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Pulaski County girls beat Hidden Valley, while the boys fall to Blacksburg & Floyd. Page B1

Council honors Chief Neice

Town declared in good financial shape; town manager tenures set

By WILLIAM PAINE **Patriot Publishing**

The Town Council of Pulaski on Tuesday began their final meeting of 2023 with a resolution honoring Pulaski Police Chief Jill D. Neice, who will retire at the end of January

Neice was set to retire at the end of this year, but has agreed to stay on an extra month to aid in the transition when Samuel "Sam" Shumate takes over.

Neice joined the Pulaski Police Department in August of 1998 and has served in the capacity of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Detective before becoming Police Chief. Niece is the first female Chief of Police to lead the town's police department,

to graduate from the New River Criminal Justice Training Academy.

The resolution, which was read by Mayor Shannon Collins, states that Neice received two Distinguished Service Awards, the Officer of the Year Award and "countless commendations" during her tenure.

Mayor Collins then thanked Neice for her service on behalf of the town and expressed his regret that he did not have a can of Mountain Dew to offer the departing Chief.

"She'd come by the station most every day and buy a can of Mountain Dew," said Collins.

'Yes," Neice replied with a been a Lieutenant of Criminal grin. "Those days are over."

Councilman Jamie Ratcliff

as well as being the first female noted that the police culture "runs deep" in Neice's family and then said this:

"You were a great Chief. Mr. Shumate is taking over a great department. You've brought it to the top and I want you to enjoy your retirement.'

Town Manager Darlene Burcham then formally introduced Shumate, who will start work as Police Chief on Jan. 1, 2024.

"He comes to us from Radford University Police Department, where he has served for over 24 years, including his most recent role as Assistant Police Chief for the past five years," said Burcham. "He's also

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Supervisors pay tribute to Crewe, Nicewander-Hager

By WILLIAM PAINE **Patriot Publishing**

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors met Monday night for the final time in 2023 with a

relatively light agenda. a presentation of tokens of current Clerk of the Pulaski appreciation given to Terri Nicewander-Hager, retiring from her position a resolution of appreciation. as Master Chief Deputy Clerk of the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office. the Circuit Court in 1984. She Nicewander-Hager, who lost her

the Circuit Court in November's election, will retire after having served in the Clerk of Court's office from March 14, 2002, till the end of this year.

Following this, the board The meeting began with honored Maetta Crewe, the County Circuit Court, with who is a presentation of tokens and Crewe grew up in Pulaski and was hired as Deputy Clerk of eventually worked her way up

bid for the position of Clerk of to Chief Deputy Clerk and was later appointed Circuit Court Clerk on April 1, 2006. Crewe won a special election held in 2006 to serve the remaining one-year term of the prior clerk and then won the regular election held in 2007. At the end of her eight-year term, Crewe won another term in the 2015 election. Crewe's retirement marks the end of her 17-year tenure as Pulaski's Circuit Court Clerk and nearly 40 years serving in the Clerk of Court's

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Youngkin wants to cut income taxes, raise sales tax

Associated Press

Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin proposed a new state budget Wednesday that would lower income taxes and raise the state's sales tax in an effort to stabilize revenues and allow Virginians "to keep more of their hardearned money.'

Youngkin's plan for the next two fiscal years also would expand the sales tax to include digital services, such as downloading music, that are already taxed in other states. He described the plan as "closing the big-tech tax loophole."

"Virginia has always taxed goods," Youngkin said. "And over the last decade, the definition of goods has evolved into new economy goods like software packages, digital downloads, streaming music and videos, cloud storage and other electronic media, on which today Virginia collects nothing."

The Republican governor introduced his budget proposal to

a joint committee of lawmakers in Virginia's House and Senate. The plan serves as a starting point for negotiations when the General Assembly convenes in January under a Democratic majority.

Democrats swept November's legislative elections on campaign of protecting abortion rights, flipping the House and maintaining a Senate majority after two years of divided power. Democrats will have greater leeway to thwart Youngkin's policy agenda. But they also must work with him to advance their own goals.

State budget plans typically go through substantial changes before lawmakers send them back to the governor for consideration and possibly more changes.

Some Democratic lawmakers criticized Youngkin's proposed tax plan, calling it "regressive" and favoring the wealthy. Sales taxes are often considered regressive because low-income taxpayers pay a higher percentage of their income on sales taxes than high-income taxpayers.



Gov. Glenn Youngkin

"By lowering taxes for the wealthiest Virginians and raising local and state sales tax, the burden is shifted onto those least able to afford it," said Don Scott, the incoming House Speaker and a Democrat who represents parts of Portsmouth.

Scott called for ideas that protect "the financial interests of all citizens, and uphold the principle government

investment should be a tool for challenges. shared prosperity, rather than exacerbating inequalities."

