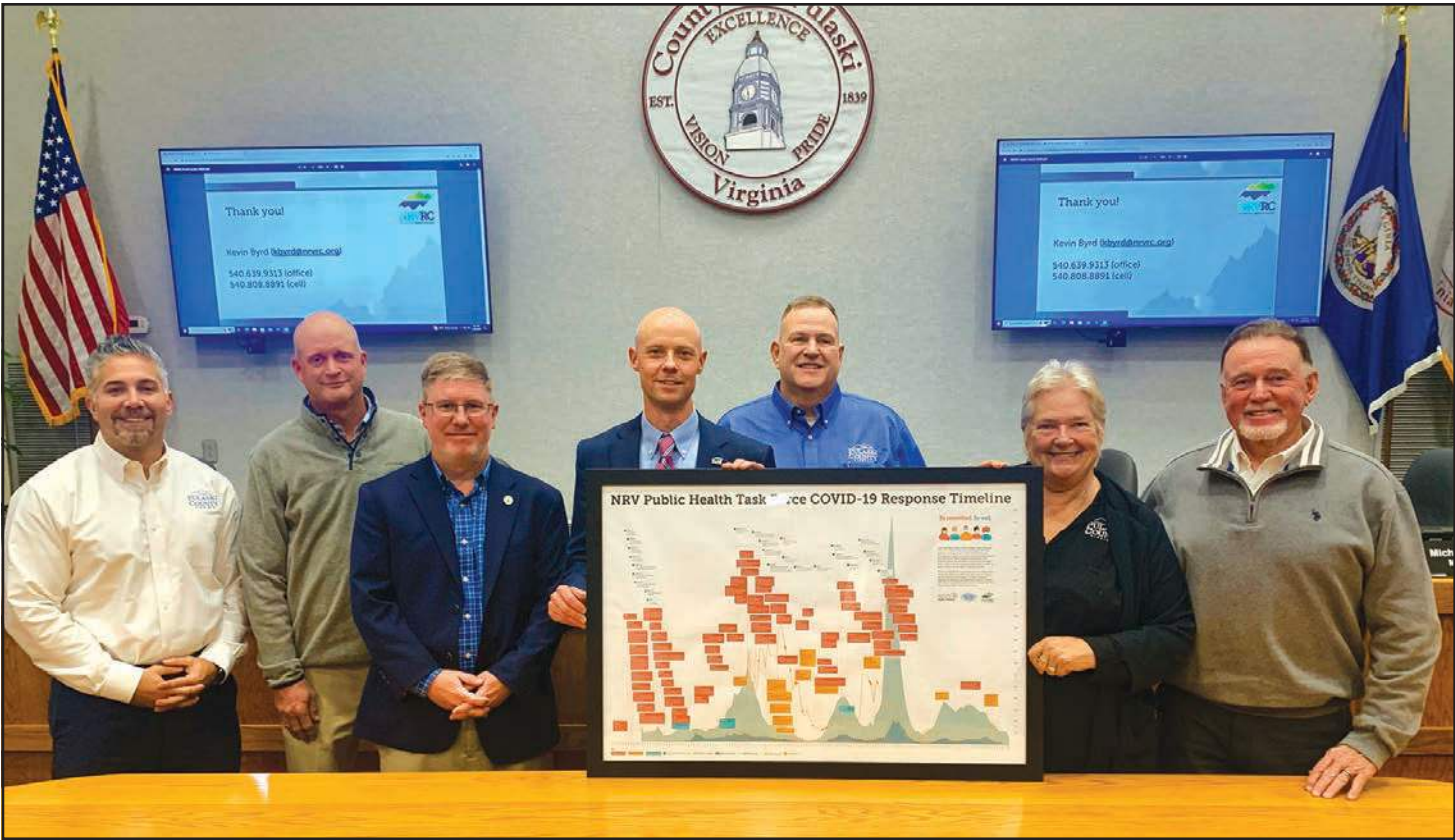
E.W. Harless came forward for the Citizen Comments portion of the agenda to express his concern regarding the excessive FOIA requests made to Pulaski County Administrators. Harless has stated that he will come to every meeting to divulge the latest FOIA request made by county resident Brenda Blackburn. Harless noted that the last FOIA filed by Blackburn contained five separate questions and was 81 pages in length. Harless said that he believed each FOIA should contain a single inquiry and that submitting these FOIAs is wasting taxpayers' money by straining the resources of the county administration.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet followed by saying that this same individual has filed 420 FOIA requests to Pulaski County.

"If you break it down to brass tacks, that's one FOIA request a week, for eight years," said Sweet. "I believe that is what Mr. Harless is referencing with his concerns for staff time for taxpayers."

The supervisors passed an action item on the agenda which transfers ownership of the Vocational Building at the former Dublin Middle School from the school system to the county.

The ownership of the Dublin



William Paine/The Patriot

**New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) Director Kevin Byrd presents the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors with a chart showing the NRV Public Health Task force COVID 19 timeline. The NRVRC worked with federal, state and local officials in response to the pandemic.**

Middle school building and accompanying property had already been transferred to the county some months ago but the vocational building was not part of this transfer. On Monday, the supervisors voted unanimously to take ownership of the property but what it will be used for is still undetermined.

The county is working with private developers for repurposing Pulaski Middle School and Dublin Middle School into residential living spaces. However, the county will likely keep possession of the Dublin vocational school building and may well use it as a place for recreational sports clubs to meet.

"We're evaluating the highest and best uses for that facility

because it's so perfectly located in the center of the county," said Sweet. "It's got a lot of open bays and a lot of natural light with a pretty expansive floor plan."

For their last action, the supervisors declared that a state of Emergency now exists in Pulaski County due to "abnormally dry conditions, which create a high risk of wildfires."

As such, there is now a ban on open burning on private property for the duration of the local emergency due to dry conditions creating a heightened risk of wildfire. This ban will remain in effect until conditions change. Violation of the burn ban is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

## Dublin Council receives updates on several projects

By David Quesenberry  
Patriot Publishing

At its final meeting of the year on November 16th, the Dublin Town Council received reports on several on-going projects by the Town.

Utility Superintendent Darin Cullop told Council that a public announcement would be published in the newspapers on December 1st to inform customers about the water meter installation. He said the equipment for the towers had arrived and anticipated the system would be in place by spring with work starting shortly on or before December 1st.

Regarding the Lead-Copper Inventory, Town Manager Tye Kirkner said that the first general meeting had been held with program participants. The inventory itself would begin when funding was received. Town Staff would assist with the project with possibly a temporary hire made to help with the inventory.

Concerning the utility rate study, Kirkner reported he had been in contact with Mr. Carl Brown about having his firm Great Rates, do the study. While Council had initially approved \$10,000 for the

study at the October meeting, Kirkner said the cost would be \$15,000 and recommended that Council increase the amount appropriated.

Council unanimously approved raising the appropriation for the utility rate study to \$15,000.

Kirkner told Council that work was continuing to eliminate the Town's auto decals with the decal fee being added to the Personal Property Tax. Town Attorney Sam Campbell was currently researching and preparing the relevant documents for the change.

He added that Council would be approached about raising the cost of the former decal fee, which would require approval of an ordinance.

Town Treasurer Rebecca Wright added that the decals would not be sold in April but the change in paying the fee would be implemented on December 2024.

In the budget report, as of October 31st, Kirkner said that General Fund revenues were 10 percent below estimates, but that expenses were 7 percent below estimates.

The Enterprise Fund maintained a favorable balance

See DUBLIN, page A3



### *Santa is coming to Century 21*

Bring Your Letter for Santa to Santa's Mail Box located at Century 21 Valley Real Estate on Route 100 in Dublin from Nov. 28 to Dec. 22.

Stop by December 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.  
For A FREE PICTURE with Santa and Mrs. Claus!  
*Sponsored by Connie Hedrick & Regina R. Piland.*

# Happy Thanksgiving, neighbors.

We are thankful to be part of such a wonderful community.  
We wish all our neighbors a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®



**Deanie Hall, Agent**  
106 Town Center Dr  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Bus: 540-674-5285  
deanie.hall.m2go@statefarm.com



**Webb Donald, Agent**  
2001 Bob White Blvd  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Bus: 540-980-6592  
webb.donald.rnlb@statefarm.com

### Law Office Of **Spencer A. Rygas, P.C.**

*Serving Your Legal Needs*

*For A List Of Our Services  
Please Visit Rygaslaw.com*



36 3rd Street, N.W.  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-1111



## **PULASKI FAMILY DENTISTRY**

*Dr. Cindy Southern says,  
"Be true to your teeth,  
or they'll be false to you!"*

**62 E. Main Street, Pulaski • 980-5129**  
Monday-Tuesday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Wednesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Friday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

[www.pulaskiflowers.com](http://www.pulaskiflowers.com)



*Flowers by  
**Dreama Dawn***

311 N. Washington Ave.  
Pulaski, VA 24301

**540-980-3021**

*Always Grateful To Be  
Your Hometown Florist*



# Cybercrime expert offers online shopping tips

From Virginia Tech

The holiday shopping season is ramping up and unfortunately, so are criminals looking to take advantage of your urge to get discounted prices. Each year these scams seem to be more sophisticated, making them harder to spot. Virginia Tech cybercrime expert Katalin Parti shares these tips to help you avoid falling victim.

- 1. Avoid clicking unsolicited pop-ups, links, or attachments.
- 2. Don't contact the telephone number received via pop-up, text, or email.

- 3. Never download software upon the request of an unknown individual who contacts you.
- 4. Never allow unknown individuals to control your computer (or other devices) remotely or physically.
- 5. Remember that the U.S. government will never request money via wire transfer to foreign accounts, gift/prepaid cards, or crypto.
- 6. If you receive an email asking you to update your payment method or requesting other personal information, contact the company's help desk directly to make sure the email is

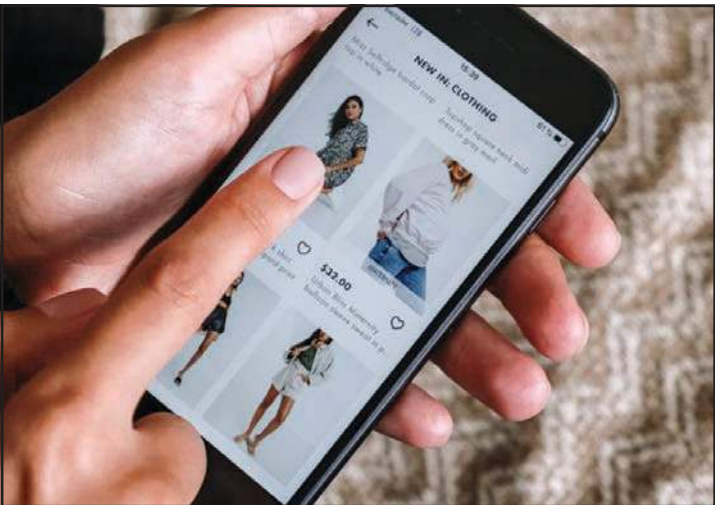
legit before you do anything else.

- 7. Report suspicious activities to local FBI offices and provide as much detail as possible to help counteract these sophisticated threats.

Parti says it's important to closely review any emails being sent to you. "Pay attention to the sender's email address, subject line, and body of the email. Misspellings, bad grammar, requests to share personal details, and low quality logos are all red flags of email phishing."

Unfortunately, Parti says

See SAFETY, page A5



Pexels

## Dublin

Continued From Page A2

with revenues 4 percent above estimates and expenditures at 1 percent below estimates.

With respect to grants, Kirkner reported that the Town had submitted its application for a \$1 million EPA multi-purpose brownfield grant. The grant would cover expanded testing and some remediation efforts for the industrial park.

Kirkner said that the Town's application for a \$500 thousand Virginia multi-purpose brownfield grant and a \$50 thousand assessment grant was being reviewed by the Department of Environmental Quality. The agency had some questions about the application, which he felt was a favorable sign that the Town's request was still being considered.

The smaller assessment grant would provide funding for site assessment, planning and some demolition for the Town's industrial park.

Research on limiting large truck traffic on Giles Avenue according to Kirkner, was continuing. Staff was currently researching an operating definition of a prohibited truck and possible fines for violation to be included in the ordinance.

The process would be slowed somewhat since part of Giles

Avenue is in Pulaski County. Prohibiting trucks on the entire street requires identical ordinances on the part of both the town and the county.

In other action, Council tabled a request for a streetlight on Locust Avenue, asking that staff look at other areas of the Town that might require additional lighting.

Council also complemented the Town staff and Camrett employees for their work on the October 24th ribbon cutting at the Camrett Logistics facility in the Dublin Industrial Park.

Mayor Benny Skeens

reminded Council that the Dublin Christmas Parade would be at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 16th to be followed by the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.

Council also recognized employees Matt Nester and Randy Olverson for their work on various projects for the Town.

Council's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dublin Town Center.