Youngkin campaigned in 2021 on a promise of cutting taxes, and previously signed about \$4 billion in tax relief into law in 2022. He said Wednesday that his proposals will help draw more people and more jobs to the state, moving away.

"Our neighbors in North Carolina, Carolina, South Tennessee, Georgia and Florida have been growing rapidly," Youngkin said. "Americans and Virginians were choosing to go there instead of here. Each of these states had lower taxes or had started their journey to lower

The governor said his proposed budget would cut state income taxes by 12% "across the board." For example, he said the lowest tax bracket of 2% would be reduced to 1.75%, while the highest bracket would drop from 5.75% to 5.1%.

Youngkin said the personal income tax burden on Virginians would fall by \$1.1 billion in fiscal year 2025 and \$2.3 billion in fiscal year 2026.

The cuts would be offset, the governor said, by a 0.9% increase in the state sales tax, from 4.3% to 5.2%. Revenue also would come in from the sales tax expansion to digital services. He stressed that the state would not tax traditional services, such as those provided by barbers or lawn care businesses.

The governor's budget also would invest more in workforce training, job recruitment and education, including bonuses and raises for teachers.

Youngkin's plan calls for his previously announced increase in state spending on early learning and child care initiatives. The budget also would pump more money into a program aimed at overhauling the state's mental by expanding crisis services and tackling substance abuse that."

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About \$500 million is slated for environmental and conservation programs, including efforts to reduce pollution in the Chesapeake Bay and to help the coastal city of Norfolk build a flood wall.

Youngkin said more should be done to combat the rise in while dissuading Virginians from antisemitism and other forms of religious bigotry. His budget proposes \$375,000 for the Virginia Holocaust Museum, while providing security grants to synagogues, churches, mosques and temples.

"I know we all agree: There is no place for hate in the Commonwealth of Virginia and we must fight it together," Youngkin said.

In reacting to the overall budget proposal, Democrats were mostly critical.

The Virginia Senate Democratic Caucus said in a statement that Youngkin's proposal is a "slap in the face of our most vulnerable individuals."

left-leaning Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis said Youngkin's plan was "skewed to mostly helping the wealthy."

Rodrigo Soto, who leads the institute's tax fairness and revenue campaign, said the state "should be asking the ultrawealthy to pay their fair share of taxes to fund critical areas of investment that the governor has left out, like funding public schools, increasing access to affordable housing and more."

Kathy Tran, a House delegate representing parts of Fairfax County, said the budget shows that Youngkin "doesn't understand the needs of everyday Virginians."

"We need a governor and a budget that put working families first," said Tran, who chairs the House's Democratic Caucus. "I health care system, in part look forward to working with my colleagues in the House to do just



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Griffith: Veterans Treatment Court Docket Ok'd

Commonwealth's Attorney Justin L. Griffith issued the following statement this week on the creation of a Veterans Treatment Court Docket.

In 2021, our office announced that we would seek the creation of a new specialty docket to join our Drug Treatment Court Docket. This new docket would serve the unique needs of justice involved veterans in this community. At that time, I stated "I see a need to have a Veterans Treatment Court Docket in Southwest Virginia because, in conjunction with other agencies, it could make a real difference in ensuring other veterans like Mr. Williams receive specialized treatment plans. As our office firmly believes veterans have earned that right and so much more. Serving your country is one of the greatest honors a person can have. We owe them everything we can do."

In November 2022, we were able to provide the public an update that included "When we decided to seek permission from the VA Supreme Court to establish a Veterans Treatment Court Docket in Pulaski County, we knew it would be a long and challenging process. We did not let that deter us.



here in Pulaski County. Our very hard to get to this point veteran community is more and we are very excited to

than worthy and deserving of these efforts".

By February 2023, we had services, and individualized made significant progress toward reaching our goal. At that time, I told the public that "We have some drafts left to complete and we need to get input from all of our team members as to some of the details. Then, we will be ready to meet again to finalize the entire application and the attachments. All that will be left, at that point, is to submit it to the reviewing committee of the Supreme Court of Virginia who is responsible for certifying the Veterans Treatment Court Docket in Virginia. Once approved, we We are deeply committed to will be ready to implement providing the best treatment the program and accept our court docket possible for our first veteran participants. All

be in the home stretch of this long process and look forward to providing much needed support and services to our local military veterans".