## Holy Cow

*Antiques, Gardens and Great Finds*

**Shop The Holiday At Holy Cow Thanksgiving Weekend**  
**Fri. 10-5, Sat. 9-5 Sun. 12-5**

*Garden Decor & Pots, Seasonal Gifts & Greenery, Home, Bird Baths, Houses & Feeders*  
*Antique, Vintage & New!*

**Open Fridays & Saturdays 10-5; Sundays 1-5**

1801 Wysor Road  
(Rt. 100 South)  
Exit 89A From I-81  
Draper, VA. 24324  
540-250-1775

Belle

## IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

### COUNTY OF PULASKI

#### 2023 SECOND HALF REAL ESTATE TAX PENALTY DEADLINE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

Pulaski County's 2023 2nd half real estate tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible, but failure to receive your bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

**Notice is hereby given that the Treasurer's office of Pulaski County will be open Monday through Friday, except holidays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to receive payment of the 2nd Half 2023 real estate tax. This tax must be paid on or before December 5, 2023 to avoid penalty.**

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

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

Melinda L Worrell  
Treasurer-Pulaski County

THANK YOU



*We offer a heart-felt "Thank You" to the citizens of Pulaski County who have entrusted us to govern Pulaski County Public Schools. Our county's children are our most precious resource and we THANK YOU for the immense faith you've shown in electing each of us to the School Board. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the election and as we move forward on the "Pathway to a Brighter Tomorrow!"*

*Billy Williams (Draper), Sabrina Smith Cox (Robinson), Josh Taylor (Massie), Gina Paine (Ingles) and Jacob Price (Cloyd)*

*\*Authorized and Paid for by William E. "Billy" Williams Jr. for Pulaski County School Board*

*\*Authorized and Paid for by Gina MH Paine for Pulaski County School Board*

*\*Authorized and Paid for by Sabrina Smith Cox for School Board*

*\*Authorized and Paid for by Jacob Price for School Board*

*\*Authorized and Paid for by Joshua D. Taylor*



OBITUARIES



**MARY LULA WILLIAMS YOUNG**  
(January 15, 1962 – November 17, 2023)  
Mary Lula Williams Young, 61, of Christiansburg, passed away Friday, November 17, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Margaret Williams; her husband, Robert Melvin Young; and her brother, James Williams.  
Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Nicole and David Lee; son, Robbie Young; grandchildren, Robert Adrian Young, Landon Michael Lee, Matthew Lewis Lee, and Tabitha Ann Lee; sisters, Louise Ellison and Betty Scott; and many other relatives and friends.  
Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Rev. Buford Linkous officiating. Interment followed in Mtn. View Cemetery in Pulaski County.  
The Young family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



**KENNETH LEROY LYTTON**  
(December 13, 1940- November 17, 2023)  
Kenneth Leroy Lytton, 82, of Dublin, left this earthly world for his Heavenly home on Friday, November 17, 2023. “Leroy” was born to the late Wallace William and Minnie Arbutus Lytton of Christiansburg.  
He spent four years in the Army serving our country thereafter going into the workforce where he spent his last 18 years of employment at Inland Motor/Danaher in Radford before retiring in 2005. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Bobby Leon Lytton and Ray Junior Lytton; and his grandson, Darin Matthew Conner.  
Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 52 years, Lola Carden Lytton; daughters and sons-in-law, Susan Lytton Ward (Kenneth), and Sandra Lytton Conner (Matthew); grandson, Dylan Thomas Conner; sister, Diane L. Mabry; sister-in-law, Beverly Lytton; and many other family members and friends.  
A graveside service with full military honors was held Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the Southwest Virginia Veteran’s Cemetery in Dublin with Patrick Carden officiating.  
The Lytton family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



**CHINA BELL ROOP HALL**  
China Bell Roop Hall, age 86 of Pulaski, died Sunday morning, November 19, 2023 at her residence. She was born on June 8, 1937 in Washington County, VA, and was the daughter of the late Amanda E. Trivette Roop and the late Elisha Roop. China began her working career with Jefferson Mills, then Lee Jeans, and finished her working career at Pulaski Hospital in the Birthing Center.  
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles James Hall: brothers; Elza Roop, Everette Roop, Linzie Roop, Earl Roop, and Elmer Roop: sisters; Annette Rupe, Iola Daye, and Lona Mae Goad.  
She is survived by her two sons: James Michael (Jennifer) Hall of Draper, and Charles Timothy Hall of Pulaski and his fiancé Senita Haga. Four grandchildren; Daniel Elisha (Marisa) Hall, John Samuel Hall, Brandon Michael (Tracie) Hall, and Dylan Matthew (Kenzie) Hall: great-grandchildren: Shannon Lee (Ryan) Saunders, and Brooklyn Savannah Hall. She is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews.  
A memorial service was held on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home, with Pastor Dan Lawson officiating. Interment will be private.  
Flowers will be appreciated, but for those who wish, may make memorial contributions in her memory to the Pulaski Animal Shelter.  
Online condolences to the family may be made by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



**MILDRED L. “MILLIE” EDMONDS LAWSON**  
Mildred L. “Millie” Edmonds Lawson, age 86 of Christiansburg and formerly of Lawson Hills Farm (Draper, VA) retired schoolteacher and mother passed away Thursday, November 16, 2023 at the NRV Medical Center. Born March 25, 1937 in Pulaski County, she was the daughter of the late Hubert & Edith Lawson Edmonds. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James Ralph Lawson, Sr., brother, Lewis Edmonds, sister, Aloma Whitlock & husband, Daniel Whitlock and brother-in-law, Clay Lawrence.  
Millie is survived by her Son – James Ralph (Kristen) Lawson, Jr. – Roanoke Bonus Daughter – Shelly (Steve) Shockley – Christiansburg Bonus Grandchildren – Victoria Shockley-Newton (Will), Jackson Shockley & fiancée, Ashlea Conner Brother – Garnett (Bobbi) Edmonds – Amissville, VA Sisters – Charlotte Lawrence – Draper, Wanda Edmonds – Radford Sister-in-law – Sibel Edmonds – FL  
Numerous beloved nieces and nephews  
Funeral services were held Monday, November 20, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Bobby Osborne officiating. Interment followed at the Memorial Christian Church Cemetery, Draper.  
Thank you to the staff and residents of Commonwealth Assisted Living, Christiansburg for their care and love of “Ms. Millie” for the last seven years.  
To sign Millie’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING Gets Results!**  
[www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)  
**540-808-3949** or  
[ads@pcpatriot.com](mailto:ads@pcpatriot.com)

**The Patriot**  
**540-808-3949**

**EMILY REBBECA HODGE BOWMAN**  
Emily Rebbecca Hodge Bowman, age 85, of Galax, Virginia and formerly of Laurel Fork, passed away Saturday November 18, 2023. Emily was born in Wythe County, Virginia to Clarence Burnard and Lillie Blanch Viers Marshall. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Garner Franklin Bowman; sister Mary Sue Marshall Willard; and brother Clarence Bures (Hero) Marshall, Jr.  
Emily is survived by her sister Phyllis Jean Allen of Barren Springs, Virginia; daughters Sandra Rebbecca Williams of Red Oak, Texas, Tammy Regina Nielsen of Dallas, Texas; and son Ricky Everett Hodge of Corpus Christi, Texas. Also surviving are grandchildren Joshua Everett Hodge, Hannah Jannell Yeane, Brandon Marshall Nielsen, Russell Le’Wayne Williams, Trevor Jessie Nielsen; great-grandchildren Zachary Ayden Yeane, Jessie Jannell Yeane, Ryder Alexander Yeane, Riley Robertson, Raydin Angela Williams, Irys Deanna Williams, and Deacan



Wayne Williams.  
There will there be a Celebration of Life scheduled at a later date.  
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the City of Refuge (249 Dora Highway; Pulaski, Virginia 24301; telephone:540-629-1030; [<http://www.cityofrefugepc.org>])[www.cityofrefugepc.org](http://www.cityofrefugepc.org) in honor of Emily Rebbecca Hodge Bowman.  
Vaughan-Guynn Funeral Home is proudly serving the Bowman family.

*In Loving Memory*

*Our first Thanksgiving without our special angel, Kylene Lawson Waldron. We are so sad you had to go. We will miss you so. The table will seem empty, we will save you a place while we wished we could hear your laugh and see your face. Your Mini sends her love, hugs and kisses up to heaven. Even though we miss you so, with the Angels we know “YOU’VE GOT THIS!” Forever Missing You, Dad, Mom, Kloie, Jason, Ashton, Heather, Miracle, Bryson and Randy*

**Virginia’s Thanksgiving meal more expensive than national average**  
By Morgan Sweeney  
(The Center Square) — National data indicates that Thanksgiving prices are down slightly from last year, but more local Virginia data shows a dramatic rise consistent with inflation in Thanksgiving costs since 2022.  
The national average for a Thanksgiving meal for 10 in 2023 is \$61.17, down from a record high of \$64.05 in 2022, according to an annual survey by the American Farm Bureau Federation.  
The AFBF recorded prices for turkey, rolls, milk, green peas, sweet potatoes, stuffing, a veggie tray, fresh cranberries, pumpkin pie and whipped cream.  
A similar meal in Virginia would cost \$73.91 this year, up from \$57.63 – a 27% increase – in 2022, based on

See MEAL, page A5

**Bower Funeral Chapels**

*Providing Dignified and Affordable Funeral Service  
Cremation Services - Monument Sales - Pre-need Funeral Planning*

**Dana Bower Rygas, Manager**  
**1631 Bob White Boulevard**  
**Pulaski**  
**980-6160**

**Aaron C. Rygas, Manager**  
**320 E. Main Street**  
**Dublin**  
**674-4665**

[www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

**A Tradition Of Trust**

**Honor Your Loved One With An In Memoriam Notice.**

Call  
**540-808-3949.**

**Deadline Is Noon Wednesday.**



# Reality Store program a hit with eighth graders

By DANIELLE REID  
Patriot Publishing

On Monday, November 20th, the Central Gym in Pulaski was transformed into a reality-check experience for 8th graders as they learned what it will take to manage their lives and finances after high school.

Through the combined efforts of the Virginia Cooperative Extension program and 40-volunteer Station Advisors, 4-H Youth Development Senior Extension Agent Christopher Lichty and 4-H Youth Development Program Assistant Cynthia Hurst, guided the students through real-world money management situations.

The teens were scheduled to spend approximately 1-1/2 hours in the Reality Store, then were escorted to the County Administration auditorium where they learned from County administration personnel how the local government runs, the budget, etc; and had an opportunity to ask questions of Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers, and Board of Supervisors members Chris Stafford and Laura Walters.

Lichty explains, "The Reality Store is a real-world money management simulation activity designed specifically by the Virginia Cooperative Extension for teens. In this 1-1/2 hour simulation activity, teens fast forward to age 26 and are introduced to concepts such as making wise financial decisions, considering costs and benefits, using mathematical applications in real life situations, balancing a budget and a bank account, exploring career choices and education, and understanding how lifestyle decisions affect an individual's finances. The purpose of this activity is to help teens become more aware of the financial demands they will encounter in the "real" world."

The participating students received a printout of what their income and family life might be based on their chosen profession after high school or college. Earlier in the program, the students had an opportunity to determine their career, whether married or single, how many children, where they would live, etc. Then, during the Reality Store experience, they would find out how their choices affect their real-life experiences.

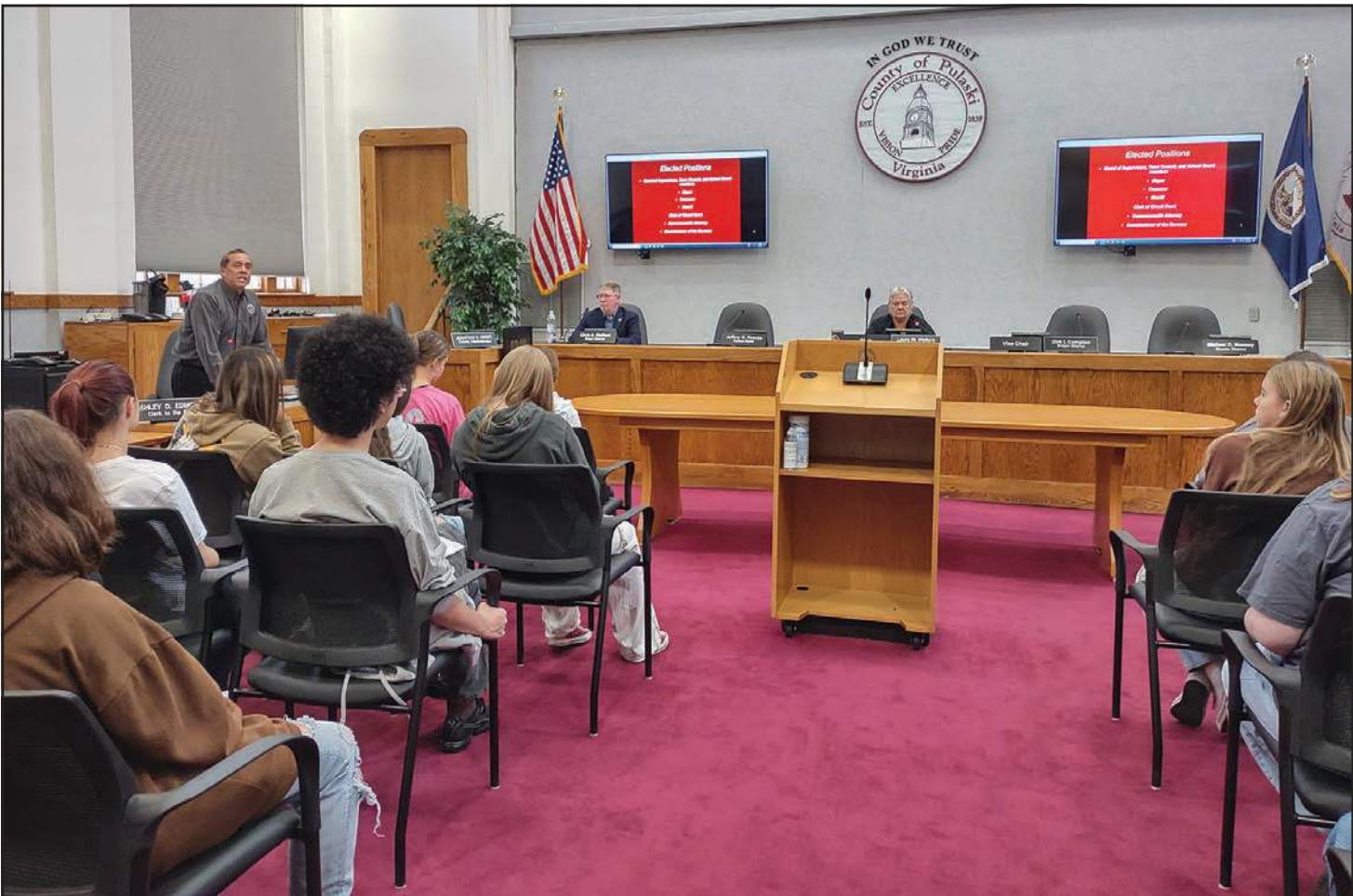
Approximately 21-Stations lined the walls of the gym with ways the students will have to determine how to spend their income. They were given important information at each Station about the costs and life-style decisions on topics like Housing, Insurance, Child care, Clothing, Groceries, Furniture, Student Loans as well as many other factors in daily life.

## Safety

Continued From Page A3

there isn't an obvious way for the average person to be able to identify if or when a website has been compromised. "The only potential tell-tale sign might be that the website itself doesn't quite look 'right.'"

To help monitor your accounts, Parti recommends enabling purchase alerts on credit cards and disabling international purchases, unless you're going overseas. She also suggests only making purchases on your home or cellular network, never on public wi-fi. "Don't save your credit card information on retail sites," says Parti. "If possible, use a third-party payment method like Apple Pay, Google Wallet, or PayPal."



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

**Anthony Akers explains the workings and budget of local government to 8th grade students participating in the 4-H Reality Store program held Monday, November 20th at the Pulaski County Administration Building. Recently re-elected Pulaski County Board of Supervisors members Chris Stafford and Laura Walters, Chair, Board of Supervisors contributed to the question and answer period.**

Lichty and Hurst managed the S.O.S. Station where students could come for individual advice or to pay a fine for infractions against the law of the Program. Each encounter was handled with very practice

advice and in a fun atmosphere. Lichty would compliment the students on their success and go down their checklist of expenses asking questions such as "Do you have groceries? Do you have personal care items

like deodorant?" Then direct them to those Stations.

Lichty joked with one student, "Good. You have an apartment, but do you have furniture? Are you and your family eating on the floor? Go over to the

Furniture Station and look at your options."

Another student complained that she was going broke and didn't have a house or insurance

See REALITY, page A7

## Meal

Continued From Page A4

an informal survey conducted by the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

Volunteer shoppers assessed prices online and in person at 45 grocery stores across the state. While they looked for the cheapest prices, many of the holiday sales had yet to go into effect when the survey was conducted.

The average price of a 16-pound turkey in the commonwealth jumped from \$28.16, or \$1.76 per pound, to \$34.86, or \$2.18 per pound.

Whipping cream and pumpkin pie mix were the items whose prices increased the most since last year (besides turkey). Whipping cream was \$2.26 in 2022 and is now \$3.47. Thirty ounces of pumpkin pie mix was \$3.68; now, \$4.21.

Most items saw an increase of less than 20 cents, except for sweet potatoes, russet potatoes and whole milk, which cost more last year.

For a larger meal (still for 10 but including ham, russet potatoes and green beans), the Virginia Farm Bureau reported the highest costs in Powhatan County and the lowest in Richmond. For context, the AFBF recorded a national average of \$84.75 for such a meal; Virginia's would be a bit more at \$91.30. But buying the meal in Powhatan County would cost \$124.84; in Richmond, it'd be less than half of that at \$57.93.

Regionally, Thanksgiving costs were cheapest in the Midwest, at an average of \$58.66, followed by the South at \$59.10, the West at \$63.89 and the Northeast as the most expensive at \$64.38, according to the AFBF.



**ThePatriot**  
www.pcpatriot.com  
540-808-3949

# VALLEY AUCTIONS LLC

**Christmas Extravaganza Auction-Bid Online Now!!!**  
**Soft Close Saturday, November 25, at 10 am**

Huge collection of quality Christmas items including Susan Milford nutcrackers, Kugel & Radko ornaments, Santas, trees, cast iron, CSA war bonds, furniture, other estate items&more!



**December 3, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm APPRAISAL DAY at Wilderness Road Regional Museum**— Each person may bring up to two items for appraisal by our auction staff. A donation of \$10 per item is suggested with all proceeds benefiting the museum. See you there!

**Visit our website [www.valleyauctionsllc.com](http://www.valleyauctionsllc.com) or download our app.**  
**5351 Wilderness Road, Dublin, VA 540-674-4771 in-**  
**fo@valleyauctionsllc.com**

**We are now accepting consignments-single items to entire estates**

**We specialize in Real Estate, Firearms, Coins & Currency, Antiques, Collectibles, Personal Property & Estates**  
**Contact us for a free appraisal today!**  
**Our office is open for preview 9 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday**  
**VA Firm #1032**

# Why Pay More For Less?

*Our Prices Can Save You Up To \$1,000 On A Traditional Funeral Service.*  
*Pre-Planning Options Available*



## Norris - Stevens Funeral Home

**Phone: (540) 980-2600**  
**815 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, VA 24301**  
**[www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com)**  
*Owned by the Norris Family*



**107.5 FM WBLB 1340 AM**

*Playing the best in all varieties of Christian music continually 24 hours a day - 7 days a week!*  
**Marketplace Line: (9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Monday-Friday) 980-6517**  
**Request Line: 980-6517**

**Office / Advertising: 980-3411**  
**Fax: 980-8320**  
**[www.family1340.com](http://www.family1340.com)**



# EDITORIAL

## Thanksgiving Through the Years

Every November, families and friends gather across the country to give thanks for the many blessings they have received during the year. A holiday that many look forward to every year didn't always have such a predictable nature. It took almost a century and a half for Thanksgiving to be what it is today. Some of our country's most influential presidents even played a hand in establishing Thanksgiving as the holiday we know today.



**Morgan Griffith**  
  
9th District Representative

celebrated in Virginia in 1619, when a group of 35 settlers and their leader, Captain John Woodlief, set

sail from England for the New World, bound for land in Virginia along the James River. This settlement would be known as Berkeley Hundred. This was two years before the pilgrims held their Thanksgiving in Massachusetts. Sailing into the Chesapeake Bay on November 28, the group lingered in that area for a few days, weathering a fierce storm, before arriving at Berkeley Hundred on December 4. Once on shore, Captain Woodlief prayed, offering words that had actually been provided by the Berkeley Company which funded the settlement: "We ordaine that this day of our ships arrival, at the place assigned for plantacon, in the land of Virginia, shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God." Unfortunately, the Berkeley Hundred settlement would last only a few years due to attacks by Native Americans. Later, in 1777, following the Battles at Saratoga, which were pivotal to America receiving the foreign assistance it needed to win the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress declared the first national American Thanksgiving.

Then, in 1789, President George Washington proclaimed Thursday, November 26, as a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" dedicated to "the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, and that will be."

Though Washington had declared a national thanksgiving in 1789, the holiday had not yet caught on throughout the country and was mainly celebrated in New England. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln designated a national "day of Thanksgiving and praise," thanks in large part due to the actions by American writer and activist Sarah Joseph Hale. Mrs. Hale is perhaps best known as the author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb." In addition to many Members of Congress and Governors, Mrs. Hale wrote to five presidents before Lincoln, failing to persuade them to support a national holiday. Finally, after 17 years of advocacy, President Lincoln was persuaded to designate the final Thursday in November as Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Hale is also believed to be responsible for popularizing the Thanksgiving menu. One of the chapters in her novel Northwood: Or, a Tale of New England, is dedicated to describing the dishes of Thanksgiving, including turkey, gravy, stuffing, pumpkin pie, among others.

With the help of Lincoln's declaration, Thanksgiving became a nationally celebrated holiday. It became federally recognized by Congress in 1870.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared November 23 as Thanksgiving, the next to last Thursday that year. It is said that President Roosevelt viewed Thanksgiving as too late that year and wanted to move it forward to give Americans an extra week of Christmas shopping.

Many Americans were upset by the president departing from tradition and refused to celebrate Thanksgiving on the 23rd. Critics called it "Franksgiving" (Franklin's Thanksgiving).

Two years later, acknowledging he made a mistake and attempting to correct it, President Roosevelt signed a law designating the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. And since 1941, Thanksgiving has since been celebrated as such.

Though it took many years for Thanksgiving to become what it is today, the spirit of the holiday has held true since the founding of our nation. We must not forget to stop to thank the Lord for our many blessings and to thank loved ones for their support and guidance in our lives. As always, I pray that everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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

## Rural Virginia loses ground on election day

Over the past week, there has been a lot of chatter in regard to how the Democratic party was able to flip control of the Virginia House of Delegates and maintain control of the Virginia Senate by a 1 vote margin in each body. This development will undoubtedly affect the types of legislation that will experience success in the upcoming 2024 legislative session. While partisan control of the General Assembly is rightfully a topic of interest to Virginians, what is often being lost in the conversation is the loss of political power that rural Virginia was dealt on election day.

For the past two years, rural, western, and southwestern Virginia have benefited politically by having representation in the highest posts of the House of Delegates. Our former Speaker of the House hails from Shenandoah, our former Majority Leader from Gate City, and several high-profile committee chairs represented rural parts of the state. When it comes to regional matters being given the attention needed to succeed, having a strong voice in the majority is often necessary to push projects across the finish line. With the recent Democratic successes in the House, power in the majority will now shift to Hampton Roads, where the incoming Speaker resides, and northern Virginia, where much of Democratic leadership calls home. A rural member of the House of Delegates is now very much a long-shot to attain one of these positions of power within the next couple of years, to include committee chairmanships. What this may unfortunately mean is a General Assembly that is more focused on northern Virginia, Richmond, and Hampton Roads than the rest of the state. It will take an intentional effort by those of us

## Delegate Jason Ballard 42nd District

representing rural Virginia to ensure that our priorities are not passed by on the wayside. This includes making sure that our students are prepared for tomorrow's workforce – maximizing each child's potential in concert with economic development to ensure good paying jobs aren't just located in highly populous regions. It means continued and aggressive focus on I-81, since this vital infrastructure resides mainly within rural Virginia. And it means generating pragmatic, Virginia-focused solutions to societal problems, instead of following the lead of states like California and New York. While rural Virginia may no longer be the majority voice in the House of Delegates, those of us who represent it will continue to speak loud and clear on your behalf when we return to Richmond in January.

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](mailto: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.



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

## Ta-Nehisi Coates is a moral idiot

The celebrated author Ta-Nehisi Coates is not reliable regarding things he's spent considerable time thinking about here in the U.S., so it's presumably a mistake to put much stock in his newly formed opinions about matters he barely knows anything about.

He proved as much in an interview about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict the other day on Democracy Now! At the outset, Coates announced his opposition to "complexity" and "complication," and left little doubt about his sincerity in that regard with a preposterous depiction of Israel as a direct descendant of the Jim Crow South.

If Coates weren't simply retailing the familiar left-wing critiques of Israel, his belief that there's nothing to learn on the ground in the Middle East that he doesn't already know from reading about the failure of Reconstruction might qualify as a high-handed form of "Orientalism."

Coates makes much of a checkpoint that he encountered on a trip to Israel and the West Bank a few months ago in the West Bank city of Hebron. He says his Palestinian guide couldn't proceed down a certain street, but Coates was allowed to pass after an Israeli guard ascertained that his grandparents were Christian.

It's hard to say much about this incident without knowing more. It is certainly true, though, that Hebron has more checkpoints than other West Bank cities.

Why? Well, Coates doesn't mention that Hebron is one of the four holy cities of Judaism. Or, that there was a pogrom there in 1929 that led to the evacuation of the Jewish population. Or, that a small community of Jews has returned to the city.

Without the Israeli security, the community likely wouldn't survive. Is that what Coates wants?

Oh, sorry -- complications. We've been told that they're unnecessary.

Coates is dismissive of Israel's worries about terror attacks. The West Bank is not Gaza, but terrorism, including in Hebron, is still an ongoing concern.

Coates gives no sign of realizing that Israelis themselves are forbidden from traveling to so-called Area A territory in the West Bank. If the various designations of territory with different rules seem arbitrary, they were hashed out in the Oslo Accords between the PLO and Israel in the 1990s.

In a laughable argument, Coates said he was shocked during his trip "when it suddenly dawned on me that I was in a region of the world where some people could vote and some people could not."

It is true that Palestinians can't vote, but this isn't the doing of the Israeli government. There hasn't been an election in the Palestinian territories since 2006. The people who currently run the West Bank fear they would lose -- for good reason. Hamas won the legislative elections last time around, and then waged a brief factional war to eliminate their Fatah rivals in Gaza.

In Israel proper, there are about 2 million Arab citizens who have the right to vote and the other rights of Israel citizens.

See LOWERY, page A7



## Pay Off Their Student Loans?

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are debt-free except for our mortgage and two Parent PLUS loans for our daughters' college educations. One of the loans totals \$18,078, and the other is for \$41,500. Both girls want to pay them off using the new extended plan being offered, but I'm 59 1/2, and I've got about \$500,000 in a 401(k) from a previous job along with \$125,000 from a job I started five years ago. We've been thinking about just paying the loans off for the girls, but we wanted to know your thoughts.

Mike

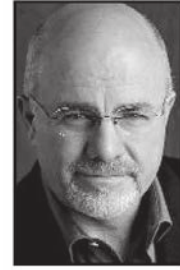
Dear Mike,

If I were in your shoes, I'd just go ahead and pay them off. Technically, you're liable for the loans. They are not.

The extended plan you're talking about is garbage. In reality, it means the loans are never paid back. The extended plan is 30 years of not even making the principal payment. No interest is paid, and they don't touch the principal. The whole thing works backward for 30 years, and it's the very definition of a stupid government program.

I really don't think you want your daughters to be part of something like this. But that means you're going to be stuck with paying off these loans. You might as well just own it and pay them off now.

I want you to understand this, Mike. I don't advise people to dip into their savings every time a problem comes up prior to retirement. But you're 59 1/2, and at that point there's no penalty. Plus, you've got \$625,000 sitting there. You're



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

of student loans—because you're getting messed over by your own government. The first way they messed you over was to put a student loan program out there and then tell you the way to success was to borrow tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars for a degree in left-handed puppetry. And now, guess what? You're a barista! Then, they start shouting they're going to forgive it all. After that it's, "No, we're not. Yes, we are. No, we're not. Yes, we are."

The fact is, they don't intend to forgive it. It's the biggest scam in history—mathematically speaking—perpetrated on the American public by our government.

—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 of Ramsey Solutions.



**The Patriot**

P.O. Box 2416 • Pulaski, VA 24301 • [www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com) • (540) 808-3949

Locally Owned And Operated Since 2009

The Patriot is published in its print form every Friday by Patriot Publishing, LLC and is available at locations in Pulaski and Wythe Counties and Radford City. An electronic version can be accessed daily on the web at [www.pcpatriot.com](http://www.pcpatriot.com)





# Reality

Continued From Page A5

yet. Lichty reviewed her choices on her Reality-Store printout. He noted she was married, but her husband wasn't working. His advice was obvious... "Get your spouse a job!"

Another student was struggling with too many expenses and not enough income. In a sympathetic manner, Lichty explained, "You might need to change choices for the first year. Mr. Lichty ate Ramen Noodles and rice for quite awhile," he teased.

One of the favorite Stations was the Crystal Ball – Chance where students could draw a card from the table and end up with an unexpected life event. It could be good news, like one student received – "you won the lottery" or bad news for another student "your car got towed so pay \$150.00 fine."

Most of the 21-Stations' volunteers work with students and are eager to help prepare them for life after graduation. As one volunteer stated, "We are all here because we are invested in our students and its important to help prepare them for life after graduation."

Undoubtedly, many of these students will go home and hug their parents in appreciation.

## County Tourism Receives Virginia Tourism Corporation Grant for Tourism Marketing

Pulaski County Tourism received a \$10,000 grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation's Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program for its Fall Find us Outside marketing campaign.

Pulaski County Tourism Department partnered with other local businesses to supply matching funds for the project that will help cover the cost of the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 digital marketing campaign as well as partnerships with Virginia Tech and Radford University Athletics.

The purpose of the "Find Us Outside" campaign is to increase Pulaski County visitors in the off season and build anticipation for the Spring and Summer 2024 seasons.

Virginia Tourism Corporation awarded more than \$757,000 to 131 marketing programs, ultimately impacting 655 combined partners, and supporting more than 1,300 jobs across the state to help increase off-season visitation to tourism businesses and destinations.