Just last month, we had the opportunity to work with the local VFW to ensure that all veterans in our community would be recognized with military funeral honors when they passed. I stated, then, regarding assisting veterans, "This cause feels personal to me, in our community we have the privilege to interact with veterans daily. Whether it is shaking the hand of a veteran dropping his daughter of for ballet practice or meeting the newest lawyer at the Public Defender's Office who served. In addition, as you probably know, many law enforcement officers segue their careers from the military to law enforcement. This office has gotten the opportunity to know many veterans that we have the honor of working with every day. Just as they were prepared to do anything to protect this country they

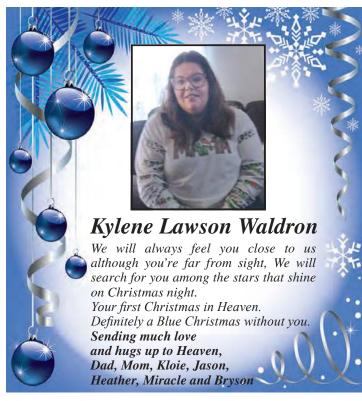
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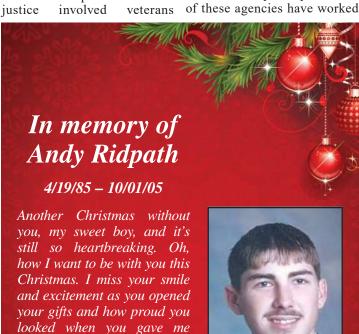
Pulaski The County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office is now humbly and very proudly able to formally announce that the VA Supreme Court has approved our application. The Pulaski County Veterans Treatment Court Docket is official and we will accept our first participants in 2024. This would not be possible without the collaborative efforts of our dedicated community stakeholders including, the judge of the Pulaski County General District Court; New River Valley Community Services; New River Valley Community Corrections; the County Administrator; the us. Office of the Public Defender; the New River Valley Regional Jail; the Virginia Department

protect our County. Their duty of Veterans Services; and the to serve constantly permeates United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Special thanks to Cory Bentley of New River Valley Community Services for his willingness and constancy to forge ahead through the red tape and to Dina Branco, my Chief Deputy, who never lost sight of the ultimate goal of improving outcomes for the justice involved veterans in our community.

In closing, I am proud of this accomplishment, but vow to continue doing our part to combat the mental health and substance abuse crises that our community currently faces. This community deserves much and we welcome the challenge. We look forward to Pulaski County Assistant serving those who have served

> Sincerely, Justin L. Griffith





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mine. I'm so glad I have all the

sweet Christmas memories of

you. I love you, my boy, with



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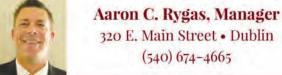


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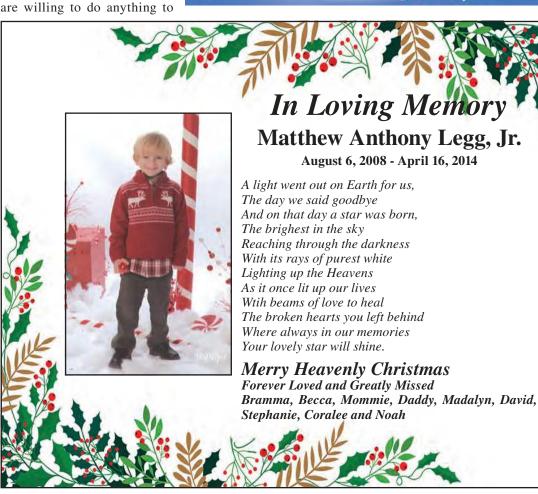
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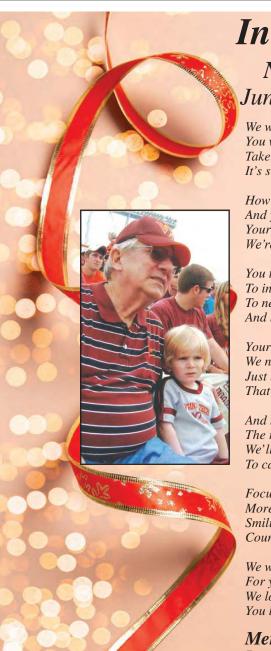


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Your presence was a light and a joy We never realized would someday end Just like the brilliant falling star That curved around Heaven's bend

And though we cannot understand The reasons God took you now We'll do our best to accept this loss To carry on somehow...

Focusing on you and your joy in Heaven More than mourning in distress Smiling throughout our falling tears Counting our time with you quite blessed

We will remember you forever For you, our hearts will always have room We loved you more than you will ever know You left us far too soon!

Merry Heavenly Christmas Loved and Greatly Missed Patty, Becca, Kristie, Matt, Madalyn, David, Stephanie, Coralee and Noah

OBITUARIES



ALFRED (JACK) JACKSON TABOR, JR.

Alfred (Jack) Jackson Tabor, Jr., age 83, of Aberdeen, NC and formerly of Pulaski, died Friday, December 15, 2023 at St. Joseph of the Pines Rehabilitation Center in Aberdeen, NC. He was born on May 17, 1940 in Pulaski, and was the son of the late Mintoria Smith Tabor and the late Alfred Jackson Tabor, Sr.