"Receiving the MMLP grand from the VTC will allow the Pulaski County Tourism Department to increase our digital advertising impact promote Pulaski County as a tourist destination. It is also allowing us to market Pulaski County to visitors attending Hokie and Highlander sporting events. The goal is to drive more visitors to Pulaski County and our small, destination businesses during the cold weather, off season months," said Erika Tolbert, Pulaski County Tourism Director.

"The Microbusiness Marketing Leverage Program is part of VTC's strategy to grow year-round visitation in Virginia and is designed to support small tourism businesses with marketing dollars to drive out-of-state visitation during off-peak travel seasons. We are excited about this program because we see it as a gateway for small businesses to engage with VTC's marketing and development ecosystem to grow their business and build on the Virginia is for Lovers branding,"



**4-H Youth Development Senior Extension Agent, Chris Lichty and 4-H Youth Development Assistant, Cynthia Hurst help guide students through the Reality Store choices during Monday's program for 8th graders. This is the 15th year the program has been implemented. For two years during COVID, the program was conducted on Zoom, but the students seem to like the hands-on approach and personal interaction with the Volunteers at each station.**



**Danielle Reid/The Patriot**  
**Town of Pulaski Fire Department Chief Jeff Conner, Katie Thompson of the Pulaski Youth Center and Maggie Straub volunteered to counsel students at the Transportation Station during the 4-H Reality Store event.**



**Danielle Reid/The Patriot**  
**An 8th grade student learns she won the lottery after drawing a card from the Crystal Ball Chance Station during the 4-H reality Store event at the Central Gym. The Reality Store event helps 8th grade students learn about real world expenses, budgeting and the financial effect of their life decisions. Kristine Saunders, Youth Librarian at Pulaski County Library and Abigail Boyd**

## Lowry

Continued From Page A6

But I know, complexity only gets in the way.

Coates directed the balance of his outrage at the Israeli military operation, without mentioning Hamas, October 7 or that fact that terror group uses civilians as human shields.

Finally, he says that the U.S. has "exported" Jim Crow to Israel. Really? Did we eliminate it here, but conclude that it would be the right system for Israel? And bipartisan administrations pursued this policy while hiding it from the American public?

As a high priest of woke progressivism, Coates was always going to be a fierce critic of Israel. He is a particularly instructive instance, though, of trying to take the Left's racial categories here at home and apply them to a conflict with its own fraught dynamics established long ago.

"It's actually not that hard to understand," Coates maintained of the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. "It's actually quite familiar to those of us with a familiarity [with] African-American history."

If Coates has accomplished anything, it is demonstrating that this is wholly untrue.

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

### TOWN OF DUBLIN TAX NOTICE 2023 2ND HALF REAL ESTATE & 2023 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE BY DECEMBER 5TH, 2023

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


The Dublin Municipal Building, located at 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding holidays, to receive payments. For your convenience there is a drop-box outside the municipal building for payments. Payments can be mailed to P.O. Box 1066 Dublin, VA 24084 or online payments can be made at [www.dublintown.org](http://www.dublintown.org)

By: Rebecca L. Wright, Treasurer  
Town of Dublin

**Advertising  
Works!  
Call  
The Patriot  
Today At  
540-808-3949**

### Dublin Baptist Senior Pastor Search

Please visit  
<https://www.dublinbaptistchurchva.org/pastorsearch>  
Or call 540-674-6061



## 61 YEARS OF SERVING PULASKI COUNTY

*Always A Good Haircut,  
Sometimes A Good Story!*

### Star Barber Shop

123 West Main Street, Pulaski, VA 24301  
*Sam Corder, Barber*



## Save The Date!

**Santa Paws is coming to town!**

Join Us For  
**The Robertson & Cox Real Estate Team's 2nd  
Annual Santa Paws Event**

**Date: December 2, 2023**  
**Time: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Bring your pet in for a photo with Santa!  
Hot cocoa and pupuccinos provided!  
Pet photo contest with prizes!

Please bring a can of dog/cat food to donate to our  
partner Humane Society of the New River Valley

Scan QR Code to RSVP OR Contact  
The R&C Team at..  
540-521-1155 / 540-267-4718

1200 E Main St, Ste 1160, Pulaski, VA 24301 - Beside Food Lion





# Chamber

Continued From Page A1

workforce members Abigail Boyd (Sal's Jr), Ben Saunders (Town of Pulaski Police Department), Tommy Owens (Volvo Trucks North America), Jacob Jones (Truliant Federal Credit Union), and Dianna Cox (Americare Plus). Each individual shared their personal stories, shedding light on their career choices and motivations. County Administrator Jonathan Sweet proceeded to provide a Pulaski County update, acknowledging the pivotal role of the workforce. Attendees were invited to stand if their companies had experienced growth in the past two years, volunteered in any capacity, among other criteria. As each question was posed, the audience rose, collectively testifying to the diverse and significant contributions of every member to our community.

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce President Bill Cunningham took the stage for the second segment of the evening, focusing on the business aspect. Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee members presented annual awards in the following categories:

- Non-Profit Excellence of the Year: City of Refuge Pulaski
- Small Business of the Year: The Travis Team Realty
- Business Excellence of the Year: Camrett Logistics
- Business Executive of the Year: Jay Abbot, Director of Operations for Red Sun Farms

The prestigious Community Champion Award, awarded to a business or organization demonstrating exemplary community contributions, was presented to Pulaski County Parks and Recreation for their impact on community health and wellness as well as their resilience after a tragic fire devastated their pool house that was to be utilized by the community and summer camp.

Notably, the organization swiftly adapted, redirecting efforts to ensure the continuation of summer programs vital to the families that depend on them.

The night concluded with the transition of presidents. Bill Cunningham, who has steered the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce in a positive new direction in his two year term, handed over the gavel to Sean Pressman.

“The Chamber has been in a period of redefining and self-reflection since 2021. We have seen record numbers in new members and increased attendance in chamber events that solidifies the value of being involved with our chamber,” said Bill Cunningham, 2022-23 PCCC President. “The Chamber’s new location at the Innovation Center is facilitating further growth with our relationship with businesses as well. I have enjoyed the last 2 years as President, and I appreciate the Community support. I look forward to being part of the Chamber’s Leadership in my new role as VP as we continue to strive for excellence in supporting our business community.”

The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Board and staff expresses sincere gratitude to Bill Cunningham for his dedicated leadership and representation of the Chamber of Commerce over the past two years and look forward to continuing to work with him as Vice President. Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce will welcome Sean Pressman, 2024-2025 President beginning January 1, 2024 and look forward to continued success.

The Chamber of Commerce thanks the business community that make up the chamber of commerce as well as the sponsors that made this event possible: Event Sponsor - Truliant Federal Credit Union, Reception Sponsor – National Bank, Presenting Sponsor – SERVPRO of Montgomery and Pulaski Counties, and Premium Sponsors Ameriprise Financial, Camrett Logistics and Maritn’s Pharmacy.



Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce photos  
Chamber President Bill Cunningham (left) passes the gavel to incoming president, Sean Pressman.

### FORT CHISWELL SEW & VAC

Specializing In Sewing Machine and Vacuum Cleaner Sales & Service

**We Are Now A JANOME SEWING MACHINE OUTLET CENTER!**

Over 50 Years Experience

787 Fort Chiswell Road, Max Meadows, Va. 24360  
(Across From Fort Chiswell High School)  
**276-637-3139**  
Open Tues.-Fri. 10-5 and Sat. 10-1

*We Have Riccar, Miele, Simplicity Vaccums and More Household and Commercial*

## Medicare Advantage: One plan, one card, many benefits

With plans designed for all styles, stages and ages of Medicare, more people count on UnitedHealthcare for their Medicare Advantage plans. Our licensed sales agents will help you find a plan with more benefits — including dental, vision, and prescription drug coverage, plus access to Medicare Advantage’s largest national provider network<sup>1</sup>.

Stop by during the times listed to get answers to your questions from a Medicare Plan Expert.

<b>Pulaski</b> 11/27,11/28,11/29 8:30AM-12:30PM	<b>Dublin</b> 11/28 & 11/29 1:30PM-5:00PM
---	---

Walgreens  
901 Memorial Ave  
Pulaski, VA 24301

Insurance Center of Dublin  
543 E. Main St.  
Dublin, VA 24084

### Get more of what matters.

[myuhcagent.com](https://myuhcagent.com)

For accommodations of persons with special needs at meetings call 1-844-743-6328, TTY 711. Benefits, features and/or devices vary by plan/area. Limitations, exclusions and/or network restrictions may apply. Plans are insured through UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company or one of its affiliated companies, a Medicare Advantage organization with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in the plan depends on the plan’s contract renewal with Medicare. <sup>1</sup>Provider network may vary in local market. Provider network size based on Zelis Network360, May 2023. The UnitedHealthcare Medicare Plan Expert is a licensed sales agent/producer. © 2023 United HealthCare Services, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Y0066\_230731\_071712\_M SPRJ82531

Koe Knippenberg, Volvo Group North America Vice President & General Manager, welcomes everyone to the Volvo facility.

**Barn Bazaar Heritage Craft Sale in 1818 Barn 2-6 p.m.**  
**Holiday Photo Sessions in Log Kitchen 2-6 p.m.**  
**Simple Gifts of the Blue Ridge in Main Museum 5-7 p.m.**  
**Sweets & Savories with Wassail 5-7 p.m., Westover Ballet mini performances at Do-Better Cottage 6 p.m.**





Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce photos  
Award winners this year are (from left) Kelly and Joe Blankenship of the City of Refuge; Shay Dunnigan and Jenna Kinder of Pulaski County Parks and Recreation; Cameron Peel of Camrett Logistics; Jay Abbot of Red Sun Farms, and Donna and John Travis of the Travis Team Realty.



(At left) Marcus Thompson, Communications Director for Volvo Group North America passionately highlighted the invaluable contributions of the workforce, emphasizing their role in the success of businesses.



**OK Barber Shop**



321 East Main Street  
Pulaski • 540-994-0231  
Open 6 a.m.-5:30; Saturday 6 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Closed Wednesday and Sunday

***Holiday shopping?  
Remember your budget***

From Virginia Tech

As the holiday season approaches, it is important to begin budgeting for your gift shopping ahead of time. Taking proactive steps now will help you manage expenses wisely and make the most of the festive season. Virginia Tech economics and finance experts share why.

“Shoppers need lists of recipients and gifts, prioritizing essential items, and tracking expenses to avoid overspending,” says Jadrian Wooten, collegiate associate professor in the Department of Economics at Virginia Tech. “It’s tempting to be lured by good deals and go off-budget, but staying disciplined is incredibly important.”

Wooten explains that consumers are often presented with promotions that create the impression of financial losses if they don’t make an immediate purchase. “In reality, sticking to a budgeted plan is a wiser choice.”

“Responsible budgeting, before we start shopping, ensures a joyful holiday season without the added stress of financial burden,” says Wooten. “The holiday shopping culture revolves around generosity, tradition, and emotional spending, which often leads to emotional spending.”

To avoid falling into this trap, Wooten recommends people be aware of these cultural dynamics and set up realistic spending limits that are in line with their financial situation.

“It’s no secret that inflation has increased the prices of the goods we want and need,” says Virginia Tech finance expert Jesse Lineberry, who also offers



**SHOP LOCAL TO EARN ENTRIES TO WIN \$1000!**

**NOVEMBER 24TH- DECEMBER 18TH**

**Collect entries to win while playing your part in supporting local businesses!**

Scan here for a list of participating businesses!



**Sponsored by**



An initiative of the **PULASKI** County Chamber of Commerce



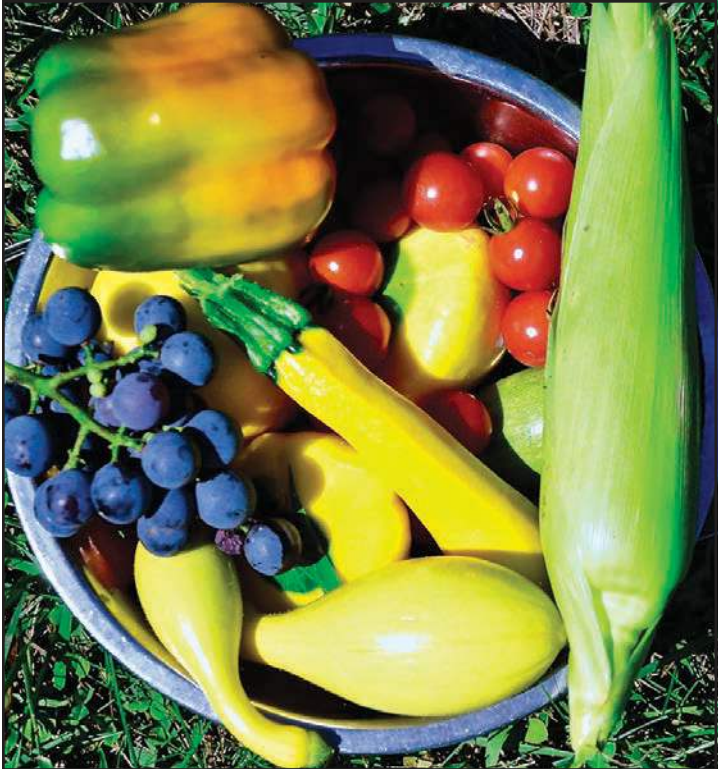
# Harvest still life photo wins Radford Photo Club contest

A photo by Debby Ring of Radford won the Still Life theme category at the November Radford Photo Club meeting. Joyce Sims of Radford tied with Tracy Burlingame of Riner in the open theme category. Sims' photo was of a frosty chrysanthemum in her yard and Burlingame's photo was of a dramatic sunrise in a cloudy sky taken during her Charleston to Nassau cruise.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. For the December program, those

who wish to will bring their three best photos of the year to discuss. Photos will be on a thumb drive so they can be shared on the projector. One of the photos, as a print, will be an entry in the theme category.

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. If you have questions, email Lucy Gilmore at [lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com](mailto:lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com) or Michele Borgarelli at [mborgarelli@gmail.com](mailto:mborgarelli@gmail.com).



# Winterfest returns to Randolph Park with first county tree lighting

Pulaski County's annual Winterfest returns for a third year to Randolph Park on Dec. 2 from 1-5 p.m. This year's festival will bring in more than 30 boutique and craft vendors, four locally made craft spirit and wine vendors, and multiple local food vendors.