Jack was a veteran, having served in the United States Army, and retired after 24 years, was a Deputy Sheriff for Pulaski County, and also retired from being a deputy, and after retirement, he worked at the New River Valley Regional Jail in Dublin. He was a member of the Henry Clay Lodge # 280 A.F.&A.M. and was very active in the New River Valley Shrine Club, especially in the Characters.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Peggy Chrisley Tabor of Aberdeen, NC: sistersin-law; Brenda Rockwell, and Linda Chrisley: nephew; Jerald (Rocky) Rockwell: niece; Rhonda Woodell and Mark: great-nephew; Christopher Woodell: great niece; Logan Maness and Clark: great-great niece; Ginny Maness. Also survived by two special friends: Clyde Atkins and Houston Roberts.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, December 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home in Pulaski, with Pastor Bobby Osborne officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Christian Church to do things; the right way, the Cemetery, Draper, VA. The family will receive friends on Saturday, at the funeral home, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Online condolences may be later date. sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome. com Arrangements by Seagle bowerfuneralhome.com Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA. 540-980-1700



DAVID MONTGOMERY LINKOUS

August 11,1934 -December 12, 2023

A lot can be said for a man that lives 89 years. He could pass on tales about growing up in Mullens West Virginia or working on the natural gas lines throughout the south or various life lessons he taught you.

But ultimately, it's his love of life and family that makes him a man larger than life. Always up for a good time, always spoiling his children and grands and anyone else that would let him.

David Montgomery Linkous, known to some as "Fats" is survived by his devoted wife of 37 years Donna Lindsey Linkous. He leaves behind his three daughters and sons-in-law and son, who he always said gave him bragging rights. Lori (Rusty) Mitchell - GA, Shannon (Brian) Vaught – VA and Shellie (Donald) George - TN. Eddie (Susan) Williams, VA.

Dave loved more than anything his grandchildren, Daniel and Carah Mitchell, VA, Sarah Mitchell, GA and Lindsey, Oli and Max George, TN. The joy of his later life is the four great grands. Ulrich, Koen and Aven Mitchell and Emberlynn Martin. Also in his opinion, the best mother and sisters-in-law Dorothy Duncan and Vickie Mills and beloved nieces and nephews

Waiting for him were his parents Ulrich and Virgie Archer Linkous, five older brothers and two older sisters.

There were always three ways wrong way and Dave's way. He passed his way. Rest in Peace.

There will be a memorial

guestbook, V1S1t

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



CAROLYN AKERS THOMPSON

Carolyn Akers Thompson, age 79 of Dublin, passed away Sunday, December 17, 2023, at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. She was born on January 24, 1944, and was the daughter of the late Virginia Smith Akers and the late Samuel Lee Akers. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Zebbie Miller Thompson.

Carolyn was an amazing wife, mother, and Mamaw. Her favorite hobby was gardening, and her gorgeous flowers were the envy of the neighborhood. She loved children and this led to her opening and running a daycare in her home for over 40 years. Carolyn was a member of Dublin United Methodist Church for 60 years.

Carolyn is survived by her son, Curtis (Sheri) Thompson; her daughters Diane Marion and Jennifer (Scott) Shartzer; (NaKayla), Mallory (Sam), Grayson, Keely, Delaney, and Maggie. She is also survived by her brothers, Charles (Patsy) Akers, Don (Janice) Akers; sister Joyce (Jerry) Page; and a brother-in-law, Bill Hubble.

A celebration of life will be held at Dublin United Methodist Church on Friday, December 22, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with the Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her memory, to Dublin United Methodist Church. service to celebrate Dave at a Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting To sign David's online www.seaglefuneralhome. com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



Frances Sue Bruce, age 91 of Richmond and formerly a lifelong resident of Dublin passed away Friday, December 15, 2023 at the Chippenham Medical Richmond. Center, Born September 30, 1932 in Wythe County, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Claude Lee Nuckols & Hazel Mallie Arnold Nuckols. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Everett R. Bruce, daughter, Vickie Lynn Parker, grandson, Chad Hoback, brothers, Gene Nuckols, James Nuckols, Claude C. Nuckols and sister, Pearl E. Arnold.

Frances was a dietician at Highland Manor, now Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin for over 30 years.

She is survived by her Daughter - Rebecca Sue

Hannabass – Dublin Grandchildren - Michelle (Trevor) Henry, Travis (Megan)

Great Grandchildren - Twin grandchildren; Ben, Adam Grayson & Sydney Henry and Sawyer Parker

Sister - Marie Showalter & William Archie Hale – Riner

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM - Saturday, February 3, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Pulaski with Archie Hale officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive Rev. Don Shelor officiating. friends one hour before service time Saturday at the Funeral Home.