The festival will feature live music, a caricature artist, and free photos with Santa from Clix Blacksburg. Kids will have a great time in Santa's Workshop with Build-a-bear, crafts, and riding the trackless train. Adults can enjoy shopping and sitting by the fire with a glass of local spirits or wine. Horse and carriage rides around the park will also be available. Attendees are encouraged to bring a toy donation for 107.1 PSK's Toys For Tots drive.

Everyone is invited to stay at Randolph Park immediately following Winterfest for the lighting of the inaugural Pulaski County Christmas Tree at 5:30 p.m. This year's tree was donated by Joe Bishop and Jonathan Cheverton and stands 27-feet tall and 15-feet in diameter. The tree lighting ceremony will feature food vendors, music, DAKLights show, hot chocolate and more.

"Winterfest is quickly becoming a Pulaski County

# Budget

Continued From Page A9

his perspective on the effect of holiday budgeting. "If you're having a hard time budgeting for gifts this year, consider making crafts or building gifts instead of purchasing items at the store."

Looking past the holidays, Lineberry advises avoiding high-interest-rate debit use through credit cards. "Avoid buying gifts with interest-bearing debt and consider using a debit card or cash if you can." If you are going to use a credit card, Lineberry recommends paying it off in full every month. "Pre-emptive budgeting can help ensure that we have the proper funds to avoid taking on debt".

Budgeting in advance allows shoppers to worry less about gifts when the holidays finally arrive and allows for more quality time with friends and family. "A budget will allow you to shop with freedom knowing that you can celebrate the holidays without causing damage to your financial well-being," says Lineberry.



Debby Ring of Radford won the Still Life theme category with her photo (far left).

Joyce Sims of Radford tied with Tracy Burlingame of Riner in the open theme category.

Sims' photo (left) was of a frosty chrysanthemum in her yard and Burlingame's photo (above) was of a dramatic sunrise in a cloudy sky taken during her Charleston to Nassau cruise.



**ANDERSON AUDIOLOGY**  
Hearing Aid Sales & Service, Inc.  
*Locally Owned and Operated Since 1963*

**Dr. Janice Anderson**  
Doctor of Audiology

**Darrell Anderson BC-HIS\***  
Hearing Instrument Specialist

*Hear Better* ..... *Live Better*

Complete Hearing Evaluation    Video Otoscopic Exam    Risk-Free Trial

**We have Four Offices to serve you!**  
**DUBLIN, VA - 85 CLEBURNE BLVD - (540) 674-4889**  
WYTHEVILLE, VA    BLACKSBURG, VA    GALAX, VA  
(276) 228-0866    (540) 381-6967    (276) 236-0778

**WIDEX**®  
HIGH DEFINITION HEARING

**Open Mon thru Fri, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm - [anderson-audiology.com](http://anderson-audiology.com)**

**www.pcpatriot.com**  
**540-808-3949**  
**Published**  
**Free**  
**Each Friday**

# Sapphire Anniversary

# Open House

Saturday, November 25 | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Off the Wall Community Art Exhibit

## Quilt Raffle

## Gift Items from Local Artists

## Refreshments

**Fine Arts Center**  
for the New River Valley



# SPORTS

## Hot-shooting Hokies roll past Wofford

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Lynn Kidd and Sean Pedulla combined to score 39 points and Virginia Tech shot better than 50% from the field to turn away Wofford, 98-76 on Sunday.

The Hokies (3-1) were 33 of 58 from the field (56.9%), including 10 of 20 from behind the 3-point arc.

Hunter Cattoor knocked down three straight 3-pointers over a two-minute stretch late in the first half to push the Virginia Tech lead to nine with 4:17 left and Mylyjael Poteat dunked with a second left to make it 43-33 at the break. Jeremy Lorenz hit a pair of free throws with 7:35 mark to get the Terriers within 18, 78-60, but Virginia Tech scored the next 12 straight points while Wofford was scoreless for more than three minutes.

Kidd finished with 20 points, seven rebounds and three assists and Pedulla had 19 points. Neither player attempted a 3-pointer. Cattoor hit 4 of 7 from beyond the arc and had 17 points and Tyler Nickel knocked down all three of his shots from distance and added 14 points.

Wofford shot 26 of 61 from the field (42.6%), including 13 of 31 from distance. Corey Tripp paced Wofford (2-2) with 14 points. Jackson Sivills scored 13, Dillon Bailey 12 and Chase Cormier 11.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Sean Pedulla drives to the basket in Sunday's win over Wofford.



## High School Playoff Scores

### Friday

Prep Football

VHSL Playoffs

Regional Semifinal

Class 6

Battlefield 21, Mountain View 18

Fairfax 30, South County 6

Freedom 45, Colonial Forge 16

Highland Springs 28, Oscar Smith 7

James Madison 37, Herndon 7

Lake Braddock 38, West Springfield 21

Manchester 40, Thomas Dale 21

Westfield 21, Yorktown 14

### Class 5

Briar Woods 48, Riverbend 18

Green Run 18, Salem-Va. Beach 10

Indian River 22, Kempsville 14

Matoaca 36, Mills Godwin 0

Maurry 34, Nansemond River 14

Stone Bridge 35, Massaponax 14

Warwick 42, King's Fork High School 13

William Fleming 23, Douglas Freeman 20

### Class 4

E.C. Glass 27, Jefferson Forest 20

John Champe 35, Loudoun Valley 28

King George 46, Dinwiddie 29

Salem 42, John Handley 0

Tuscarora 28, Loudoun County 16

Varina 21, Huguenot 20

Warhill 31, Churchland 0

### Class 3

Armstrong 28, TJHS 0

Brentsville 28, Kettle Run 7

Heritage 23, Hopewell 6

Liberty Christian 45, Rustburg 13

Magna Vista 27, Christiansburg 20

William Byrd 41, Lord Botetourt 14

### Class 2

Amelia County 14, Southampton 8

Glenvar 38, Gretna 34

Graham 28, Gate City 7

Poquoson 14, King William 6

Radford 50, Appomattox 30

Riverheads 27, Clarke County 13

Woodstock Central 8, Strasburg 7

### Class 1

Altavista 30, Brunswick 26

Essex 36, Lancaster 0

Galax 14, Grayson County 0

George Wythe 35, Fort Chiswell 7

Northumberland 42, West Point 26

Sussex Central 38, William Campbell 24

### Saturday

PREP FOOTBALL

VHSL Playoffs

Regional Semifinal

Class 4

Phoebe 56, Hampton 8

### Class 3

Lafayette 41, Lake Taylor 7

Turner Ashby 35, Spotswood 7

### Class 2

Union 27, Tazewell 6

### Class 1

Honaker 44, Patrick Henry 30

Rye Cove 18, Twin Springs 7

By ELIZABETH KANIPE  
The Patriot

Radford hosted the #4 seed Appomattox Raiders in the Region C semi-final game at Bobcat Stadium on Friday night. The Raiders were on a 5 game win streak and have ended Radford's season the last three years. Last year the Bobcats scored late to get within 5 points but failed to stop Appomattox from running out the clock to win the game. Radford looked to break the Appomattox streaks.

Appomattox won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff. Radford's defense held on third and short to force the Raiders to punt. Appomattox attempted a fake punt and the Bobcats stuffed the runner to take over on downs on the 24 yard line. The Bobcats got inside the 10 yard line but the drive stalled so Louis Webster kicked a 21 yard field goal to give Radford the early lead.

The Raiders responded by establishing a 16 play drive that consumed almost 8 minutes. Xavier Moseley dove in from 2 yards out to put Appomattox up 7-3 with 57 seconds left in the first quarter. Radford



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

#1 Sincere Taylor makes the catch in running stride for a big gain in yards.

would respond as they had all season. On the first play, Landen Clark hit Max Kanipe for a 58 yard reception to the

1 yard line. J.D. Grubb took the handoff and scored to put Radford back on top 10-7.

The Bobcat defense held on the next series of downs and forced the Raiders to punt. Clark threw to Kanipe for a 32 yard gain on the first play and then again for 20 yards and Radford's second touchdown which extended the Bobcat's lead. Radford's defense again

forced a Raider three and out and the Bobcat's took over at their own 19. They quickly drove down the field aided by two Raider personal fouls and a 22 yard pass from Clark to Kanipe. Grubb found the endzone again from 9 yards out to give Radford a 23-7 lead with 3:57 to go in the half.

See RADFORD, page B3

**Stuart's Body Shop**  
Over 40 Years Experience • Free Estimates



**Richard Stuart**  
Owner/Manager

3421 Hilton Village Loop  
Pulaski, VA 24301

PH: 540.980.2563  
Fax: 540.980.2634  
stuartscollision@gmail.com



Life Insurance | Retirement | Financial Security | Community

## Rollover to WoodmenLife®

It's easy to overlook your retirement plan, especially when you change jobs. Keep it in sight by rolling over your 401(k) from a past job into an IRA.

Call me today and make smart choices about your retirement.



Brian Bishop  
540-443-3900  
bbishop@woodmenlife.org



401(k) not offered as product. Product offered is an IRA fixed annuity. Be sure to consider all of your available options before moving your retirement assets. WoodmenLife Representatives and employees cannot provide legal or tax advice. You are encouraged to work with your attorney or tax professional for additional information. Products are not available in New York and all products may not be available in all states. CDA207 4/19/19 Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, Omaha, NE.

**Brad's**  
BARBER SHOP  
A Traditional Men's Barber Shop  
Brad Angell, Master Barber  
115 Third Avenue ✕ Radford, Virginia 24141  
540-838-2109

**SEMPER FI**  
Seamless Gutter,  
Painting & Staining  
Contractor



**Randal Morris**  
USMC Vet  
Owner Operator  
Licensed & Insured  
540-250-2288

semperfipaintingstaining@gmail.com  
Decks • Porches • Flooring • Pressure Washing

**The Patriot**  
www.pcpatriot.com  
540-808-3949  
Published  
Free  
Each Friday



# CLASSIFIEDS

**YARD SALES**

Craft fair at Bradley Ridge Apartments on Hatcher Rd. in Dublin. Multiple vendors - handmade jewelry, custom decals, ornaments, antique decorations, paparazzi, wreaths, cakes and candy, etc. Friday, Dec. 1 10 am-4 pm. And Sat. Dec. 2, 8 am-2 pm.

**REAL ESTATE:**

For Sale: For sale. 2 burial plots in Highland memory gardens, section 106-c place 3 and 4. Call or message for price. 540-750-3436

**FOR SALE**

For Sale: Two cemetery plots in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. Side-by-side. Purchased each for \$1,800 originally, will sell for \$1,000 each. Call 540-529-9524.

2 Cemetery plots at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, Virginia with 2 concrete vaults, a double headstone and installation included. Located in a beautiful area with a tree and bench. You can notify me by phone 540-556-1326. E-mail: kendallfuneralhome@gmail.com Total package: \$5000.

Two burial vaults in Roselawn cemetery in Christiansburg. Includes openings and closings, \$7,500 or best offer. Call or text (540)553-6700

Cemetery Plots for sale. Two each, side-by-side located in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. Lot No. 220, Block D, Units 1 and 2, Section 6 in Garden of the Gospels. Call 336-858-8265.

For Sale - Burial plots at Highland Memory Gardens - Two adjoining plots, 2 steel vaults w/ installation fee - \$4800 (current cost at HMG is \$9570) Call 309-333-6148.

For Sale - Burial plots at Highland Memory Gardens - Two adjoining plots - \$2300 (current cost at HMG is \$4590) Call 309-333-6148.

For Sale: Cemetery plot for two people in Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Dublin. Asking \$8,000. Paid \$10,000 for them 18 years ago. Call 540-250-0264.



*See Us For All Your  
Auto, Home, Life, Business Insurance  
and Medicare Plans!*

**543 East Main Street  
Dublin, VA 24084 • 540-674-4678**

**www.insurancecenterofdublin.com**

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

**FOR SALE:  
MISCELLANEOUS**

FOR SALE: Pat Buckley Moss prints. Early dates 1988-1997. Many double signed, all framed/matted by local galleries. Call or text for detailed list. AMAZING PRICES! 540-577-4308.

For Sale: Boxes of hard back books – 50 cents each. Crochet yarn. Harley Davidson helmet – like new. Furniture. Call 540-230-5386.

For Sale: Ladies right hand golf clubs and bag. Clubs include 3 wood and 1 wood, irons (3, 5, 7 and 9) and putter. \$100. 540-577-6015.

For Sale: Men’s left hand golf clubs and bag. Irons 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, two 9 irons; two putters, two sand wedges. Woods include 2 and 3, 6 and 7 driver, ball retriever and bag of balls and tees. \$400. Call 540-577-6015.

For Sale: 2019 Heartland 21-

foot Pioneer Travel Trailer. Sleeps 6. AC Heat. Like new. Stored under covered shelter in Dublin. Like new. \$25,000 Call 757-508-8437.

For Sale: Large, beautiful Princess House crystal platter. New in box. \$25. Can meet you somewhere if you’re interested in buying. Call 276-237-8747.

For Sale: Several pet cages, 7-foot Kennedy Christmas tree, pre-lit, cost \$99 and will sell for \$20. Keurig coffee pot, \$20. Call 540-230-5386.

Pear shaped diamond ring, 14K yellow gold, size 7, price reduced to \$475. Includes information card with details about the ring. Call 540-980-5361.

**Yard Sales  
Are Free  
In  
The Patriot  
Call  
540-808-3949  
or email  
ads@pcpatriot.com**

**GOODALL CONSTRUCTION**  
Class A Contractor  
#2705 114303A  
**JOHN GOODALL**  
OWNER

*Custom Homes, Roofing,  
Remodeling, Electrical, Plumbing*

**FREE ESTIMATES**

**Phone: 540-674-0294  
Mobile: 540-320-1294  
E-mail: jgoodall2@yahoo.com**

*In Business For 22 Years!*



**Septic Pumping • Installs • Inspections**



*‘A Flush Beats a Full House’*

**DOSS’ SEPTIC SERVICE**

Licensed and insured  
Servicing the NRV and surrounding areas  
**(540)320-4827**  
*Thank you for your continued support*

**Pulaski Drain Service  
and Plumbing Repairs**



**Water Heaters  
Dish Washers • Faucets  
Toilets • Drain Cleaning  
Repair & Replace  
Water & Sewer Lines**

**The Right Way,  
Right Away!**

**Reasonable  
Prices  
No Job  
Too Small**



Remembering  
My Brother,  
David Allen



**Call 540-998-1223**  
Experienced, Licensed & Insured



**Residential and Commercial cleaning  
in the New River Valley. Established  
and experienced cleaning service.**

**Free estimates and will gladly  
provide references upon request.**

**Please contact us today for all your  
cleaning needs.**

**• Home • Business • One-time  
• Weekly • Bi-weekly • Move In/Out  
plus Window & Carpet jobs**

**(540) 553-2937**  
*Licensed and Insured*

**“Proudly Serving the New River Valley”**



**• TREE REMOVAL  
• LAND CLEARING  
• VINE & BRUSH CLEARING  
• GRADING  
• DRIVEWAYS  
• EXCAVATION**

**CALL  
540-838-1915  
ISA Certified Arborist**



**J. David Adkins, Realtor  
Woods River Realty  
113 Newbern Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
(540) 230-9264  
www.NRVHousefinder.com  
dave@daveadkinshomes**

**THINKING OF  
SELLING OR  
BUYING A HOME?**

**Call Dave today  
for all of your  
real estate needs!**





**35+ Years  
Of Friendly  
Professional  
Service**

**Home Town  
Realty**  
(540) 980-1117

Wayne McGlothlin, Broker 540-616-4587  
Pat Farmer 540-320-4698

Corner of 5th Street & Washington Ave., Pulaski  
hometownpulaski@gmail.com 

SERVICING THE ENTIRE NEW RIVER VALLEY & CLAYTOR LAKE  
RESIDENTIAL. COMMERCIAL. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.

**THINKING OF A CAREER CHANGE? COME WORK WITH THE HOMETOWN TEAM**

**Woods River Realty, Inc.**  
Richard Jones, Broker & Appraiser  
113 Newbern Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
**(540) 980-6602, 230-6602**



We list and sell homes,  
vacant land,  
industrial & commercial,  
Claytor Lake properties,  
appraisals for estates,  
trusts, loans, divorce.

**Classified Advertising Gets Results  
Call 540-808-3949**

**List Your Real Estate For Sale With Me**

- 51 Years of Experience.
- Principle Broker at McCraw Real Estate in Radford.
- Top Producer.
- Knows Real Estate Values.
- State Licensed Auctioneer for 37 Years.
- Thousand of Homes Sold.

*I can sell your Home, Farm or Land for you!*

REALTOR and Member of New River Valley Multiple Listing Service. I offer the Best Real Estate Service you can find. Call me! **Terry McCraw today at (540) 320-5200.**





# Time for the annual rut report

It wouldn't be deer season without your annual Rut report!

Yes once again it is time for your annual report on the rut for deer season. First things first, what is the rut? As you know your humble outdoor writer is trying to be helpful. The friends, family, wives, husbands, girlfriends, and significant others out there that put up with us hunters year round may or may not know about such things. So, gather round children for a little sermon on the rut!

As we have discussed here before the term rut is used to describe the mating season for the various members of the of the deer tribe, that is the family Cervidae. This includes whitetail and mule deer, moose, elk, and caribou. The deer family have their own way of manifesting behavior during this time. Remember that deer, like many animals, only go through this mating and procreation fiasco once a year, not 365 like humans do. More is the pity.

Most of the year the deer family are shy and secretive and do their best to stay hidden and out of the limelight. We are told that when the daylight hours start to decrease in the fall this triggers certain internal mechanisms in the buck deer and they begin to change their character. The antlers they have been growing all summer harden and the outer coating of velvet starts to peel off. (The deer family have antlers, which grow



every year and they fall off after all the rut business is over. Horns are different, horns grow on goats and sheep and some antelope and buffalo, horns are permanent and don't fall off. Sometimes, just for meanness, I will call deer antlers "horns" just to aggravate purists who don't like the use of the word for deer antlers. I know, I have problems) The bucks start to clean and sharpen these antlers on various trees and bushes and these marks on the base of the trees are called "rubs". (Rut Fun Fact! The deer hunters in your house are fascinated with rubs! And here is another tidbit, deer hunter lore says that the bigger the base of the tree the buck is rubbing antlers on, denotes the size of the buck, so the bigger the tree, the bigger the buck. Proof of this phenomena is sketchy but in general deer hunters believe this)

So while the buck deer are starting to get ready for the rut they are making rubs, their neck is swelling, they are starting to joust a little with other bucks in

the neighborhood, and they are doing something else. While they are wandering around waiting for the doe deer to get in the mood the bucks are also making something called a "scrapes". Now the deer hunter in your house is if anything, even more fascinated with scrapes than rubs. The buck makes a scrape by pawing in the leaves on the forest floor and exposing bare ground.

The scrape is almost always located directly below a low hanging limb or stick. The buck needs this limb to rub his face on so that he may (we think) leave scent on the branch from his preorbital (in front of the eyes) glands and the nasal glands, and the buck may also chew a little on the branch. The buck will also usually urinate in the scrape to leave scent. Another controversial issue here is if you the hunter should (and I am not making this up) urinate in the scrape yourself. Some say it will attract bucks, some say it will scare them away. The jury is still out.



LARRY CASE  
GUNS & CORNBREAD

Now why exactly a buck deer does all this is sometimes controversial and can be fodder for discussions, arguments, and fist fights at the work place, gun store counters and hunting camp. (Much like the behavior of the rutting bucks) Is the buck doing this to attract does? Is he establishing his territory? Is he simply giving hunters and outdoor writers something to talk about? Only the bucks know for sure.

If you are starting to get the gist of how this rut thing affects the behavior of buck deer, here it is. This is the time of the year when deer are the most active, even old and wise bucks with what looks like a rocking chair on their head will throw caution out the door and expose themselves to all kinds of danger to run around and chase the girls. (Much like their human counterparts)

As usual we have gone on too long and not gotten to the meat of what most deer hunters really, really want to know about the rut. What is the best day to be hunting during the rut? When and what day will the bucks be

most active? This my friends is the 64,000 dollar question. I have noticed in recent years that hunting magazines, websites and blogs, will go to great extremes to tell the you the exact day, the day to be on your stand and do not miss that day for anything. The headline or title for the article will be something like "Do not miss this day during the rut! It will say November 17, the 22nd or whatever, and don't miss that day, quit work if you have to!

Now how exactly the experts determine this day is somewhat unclear. As we have mentioned here before, is it the phase of the moon, the temperature, the predominant color of the wooly worm caterpillar, or what the Farmer's Almanac says about winter this year? I don't really know and I am not sure the experts do either. (Yes I will catch heck for that)

As always, trying to be helpful, I would suggest this. Hunt when you can and everyday you can. Don't worry about what others say on when to hunt. Get on your stand every day you can and want to. Load up on crackers, sardines, potted meat, and Little Debbie Cakes so that you can stay all day.

Go hunt and have fun, take a kid with you, and don't talk to any wool worm caterpillars.

Larry Case  
www.gunsandcornbread.com

## Radford

Continued From Page B1

Radford received the halftime kickoff hoping to keep momentum going. They got into Raider territory before turning the ball over on downs. Appomattox overcame multiple penalties and a sack on the next drive and scored when Conroy completed a 24 yard touchdown pass to Nitti. The Raiders pulled within 8 points when they made the 2 point conversion.

The Raiders had a chance to tie the game after forcing Radford to punt but their drive ended when Brandon Thompson sacked Conroy on fourth down which gave Radford the ball at the Appomattox 43 yard line.

A quick pass to Kanipe got Radford into the redzone. On fourth and 18, Clark scrambled and floated a pass to Luke Woodard to the 1 yard line setting up a Bobcat's first and goal. Clark took the snap and pushed into the endzone to give Radford a 15 point cushion.

Neither team was able to score on their next drives. Radford's Clark intercepted an Appomattox pass and returned it 60 yards down the home sideline to further extend the Bobcat's lead. Clark would intercept the next pass and return it 36 yards to put Radford up 50-22 with just under 3 minutes

left in the game. Appomattox would score on their next drive against the Radford reserves to make the final score 50-30.

Clark completed 12 of 23 passes for 269 yards and 1 touchdown. He also ran 16 times for 89 yards and 2 touchdowns. Grubb rushed 14 times for 34 yards and 2 touchdowns. Kanipe caught 6 passes for 164 yards and a touchdown and Taylor caught 4 passes for 73 yards. For Appomattox, Conroy completed 7 of 12 for 91 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also ran 17 times 69 yards and a touchdown

Radford will play next Friday for the Region C championship against Glenvar. The winner will move on to the state semi-final game against the Region D champion.



## Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street, N.W. to appropriate the following funds.

Revenue	Expenditure	Appropriation
FROM Fund Balance		\$1,200,000
TO Use of Fund Balance	10-78-02-5806	\$1,200,000

All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed budget amendment should appear at the Town Council Meeting or to submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Clerk of Council at (540) 994-8600 prior to 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.

Please apply in person. Serious inquiries only!!

Must be knowledgeable with Bobcat, Komatsu, CAT, Excavators, Loaders, Dozers, Toyota Forklifts

# HELP WANTED

We are looking for an experienced Heavy Equip. Mechanic and a Forklift Mechanic



**Austinville Limestone Company**  
223 Newtown Church Rd.  
Austinville, VA. 24312

## LEGAL NOTICE



## Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing to consider this application for the Month of December. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing on this petition at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2023 in the Executive Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

1. Proposed text amendments to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

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.

## LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that after thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Notice, proceedings will be commenced under the authority of Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia to sell the following parcels of land located in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia for the purpose of collecting all delinquent real estate taxes on such property

NAME	TAX MAP NUMBER
Clarence Adams	081-007-0190-0003
Anna L. Baker	063-019-0000-0021
Kim & Eric Beavers	081-002-0124-0018
Kim & Eric Beavers	081-002-0124-0019
Kim & Eric Beavers	081-002-0124-0020
Danny Brunk, Sr. & Danny Brunk, Jr.	081-001-0000-097A
Danny Brunk, Jr. & Randy Brunk	081-001-0000-097D
Dorothy Burton	072-047-0000-0040
Dorothy Burton	072-047-0000-0038
Sandra K. Burton	071-012-0000-0029
Stephen Caleffi	072-160-0000-0023
Charles Cade, IV	072-022-0137-011A
Steve Clark	072-032-0057-0017
William C. Cole	072-140-0000-0084
Tammy Davidson & Alphonso Anderson	081-007-0128-011A
Kayla Densel	072-051-0239-0005
Regina Dobbins	072-032-0000-0027
Gary & Vivian Edwards	072-114-0000-0006
Regina Edwards	072-051-0036-0024
Nathaniel Felty	072-104-0000-0003
Christopher Foster	081-019-000B-0004
Karen Gallimore	080-008-0000-0011
Garcia Heriberto Ramirez, et al.	080-003-0089-012A
Garcia Heriberto Ramirez, et al.	081-019-000A-0001
Earl W. Hagee, et al.	081-016-0000-0005
Earl W. Hagee, et al.	081-016-0000-0010
Earl W. Hagee, et al.	081-016-0000-010B
Jethro Hogan c/o Quinton Hogan	080-008-0000-0012
Della Howell	081-021-0000-0001
Raymond Lottier	071-017-0000-0020,21,22A,23,22,19,19A (LOTS)
Franklin Mabry, et al.	081-015-0000-058A,60A
Maceo Patterson	071-017-0000-0014
Maceo Patterson	081-018-0000-0007
Debra Puckett	081-007-0154-0007
Jayla Ramsey	072-098-0004-004A
William & Orleana Redd	063-025-0000-0006,7
Clifton E. & Brenda Sanders	081-011-0001-0030
John & Dottie C. Saunders	071-012-0000-0008
John & Dottie C. Saunders	071-017-0000-0003
Daniel Spence	081-002-0112-0009
Jerry Ward	081-002-0089-0003
Dorothy Warden	072-023-000C-017A
John Wilson Woodie	081-019-000A-0011

The owner of any property listed may redeem it at any time before the date of sale by paying all accumulated taxes, penalties, interest, attorney fees and costs, thereon, including the pro rata cost of publication hereunder. Payment must be made in full. Partial payment of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, fees or costs shall not be sufficient to redeem the property and shall not operate to suspend, invalidate, or make moot any action for judicial sale of the subject property. Sums due to the Town of Pulaski should be made payable to "Sands Anderson PC" and mailed to Sands Anderson PC, P.O. Box 2009, Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009.



# 1,174 meals served at 14th Feed the Hungry event



1174 delicious meals served for the glory of God!!!  
We had our 14th Annual Feed The Hungry Thanksgiving Meal and Coat Drive at the Taking It To The Streets Crusade, Event and Missions Center on Saturday, Nov. 18. It was a day full of fun, hard work, fellowship, prayer, testimony and delicious food.  
God took 50 turkeys, four hams, 50 gallons of green beans, 38 gallons of corn, 18 boxes of potatoes, gravy, 152 boxes of dressing, 1,174 Little Debbie snack cakes and over 70 volunteers and turned it into 1,174 delicious meals served with His love and His compassion.  
Also, a huge supply of coats, scarves, toboggans, gloves, shoes and winter wear were given out.  
We thank everyone who helped and took part in every way, and we thank God for allowing us to be His hands and His feet once again to touch the hearts of many precious people with His love and His compassion. To God be the glory!!!  
  
Pastor Charlie Barbettini  
Taking It To The Streets  
Pulaski



### SWVA Antiques Collectables and Craft Mall, LLC



821 E. Main Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-577-1884  
Owner: Jeff Jarrells • swvamallllc@gmail.com



Saturday, December 9, 2023  
Dinner & Dancing with a Silent Auction  
6-11 PM  
The Highlander Hotel  
604 Tyler Avenue, Radford, VA 24141  
Music by Groove Kontrol  
\$80/person  
TICKETS FOR SALE ON EVENTBRITE OR FROM AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER



Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association, Inc. is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization. All proceeds from this event will go into the CIAA Building & Grounds Fund for our Homecoming 2027 Campaign.