> To sign Frances's online guestbook, visit www. bowerfuneralhome.com

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

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EFFIE LEA GOAD **MONTGOMERY**

Effie Lea Goad Montgomery, age 89 of Dublin passed away Saturday, December 16, 2023 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. Born March 24, 1934 in Carroll County, she was the daughter of the late Walker & Lular Quesenberry Goad. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Debra Crowder and a number of brothers and sisters.

Effie retired from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant.

She is survived by her Husband - Marvin Cecil Montgomery – Dublin

Son - Terry (Dana) Bishop -Draper

Stepson - Robert (Alice) Montgomery – Dublin

Grandchildren - Stephanie Bishop (Luis) Piscura – Dublin, James Robert Montgomery

Great Grandchildren - Leona Reed, Delaney and Bencen Montgomery

Special Neighbors - David & Libby Flanagan, Ernie & Scylenea Alley and sons, Hunter & Drew, LeRoy & Lola Lytton Funeral services were held

Thursday evening December 21, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Joe Ratcliff, III officiating. A private interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

Effie's To sign online guestbook, visit bowerfuneralhome.com

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



JESSE LEE WHITE, III May 21, 1946 December 12, 2023

Jesse Lee White, III (Butch/ Coach), beloved husband of Catherine Cox, passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, with his wife and son, Eric White, at his bedside. Even with exceptional medical care after heart surgery, there was no progress in his medical condition.

Butch taught math for 37 years at Pulaski County High School and also taught math for years at New River Community College. He coached both football and basketball, but his primary interest was his golf team and taking the players to competitions at various courses. Butch was an avid golfer himself and believed in following the rules of golf whether playing with his buddies or playing in competition. Over the years, he has won many golf tournaments. He was well loved not only by family but by his students, golfers, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elsie and Jesse White, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Cox; his son, Eric White; stepson, Matthew Cox; granddaughter and spouse, Alexis and Rick Thacker; grandson, Dustin White; and great grandchildren, Adaliz and Beck Thacker. Butch loved his family and his church. He had a strong faith in God.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Greg Beato, D.O. of Medical Associates of Southwest Virginia for his excellent care and availability for Butch.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12

DEBORAH RAINES SOUTHERN

away Sunday, December 10, 2023, at the Raines and Betty Raines in Pulaski. Deborah was a sweet the wonderful staff at Pulaski Donna Macy of Pulaski. Health and Rehabilitation. Preceding her in death is her twin brother Michael Raines

Raines.

Surviving Deborah is her age of 71. Born on May nephew, Brandon Raines and 27, 1952, to Harold Peanut a grandchild, Denny Raines of

Florida. Also left to cherish Deborah's loving lady and adored by memory is her best friend, many. She was cared for by caretaker and special sister, Pastor

> A special note of appreciation is extended to the staff of Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation for

Deborah Raines Southern and another brother, Denny the love and wonderful care Church you provided to a very special person. Your care exceeded our expectations.

> Funeral Services were held on Saturday, December 16, 2023 in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Home with Ginny Tompkins of Jordan's Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Interment followed at the Thornspring United Methodist

with Cemetery Brandon Raines officiating.

Floral condolences may be sent by visiting www. pulaskiflowers.com

The family is the care of Norris Funeral Services, Online Pulaski Chapel. condolences may sent by visiting WWW. stevensfuneralhomepulaski.



White

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p.m. on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at Central Church in Radford, located at 8th and Wadsworth St. Memorial services will begin at 12 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to County of Pulaski, Randolph Park, 5100 Alexander Road, Dublin, VA 24084. Please reference PCP and R Golf.

The White/Cox families are in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia

www.mullinsfuneralhome. com



ALLAN WAYNE **GREGORY** September 20, 1956 to

December 14, 2023

Wayne Allan Gregory, 67, passed away Thursday, December 14, 2023, at his home in Pulaski. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ellen Gregory; brothers, Richard Garland and James Alvis Gregory; sisters, Patricia Dawn Gregory and Kennetha Diane Gregory Melton; and infant twins, Alan, Jr. and Bryan.

Survivors include his Stacy Nichole daughter, Gregory; brother, Carl Gregory; sister, Barbara Ann and Burnette (Charles); nieces, Kimberly (Brad) Nester and Latisha C. Fox; nephew, Jason Allan Gregory; and many other relatives and friends.

Services were private.

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



ERIC CHESTER WRIGHT

Eric Chester Wright, age 62 of Dublin passed away Friday. December 15, 2023 at the New River Valley Medical Center.

Born January 1, 1961 in Radford, he was the son of the late Chester Wright and Janice Chewning Wright.