## ESTATE SALE

### LOG HOMES

PAY ONLY THE BALANCE OWED!  
JUST RELEASED: AMERICAN LOG HOMES is assisting estate & account settlement on houses

**LOG HOME KITS**  
selling for **BALANCE OWED** with **FREE DELIVERY**

Model #101, Carolina, \$40,840	<b>BALANCE OWED \$17,000</b>
Model #203, Georgia, \$49,500	<b>BALANCE OWED \$19,950</b>
Model #305, Biloxi, \$36,825	<b>BALANCE OWED \$14,500</b>
Model #403, Augusta, \$42,450	<b>BALANCE OWED \$16,500</b>

**NEW HOMES:** Serious Inquiries only **Call: 704 368-4528**

- Never been manufactured
- **NO TIME LIMIT FOR DELIVERY**
- Comes with complete building blueprints and Construction Manual

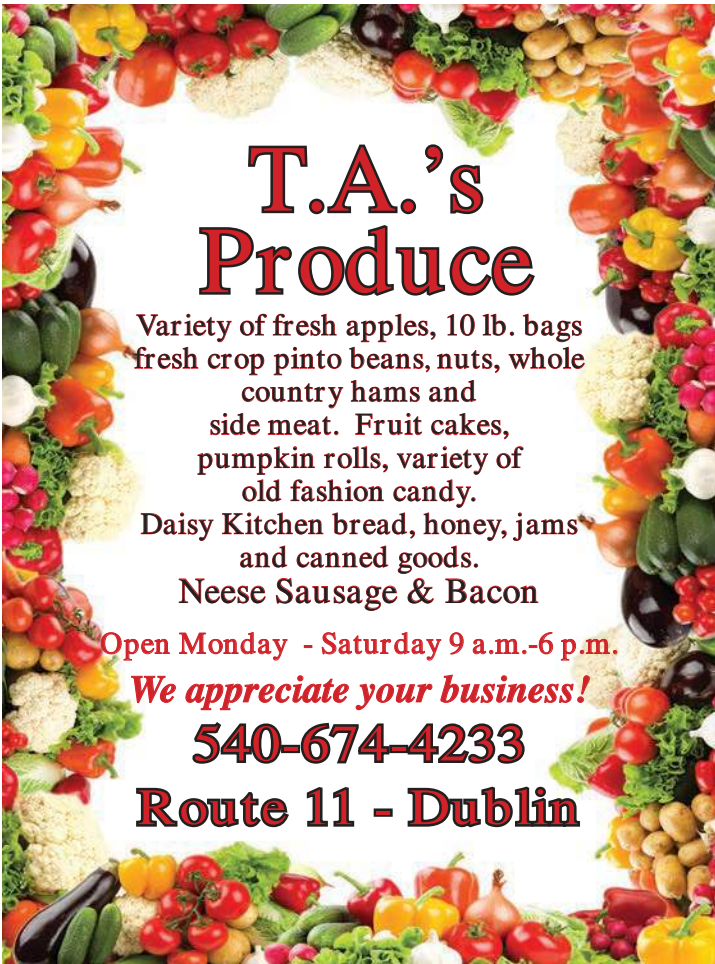
\* Windows, Doors and Roofing not included

**Before Calling View House Plans at**  
**www.americanloghomesandcabins.com**









# Conrad Brothers

(540) 980-1575  
Boat Sales And Service  
Pontoon Rentals  
Ski Shop  
**Serving Claytor Lake Since 1948**

## PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Bubba! This sweet, neutered male came from a home with around 48 other cats and he is the last one left here at the shelter. He is now on the prowl for a Thanksgiving home! Bubba enjoys other cats, doesn't mind dogs, and loves napping in a warm spot. He does not like being picked up but enjoys other forms of affection.



**Pulaski County Animal Control,  
80 Dublin Park Rd.  
Dublin, VA 24084, 540-674-8359  
Monday-Friday  
10AM-4PM and 10AM-12Noon on Saturday**

Pet of the Week  
Is Sponsored Each  
Week By  
***Todd Bruce, Mgr.***  
Seagle Funeral  
Home



**The Patriot**  
**540-808-3949**



**MARTIN'S**  
PHARMACY

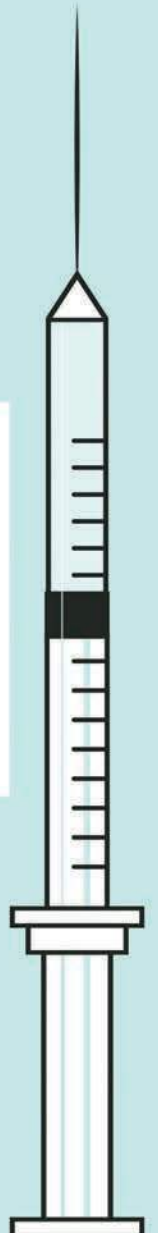
# Avoid The Flu!

Reserve your flu shot now

Visit our website and  
make your appointment  
to reserve your fall Flu  
Vaccination.

DUBLIN -- PULASKI -- RURAL RETREAT

**www.MartinsRX.com**







Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Only God could conquer Jericho

Verses 17 through 19. “And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the Lord; only Rahab the Harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. But all of the silver and gold and vessels of brass and iron are consecrated unto the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.”

The whole city of Jericho was accursed, and devoted to destruction. The Precious metals would be useful in the Tabernacle and later on in the Temple, once it was built by Solomon. What they did was to consecrate everything that they took before using it. They sanctified it. They devoted it to be used in service to God.

In the Church that I attend regularly, the Fairlawn Church of God, we have a C3 Hammond Organ with a Leslie speaker. It was a used organ. It had been used by a musician who performed in night clubs. It had scars and scratches all over it. It had cigarette burns on it. It had rings where alcoholic beverages had rested.

Rev. Jim Angle and I went over and listened to the sound of it and we loved it, so it was purchased by the Church. We cleaned it up. We had it refinished. We fixed whatever we found was wrong with it. And then it was dedicated to the Lord. And since that day, no worldly music has been played on it.

This is how the vessels of gold and silver and brass were allowed by God to be removed from being accursed when they were taken from Jericho. They had to be consecrated. They had to be sanctified. To remove the curse that has been pronounced upon everything in Jericho.

When a person gets saved, they come out from among the world and become separated unto God.

To “sanctify” something is to set it apart for God’s Use.

As Christians, we must sanctify our lives to His purposes. We must deny ourselves anything that would separate us from God.

Consecration is the solemn dedication to a special purpose or service, usually religious.

The word consecration literally means “Association with the Sacred”.

Joshua Chapter 6, Verse 20. “So the people shouted when the Priests blew with the trumpets; and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they TOOK the city.”

After their walk of faith was ended, the walls fell flat. Just as God had promised. They TOOK the city after God gave them the city.

And that’s the way it is when we receive anything from God. God gives it to us, but we must receive it from Him, through obedience and faith.

Now why do you think that God commanded them to destroy everyone and everything in the city of Jericho? Because it was a tremendously wicked place and the people who lived there were exceedingly wicked. They were Canaanites. Descendants of Cain.

They practiced the despicable act of offering up their children in fire, as sacrificed to their idol gods.

Deuteronomy, chapter 18: verses 9-14. “When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall NOT learn to follow the abominations

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  
Facebook.com/  
HeritageChurchDublinVA

**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 &  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Phone - 540-994-9015  
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org  
website - www.dvpca.org  
Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30  
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.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.  
Children's & Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

**Grace Episcopal Church**  
210 Fourth Street, Radford  
Welcoming and accepting, we have been a part of the Radford community for more than 130 years.  
  
ALL ARE WELCOME.  
We offer an 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist service and a 10:30am Eucharist service with organ music and a Choir, with refreshments served after. The 10:30am service is live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person.

**Mountain View United Methodist Church**  
6648 Wilderness Road  
Dublin, Va 24084  
Pastor: Darlene Marshall  
Phone: 540-392-2702  
Sunday School - 9:45am  
Sunday Service - 11:00am

**New Hope Chapel**  
1555 Case Knife Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Darrell Gray  
(276) 733-6080  
Service Times  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Sunday Service

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
4008 Robinson Tract Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Telephone: 980-8186  
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.  
FUNDAMENTAL

**First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)**  
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084  
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084  
first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com  
Pastor:  
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 Children's Classes 7:00 p.m.

**Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)**  
5436 Lead Mine Rd.  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor: Jerry King  
Website:  
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com  
(and Facebook)  
Office: 540-633-3761  
Email:  
office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.  
“Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God’s love with others!”

**Dublin United Methodist Church**  
P.O. Box 577  
424 East Main Street  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor: Rev. Don Shelor  
540.674.5128  
email: dublinumc@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Sunday School: 10:00 am

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

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

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

**Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.**  
4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/  
Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor,  
(540) 250-2974  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 7 p.m.  
Monday Bible Study  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.  
  
First Baptist Church  
220 Magazine Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-3336  
Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday Evening  
6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

**Family Worship Center**  
First Pentecostal Holiness  
955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski  
980-7287  
www.fwcpulaski.church  
Jeff Willhoite, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship 10:45 am  
KidsZone 10:45 am  
Alpha & Omega Pentecostal Spanish service  
10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

**Pulaski First Church of the Brethren**  
1749 Newbern Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Frank Peters  
Sunday School: 9:45  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
980-3798  
  
New Hope Church  
3050 Lee Highway  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Services:  
Sunday's 1st Service - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday's 2nd Service - 11 a.m.  
Wednesdays - 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
For: Kids, Teens, Adults  
Lead Pastor: Rev. Randy Lawrence Jr.  
Church Phone: 540-980-5506



# Thankfulness

By MICHAEL COLLINS

God is good all the time and all the time God is good. Even though Thanksgiving Day has passed, we should continue to be thankful. In Psalm 100 the Psalmist instructs us to be thankful to God and bless His name. Then Psalms 103:1-5 says, “Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” An old song says, “Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done.” Because of His many blessings we should daily be giving God thanks.

Thankful people show it. Do you remember the story of the poor widow woman in Luke 12:41-44? Jesus draws our attention to how she gave so generously. To most people it would not have looked generous at all, but it did to Jesus. While others were giving out of their wealth, this poor widow gave all the she had. To most people it looked insignificant, but to her, it was everything. She held nothing back. People who give like this lady, love God, trust God and are overwhelmingly thankful to Him.

In Luke 17 the story is told of a man who was healed and how he returned to Jesus and showed his thankfulness. There were ten men healed, yet only one was willing to show himself thankful. Ten men were healed from leprosy, and nine of them did not show thankfulness. I hope that is not the

normal case. The one who returned was not ashamed to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Lord , but with a loud voice glorified God and fell at Jesus’ feet giving thanks. I like his attitude. It was, even if no one else returns and gives Jesus thanks, I will. I know who has blessed me. “My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth,” Psalms 121:2.

Bible commentator Matthew Henry made the following entry in his journal on a night when he was robbed. “Let me be thankful first because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because although they took my all, it was not much, and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who was doing the robbing.”

Thankful people know their blessings are from God. They know how much they owe, and they know it is more than they will ever be able to repay, so they love God with all their heart. 1 Thes. 5:18 “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” Today and every day may we give thanks to God.

## BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who wrote in Ephesians 5:20, “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”? Matthew, Peter, Paul, Jude
2. From Psalms 107:1 and 118:1, we should give thanks to the Lord, because He is ...? Evermore, Good, Watching, Hopeful
3. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word “thanksgiving” the most times at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah
4. In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? Adulterers, Sun worshipers, Renegades, Unthankful people
5. In Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant
6. Who were commanded in 1 Chronicles 16:4 to thank God? Levites, Ammonites, Benjaminites, Danites

**ANSWERS: 1) Paul, 2) Good, 3) Psalms, 4) Unthankful people, 5) At your own will, 6) Levites**

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson’s Casey’s latest book, “Test Your Bible Knowledge,” available in bookstores and online.

## McCraw

Continued From Page B6

of those nations. There shall NOT be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.”

The Church is NOT to be like the world. We are to be a separated people unto Him, separated from the sins and influences of the world.

It was a harsh judgment to be sure but listen. They deserved the judgment that God placed upon them.

God knew that if these wicked Canaanites were left alive, their wickedness would rub off on the children of Israel and contaminate His people. So He destroyed them from off the face of the earth.

Now here’s something for us to think about. God destroyed the world by a flood because of their wickedness. God destroyed Sodom and Gomora because of their wickedness. Now God destroyed the strong City of Jericho and the wicked idolaters in the City.

A good question is, “How must longer will God put up with the wickedness that is prevalent in our country and our world today?” God never changes. He’s the same, yesterday, today and forever. And if God destroyed these others because of their wickedness, He will do the same today, if the wicked do not turn from the error of their ways, and turn to God.

**Pathway to Heaven Worship Center**  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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

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

**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  
www.newdublin.org

## Visit The Church Of Your Choice This Week

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 29:5-7

The **voice** of the **LORD** breaks the **cedars**; the **LORD** breaks in **pieces** the cedars of **Lebanon**. He **makes** Lebanon **leap like** a **calf**, **Sirion** like a **young wild ox**. The voice of **the** **LORD** **strikes** with **flashes** of **lightning**.

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

M A K E S D N S O C  
G H P A E L O I G A  
Z N P L K V N R M L  
D L I W I B A I S F  
S Y Q N R K B O E L  
L R O E T E E N C A  
O O A U S H L H E S  
X K R D N T G T I H  
S Q V D E G F I P E  
**V O I C E** C F W L S

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

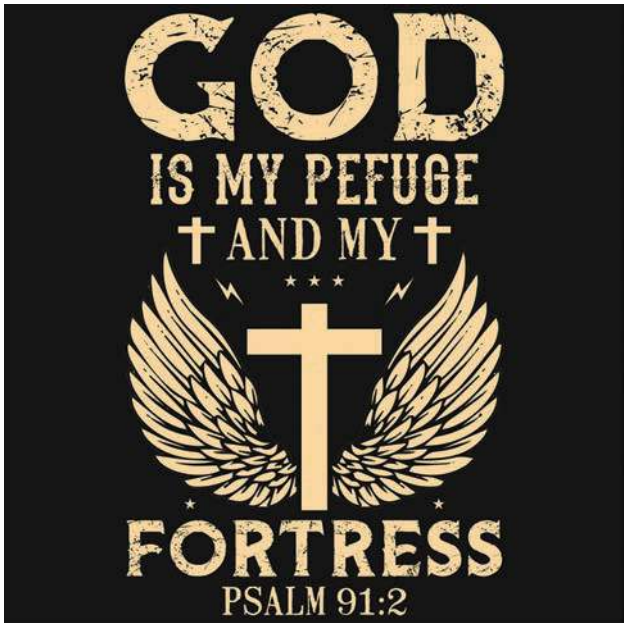
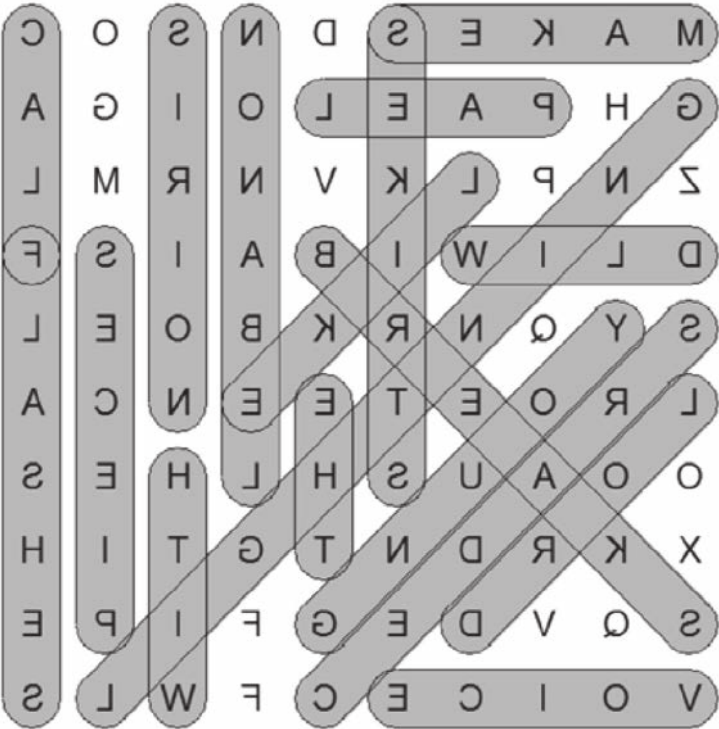
WWW.SEARCHING-FOR-JESUS.COM

© 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.



### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

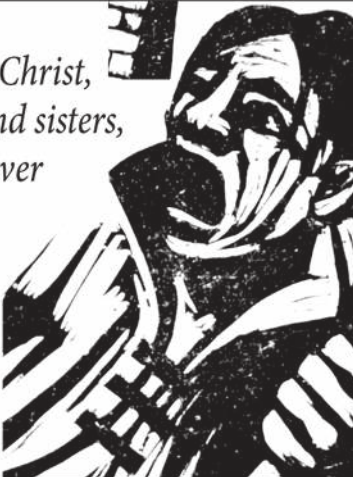


### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
we command you, brothers and sisters,  
to keep away from every believer  
who is idle and disruptive  
and does not live according  
to the teaching you received  
from us. 2 THESALONIANS 3:6*

Detail of “To the Front!” by Hu Yichuan (1932)

© 2023 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.



**SANI-MODE BARBER SHOP**  
Kelly Howlett  
Jamie Bentley  
**516 East Main Street**  
**Pulaski • 980-6991**

**STEVENS FUNERAL HOME-INC.**  
815 Randolph Ave.  
Pulaski, Va.  
(540) 980-2600

**Flowers By Dreama Dawn**  
Your Hometown Florist in Pulaski  
**980-3021**

**THANK YOU!**  
**To Our Advertising Sponsors**

Experienced and Dependable Service  
Reasonable Rates  
**NRV Septic Tank Service**  
Horton Family (540) 980-2101

**Bower Funeral Chapels**  
Providing Dignified And Affordable Funeral Service  
Pulaski 980-6160  
Dublin 674-4665

**Seagle Funeral Home**  
415 N. Jefferson Ave., Pulaski • 980-1700

**SAL'S JR.** 540-639-2600  
7401 Peppers Ferry Blvd.  
Fairlawn  
www.salsjr.com

**MAXIM EYES**  
232 Broad Street, Dublin  
(540) 674-8606  
Todd Howard,  
Owner, Licensed Optician











...AND BLAMES THE FARMERS WHEN HIS TEA PLANTS FAULTY KNOW NOT IF IT IS THE SOIL, THE WEATHER OR GOD'S WILL, BUT THESE PLANTS WILL NOT GROW HERE.

©2012, King Features Syndicate, Inc.

THIS IS LOCKBAMBLE TODAY - A MISERABLE WASTELAND RULED BY A MADMAN APPOINTED BY OUR HEREDITARY LORD, AND SO PROTECTED BY THE LAWS OF ARTHUR. WE CAN EXPECT NO AID NOR JUSTICE FROM OUTSIDE, AND SO LOOK TO OURSELVES-AND REBEL!

NEXT: Grunyard revealed

YEATES 9/28/12



I'M ON MONGO NOW, WHERE EVERYTHING'S STRANGE AND DEADLY AND BIGGER THAN ME.

I GUESS PROBLEMS ARE ALL RELATIVE, AREN'T THEY?

**PRINCESS AURA TOLD FLASH THAT PRINCE BARIN IS MISSING, PUTTING MONGO'S FUTURE IN DANGER.**



A stylized illustration of Princess Aura and Prince Barin. Princess Aura, on the left, has long red hair and wears a red and gold dress. Prince Barin, on the right, has dark hair and wears a green tunic. They are both looking towards the right with expressions of concern. The background is a dark, swirling mass of black and grey, suggesting a storm or a chaotic environment.

**THE ONLY CLUE IS A SCRAP OF BARIN'S SHIRT IN AN EMPTY ESCAPE POD FROM MING'S SHIP.**



BARIN HAS TO BE FOUND. THE PEACE DEPENDS ON IT.

NO ONE ELSE FROM MONGO  
CAN KNOW ABOUT THIS...

...SO  
IT'S ALL  
DOWN TO  
US THREE  
ALIENS.

**NEXT: AIRBORNE**

**TIGER**

by **BUD BLAKE**

HEY, LOOKIT, PUNKINHEAD!

I FOUND A GOOD LONG RUBBER BAND

AND HERE'S A PROPELLER

AND HERE'S A PROPELLER

AND HERE'S A PROPELLER

AND HERE'S A PROPELLER

BUD BLAKE

© King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

## Top Ten in Movies

10. PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie  
P. Henson
1. The Marvels  
(PG-13) Brie Larson, Teyonah  
Parris
2. Five Nights at Freddy's  
(PG-13) Josh Hutcherson,  
Piper Rubio
3. Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour  
(PG-13) Taylor Swift,  
Amanda Balen
4. Priscilla  
(R) Cailee Spaeny, Jacob  
Elordi
5. Killers of the Flower Moon  
(R) Leonardo DiCaprio, Lily  
Gladstone
6. The Holdovers  
(R) Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine  
Joy Randolph
7. Journey to Bethlehem  
(PG) Antonio Banderas, Milo  
Manheim
8. Tiger 3  
(NR) Salman Khan, Katrina  
Kaif
9. Radical  
(PG-13) Eugenio Derbez,  
Daniel Haddad

**The Patriot**  
**540-808-3949**

# PROTECT

## WHAT MATTERS MOST

Whether you are home or away, protect what matters most from unexpected power outages with a Generac Home Standby Generator.

**50 MONEY DOWN + LOW MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Contact a Generac dealer for full terms and conditions.

**REQUEST A FREE QUOTE**

**CALL NOW BEFORE THE NEXT POWER OUTAGE**

**(844) 947-1479**

**FREE 7-year Extended Warranty\* – A \$735 Value!**

\*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. For a full list of terms and conditions.



**GENERAC**

[illegible]

**MAGIC MAZE ● WORDS WITH THREE D'S**

E J H E B Y V D T Q O L I G D  
B P (A D D E N D U M) Y W D T R  
P M A K E E E I F D B E Y W U  
S Q O D D D T M K I D F D B Z  
X W U I D S D A Q O A O N L J  
H F V E D E E O C D E C Y A D  
Y I W W G A D E N I H V D E T  
D S Q D D E D I C E D P D N L  
K I O H F E I O V C A E A B Z  
Y D W V U S K R O I E Q D P N  
M L J I H F S D A D D N A R G

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: MOMMY'S HUSBAND

Addendum	Dedicated	Dodged	Padded
Deadhead	Deeded	Doodad	Skidded
Decided	Divided	Granddad	Wedded
Decoded	Dividend	Nodded	

©2023 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

## CryptoQuote

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
**S LONGFELLOW**

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

OZUI MIZMGI BQICU ZS ORKKIOO

VYDGI ZPYIQO VCNI RM CJB

VZQN YCQB CP DP.

- RJNJZVJ

©2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

### WORDS WITH THREE D'S

## CryptoQuote

answer

Some people dream of success:  
while others wake up and  
work hard at it.  
— Unknown

Honor Your  
Loved One With  
An  
In Memoriam  
Notice.

Call  
540-808-3949.

## Deadline Is Noon Wednesday.



# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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



**RIDPATH**  
INSURANCE

*Helping you find the right path*

540-980-3434  
Features Syndicated in the Washington Post  
©2023 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All Rights Reserved. 24301  
[www.ridpathins.com](http://www.ridpathins.com)

Greg and Liza Ridpath  
Owners



# PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

Dec. 7

Legion meeting

The American Legion, Harvey-Howe-Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, December 7, 6pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

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

*Santa is coming to Century 21*

Bring Your Letter for Santa to Santa's Mail Box located at Century 21 Valley Real Estate on Route 100 in Dublin from Nov. 28 to Dec. 22.

Stop by December 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.  
For A FREE PICTURE with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

*Sponsored by Connie Hedrick & Regina R. Piland.*

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.

## ‘Winter in the Valley’ Artist Reception on Small Business Saturday Saturday at Glencoe

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery is excited to announce its multi-artist winter-themed exhibit, “Winter in the Valley.”

This exhibition features over 25 pieces of original art in a variety of mediums and styles.

The artist reception will take place on Saturday November 25th from 1-3pm, which is in conjunction with Small Business Saturday, and where attendees can interact and meet the local artists.

November 25th celebrates Small Business Saturday – Glencoe Mansion Gift Shop features great gift ideas from local artisans and authors, Radford souvenirs, Radford and Virginia themed items, holiday décor, and more. The Glencoe Gift shop will be open from 10AM to 4PM to allow plenty

of time to get a kick start on holiday shopping.

Glencoe Mansion, which will be decorated in a picturesque fashion for the holidays, is open for tours, photo opportunities, and visits throughout the season. There will be wonderful opportunities to support local businesses, artisans, and crafters, including the annual Handcrafted Holiday Pop-Up Market slated to take place on December 9th 11am-3pm on the grounds of Glencoe Mansion.

“Winter in the Valley” will be on display until January 28, 2024.

All activities are family friendly and free to attend. Glencoe Mansion is open Wednesday through Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 1pm-4pm.

## Seven from area compete in World Championships

By DONALD TRAUSNECK  
SW Virginia Equine Reporter

NBHA Virginia District 04 had seven members competing at the 2023 National Barrel Horse Association World Championships October 29 to November 4 in Perry, Georgia.

Cole Martin, Marlee Sewell, Jacquelynn Martin, Mazie Kennedy, Addison Collins, Khloie Arnold and Cameron Moss were the riders that qualified from the area. They competed against 922 contestants from all 50 states and some foreign countries.

Everyone had great runs throughout the week. Each competed in two rounds of barrel racing.

The top 25 in each division in each round of barrels qualified for the Finals. Only 245 contestants progressed to the final round

out of 922 riders. Jacquelynn and Cameron made it in the Finals from the NBHA Virginia District 04, which includes Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Washington, Wise and Wythe Counties plus Buchanan, Galax, Radford and some other cities.

NBHA holds two World competitions every year, one in July for the Youth and Teen competitors and Open World in October/November for all ages. Youth contestants can also compete at Open World if they qualify and wish to do so.

To qualify for NBHA World shows, anyone can join NBHA and become a member. Each state has several Districts and you can always find one close to the area where you reside.

## State Police: Remember to give time, distance on roads

RICHMOND—Virginia’s highways and roads are likely to be crowded this holiday season, as people head out for parties, family trips, and visits with family and friends. While time is precious, rushing to get to your destination may end up meaning not getting there at all. Virginia State Police urge motorists to take a moment, assess the conditions, and give other drivers the correct time and space so that everyone arrives safely at their destination.

In 2022, there were 24,633 crashes caused by drivers following another vehicle too closely, 11% of all crashes that occurred on Virginia roadways. Last year, seven people died in Virginia traffic crashes resulting from vehicles following too closely. \*

“Giving the correct distance between you and the vehicle in front of you provides a driver with enough time to safely react in an emergency

situation,” said Captain P. L. Kirtner, Virginia State Police Wytheville Division commander. “Even when it’s not raining, having enough stopping distance between you and the vehicle in front of you is critical when it comes to avoiding a crash. Simply follow the ‘two, three, and four second rule,’ and help keep Virginia’s highways safe for everyone.”

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles recommends using what is known as the “two, three, and four second rule” to guide whether you are following behind another vehicle too closely. If you are driving 35 MPH or less, allow two seconds between you and the vehicle in front of you. If you are driving 35 to 45 MPH, allow three seconds between vehicles. Four seconds should be allowed between vehicles for speeds above 45 MPH. These times are for dry surfaces.

## County partners with DAKLights for inaugural ‘Pulaski County Light Fight’

Pulaski County is excited to partner with DAKLights for the first ever “Pulaski County Light Fight.”

This competition asks for community involvement and participation during the holiday season. Any home, business, organization, church, or neighborhood that decorates with Christmas lights can register their location at pulaskicountylightfight.com. All submissions will be added to a map that will serve as the guide for county residents to explore Christmas light displays.

Participants will be competing for Pulaski County based prizes in three different categories: Best Residential, Best Business/Organization and Best Neighborhood.

Submissions are open now and will run through Dec. 11, at 5 p.m.

“Peoples Choice” voting will take place Dec. 12-18 from 6-9 p.m. Official judging runs Dec. 15- 18, from 6-9 p.m. Winners will be announced on Dec. 20.

“Pulaski County is incredibly fortunate to have DAKLights shows at Randolph Park throughout the Christmas

season,” Pulaski County Tourism Director Erika Tolbert said. “The light shows bring much joy to our community. The Pulaski County Light Fight is yet another way to spread the joy of the season throughout the entire county.”

For more information on contest rules and regulations and to enter the competition visit [www.pulaskicountylightfight.com](http://www.pulaskicountylightfight.com).

**The Patriot**  
**540-808-3949**

CLASSIFIEDS WORK!  
CALL 540-808-3949



If you're ready to return, retrain, or restart, NRCC is here for you. Sharpen your skills. Grow your career. Find what's next.

**NEW RIVER**  
Community College  
Your path. Your place.  
**YOUR TIME.**  
[www.nr.edu](http://www.nr.edu)



## Taking It To The Streets

Bringing Christ to the Communities . . .

### Evangelistic Meetings!

**7:00 P.M. Each Evening:**  
**Special Singing Each Service!**

**Free Snacks & Drinks Every Youth Night!**

235 N. Jefferson Ave P.O. Box 30 Pulaski, VA 24301

**November 2023**

Fri. Nov. 10th: Evangelist Judy Gregory  
Sat. Nov. 11th: **ATTENTION !!!**  
Gospel Recording Group Chosen Ministries in Concert doors open 6:15 pm.

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](http://www.streets4god.com)

For More Information Contact: Charlie Barbettini. : 276.620.4293

**Wear what you have and come as you are! Come expecting a Blessing**  
**“Go Ye Into All The World and Preach The Gospel to Every Creature” Mark 16:15**

## Have a Blessed Thanksgiving

### NRV SEPTIC TANK SERVICE

From NRV Septic Tank Service and the Horton Family

Thanks to all who used our service this year!  
We appreciate you.

**540-980-2101**

*‘By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.’*  
*Hebrews 13:15*