He had been employed by BAE in Radford. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by

His wife- Kathryn "Kathy" Louise Wright-Dublin

Daughters-Stephanie Lynn Jones-Charlotte, (Justin) NC and Stacy Ann (Henry) DeCosta- Pulaski

Derek Special Nephew-Opincar

Grandchildren-Halee DeCosta, Lani DeCosta and Jackson Jones

Judy Opincar-Sisters-Roanoke and Anita LucasDublin Wright-Brother-Aaron Roanoke

Many Nieces and Nephews Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 20, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

Eric's online To sign guestbook, visit bowerfuneralhome.com

Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements.



THOMAS ROSWELL SEAGLE, JR.

Thomas Roswell Seagle, Jr., age 74, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was born on Tuesday, October 25, 1949, to the late Thomas Roswell Seagle, Sr. and the late Frances Crist Seagle.

After graduating Pulaski High School, in the great class of 1968, he continued his education at the University of Miami, where his good friend Johnny Calfee already attended. Moving back to Pulaski after graduating, he was given a job opportunity at Claytor Lake State Park in maintenance. Then, it was on to Nashville TN, where his friend and guitarist Mike Hutchens lived. He gained employment at the Nashville Shoe Store of "The Stars". Seeing several music stars and entertainers, he fitted Loretta Lynn with shoes. Moving back again to Pulaski, he worked at the Volvo Truck Manufacturing Company for 11 years. His final job was the love of taking care of his cats, which he loved dearly. Roswell was a kind, loving and humorous person, having been named "Most Comical" in his high school class.

Roswell is survived by his sister and her husband; Margaret S. and Donald Ratcliff of Pulaski: his brother; John Seagle of Pulaski: his cousins Thomas Mason Seagle, II, of Pulaski, and family, and Ruth Seagle Bushong and her family; his aunt, Caroline Crist Council and family of Greensboro, NC. He is also survived by his nephews, Scott and Jennifer Johnston Ratcliff and their family, and Don Jr. and Missy Duncan Ratcliff and their family.

A private graveside service will be held in the Seagle family lot in Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to the Pulaski County Animal Shelter. In memory of Roswell, let's all be kind to one another.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome. com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

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LARRY HALLIDAY

Larry Halliday was born on November 5,1945 in Westville, Nova Scotia, Canada. He is the son of Emery and Earla Halliday. Larry and his family moved to Richford, Vermont on Dec. 15, 1956. He passed away peacefully at home with his wife Kathryn Hartman Halliday at his side.

Larry entered the US Navy in 1964 and served for 4 years. He did one tour in Vietnam. He worked most of his life at IBM in Burlington, Vermont. He was an avid sportsman especially hunting and deep-sea fishing. He was most happy and proud to go fishing with his son "Little Larry" He was a great man with a huge

He is survived by his wife Kathryn Hartman Halliday of Pulaski, Va., his son Larry Halliday II and wife Jacklyn of Gilbert, Arizona, his daughter Tina Marie and Paul Trimble of Austin, Texas. He also leaves his two grandsons Ty and Zack Trimble of which he was so very proud. His sisters Brenda and Paul Smith of Martinsburg, West Virginia, Muriel Savage of Martinsburg, West Virginia, Rosanne Savage of Burlington, Vermont and his brother Arvin and Julie Halliday of Westfield, Vermont; brother-in-law Alan of Buchanan Colchester, Vermont. He is also leaving several nieces and nephews and his little dog, Buddy

He is preceded in death by his parents Arvin and Earla Halliday, a sister Jennie Buchanan. His brothers-in-law Allen and James Savage.

A commitment service will be held at a later time at the convenience of the family.

To sign Larry's online guestbook, visit www. bowerfuneralhome.com

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

HELEN MARIE KEEN

Helen Marie Keen, 83, of Dublin, VA went to be with the Lord she loved and served faithfully on Friday, December 15, 2023 at Lewis Gale Hospital Montgomery. She was born January 15, 1940 in Red Ash, VA, the daughter of the late Charlie & Anna Goodman.

Helen was a devout Christian who was never afraid to profess her religion to those she met. She was a member of the Pulaski Church of God. She loved going to church. She loved singing and proudly joined award winning gospel singer Jody Whittaker for many stops on his schedule.

Helen was a loving woman and would go out of her way to help people. She enjoyed being a caregiver. She loved children and loved babysitting. collected baby dolls.

Helen overcame many trials on this Earth but lived every day filled with love.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pastor Charlie Hugh & Anna Lee Marshall Goodman, her husband of 58 years, Paul Eugene Keen, Sr., a grandson, Allen Brickles, her brother and sisters-in-law, Ellis & Doris Goodman and Edna Goodman and her brother-inlaw, James Prescott.

Left to cherish her memory are her son & daughter-in-law, Paul, Jr. & Joyce A. Keen; her grandson, Kevin, Sr. & Laura Yoders; her great-grandson, Kevin Yoders, Jr.; her brothers sisters-in-law, Jimmy Goodman, Sammy & Lana Goodman and Tina Johnson; her sister, Lois Prescott; a special friend, Dorothy ("Dot") Albert and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at A. Vest & Sons Funeral Home, White Gate with Bro. Dale Akers officiating. Burial followed in Shiloh Cemetery.

The Keen family is in the care of A. Vest & Sons Funeral Home, White Gate, avestandsons.com, (540) 921-2985.

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CAROLYN GILCHRIST

Carolyn Gilchrist, 67, of Pulaski died on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at her home. Truly a loving soul, who opened her home to even strangers in time of need. An open and brutally honest woman who was a pioneer to all who knew and loved her. She had a passion for all cats whether they were hers or strays. Born on March 14, 1956, to Daniel E. and Rebecca McPeak Manuel who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Gilchrist is through out the community from her years of service to Jim's Steakhouse and Wal Mart. She was always ready to help and give of herself. She loved with everything she had and cared for so many in her own ways and always known as a "wonderful friend". Her personal motto was, "I loved you first!"

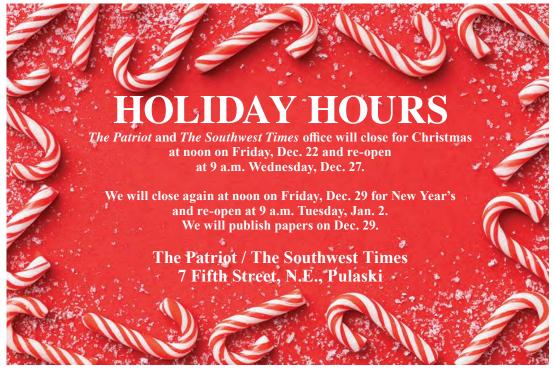
Left to cherish her memory. is her husband of thirty eight vears, Patrick "Rick" Gilchrist and daughter, Margaret Thornton (Donnie) of Valparaiso, Florida. Grandchildren, Ivy Williams of Naples, Florida and Jacob Williams of Christiansburg and Ryan and Jesse Thornton, also of Valparaiso Florida. Great grandchildren, Dawn Williams, and Kaysen Patrick.

Carolyn is also survived by two brothers, Michael Manuel (Judy) and Daniel Manuel, both of whom reside in Pulaski.

Also mourning the loss of Carolyn, are her very special friends, Shirley Rigney and Teresa Andrews along with her Wal Mart family as well as a host of extended family and friends.

No formal services will be held. Instead, the family welcomes anyone who like to drop by to share a story and reflect on Carolyn's life to visit at 108 Lake

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EDITORIAL

A Christmas Hearing

Field Hearing on the Biden Administration's Effects on Santa's Toy Delivery

Washington, D.C. — House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Chair Morgan Griffith (R-VA) today announced a field hearing on how the Biden Administration's green agenda has affected Santa and Rudolph's delivery of toys on December 22, 2023. The hearing will include a host of witnesses who are involved in the toy making and delivery process.

"The Oversight and Investigations Subcomittee



of the Energy and Commerce Committee been committed to examining the implementation of government programs

and whether they have been successful," said Chair Griffith. "This includes the new policies and regulations resulting from the Biden Administration's rush to green energy and its consequences on not only Santa's preparation for Christmas, but his journey around the world delivering gifts with Rudolph. I look forward to learning more from our witnesses during what I'm sure will be an exciting and informative hearing."

Chair Griffith will be particularly interested in learning more about:

• Have there been any delays in getting materials to the North Pole via fossil fuel driven planes, trains, and automobiles, and therefore, in toy assembly at Santa's workshop, given the restrictions on coal and oil by the Administration?

• How will Santa be able to deliver the toys to all of the little girls and boys once he is forced to purchase an electric sleigh, given reindeer will soon be banned as they are known producers of methane?

Chair Griffith worries the cold weather and distance Santa must travel to deliver toys might significantly delay his overnight delivery as an electric sleigh is estimated to only get 150 miles in artic conditions and at the equator and 300 miles in between, coupled with a 1.5 hour charging time for the battery.

· How will Mrs. Claus continue to make her famous Christmas cookies once gas ovens are officially outlawed by the Administration? Further, Chair Griffith worries that some families won't be able to make cookies for Santa's visit if all of the Biden energy policies are put into place.

Subcommittee hearing titled "An Examination of the Biden Administration's Green Policies and Their Effects on Santa's Toy Delivery."

WHAT: A field hearing to discuss how the Biden Administration's green energy agenda has affected Santa and Rudolph's delivery of toys

DATE: Friday, December 22, 2023 TIME: 8:00 PM ET

LOCATION: The North Pole

Alternative location: Santa's Official Post Office in Rovaniemi, Finland

*For those last-minute package wrappers, red tape will be made available by the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services

WITNESSES:

•Mrs. Clause, Wife, Santa Claus

•Bernard, Head Elf, Santa's Workshop •Rudolph, Lead Reindeer, Santa's Sleigh (until

electric sleighs are mandated)

Chair Griffith would like to note:

 Santa Claus is unable to be with us for this hearing as he is busy ensuring that everything will be ready for Christmas. He would like us to share that, despite protests by the left, he will in fact be delivering Red Ryder BB guns to all the good children who request one, but warns them "not to shoot their eye out."

All members of the Energy and Commerce Committee are welcome to attend. The hearing will be open to the public and press and will be live streamed online.

The Birth of Jesus

While it is fun to joke about the absurd consequences of Biden's green energy policies, the reason for the Christmas season, for Christians like me, is the birth of Jesus Christ.

Two thousand years ago, when a young woman, Mary, and her husband, Joseph, were turned away from an inn, Mary was forced to give birth to a baby in a manger. That baby, Jesus, was born by immaculate conception. And as the son of God, Jesus was sent to Earth to save his people from their sins.

Jesus shared God's message of forgiveness and grace to mankind. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life

Though not everyone celebrates Christmas and the birth of Jesus, the message of this season rings true through all communities and faiths. That message of forgiveness and grace, love and hope, is something I think we should all be reminded of a bit more frequently.

I wish everyone, whether you celebrate Christmas or not, peace during this holiday season.

And to echo Clement Moore in 'Twas the Night Before Christmas: "Happy Christmas to All and to All a Good Night."

Don't Let The Culture Rob The Cradle

A recent conversation with friends brought up the subject of the most memorable family traditions at Christmas time. With spiraling prices, rising crime and concerns about who is coming across our border, it shouldn't be too difficult to remember better days of Christmas past. My own personal experience is that the most endearing Christmas memories were not of the toys I received or the biggest Christmas tree we had. Rather, my favorite Christmas memories were of doing things together as a family, including our church family.

I remember the fun we used to have as youngsters going house to house in different neighborhoods and singing Christmas Carols. People used to invite the carolers in for cocoa and cookies. These days, when people see a group of strangers in their neighborhood, they're more likely to seek police protection!

Another favorite childhood memory was snuggling up close to one of my parents, jammies on and ready for bed, while they read us a Christmas story. I talked to my sister, who has such a remarkable memory that she can describe the wall paper we had in our bedroom some 60-plus years ago. She reinforced my recollection that Christmas used to be simple and sincere.

In the pursuit of nostalgia, I took some time to read through my 1950's editions of American Heritage books and found one charming story that sums up the old fashioned type of family Christmas.

Author Paul Engle puts everything

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

in perspective as he recalls Christmas memories from 1910 in his story entitled "An Iowa Christmas." From his farm heritage and the horse-drawn bobsled ride from the city to the family farm, Engle intertwines the originis of Christmas with everyday life in Iowa.

Engle writes, "A barn with cattle and horses is the place to begin Christmas; after all, that's where the original event happened, and that same smell was the first air that the Christ Child breathed."

He explains that Christmas was hand-made – from the paper ornaments, popcorn balls, homemade candy, hand-knit socks, wool ties and crochet doilies. Then there were the homemade breads, cakes, cookies and the Christmas dinner with family that took place in the huge kitchen after the first act of dedication: thanks to the Child for whom Christmas is celebrated.

"To eat in the same room where food is prepared and cooked – that is the way to thank the Lord for His abundance...every scrap of food that my uncle had asked the blessing for was the result of his own hard work. What he took to the Lord for Him to make holy was the plain substance

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It's possible that Congress can't find a way, despite the support of bipartisan majorities, to continue funding Ukraine in its fight against Vladimir Putin's Russia.

Rich Lowery

Editor,

Review

This would have to rank, not necessarily as the worst, but perhaps the stupidest, most senseless abandonment of a U.S. ally ever. We've pulled the rug out from under allied countries desperately fighting to save themselves from communist gulags and killing fields (Indochina), thrown away hard-won military gains (Iraq), deserted vulnerable translators and other allies on the ground (Afghanistan), but these betrayals came after long, costly conflicts.

Ukraine hasn't been long or, by any reasonable standard, particularly costly. The roughly \$100 billion we've spent so far is a fraction of the defense budget and, one would think, the kind of money we're willing to spend to check a hostile power's revanchist designs in Europe.

To dump Ukraine now would be completely gratuitous.

Congress kneecapped our allies in Indochina -- and our air campaign to prevent complete Communist victory -- by cutting off all military operations in 1973. This made for a dishonorable and disastrous end to the war, but it had been a long time coming.

We were in Vietnam for roughly a dozen years. We suffered more than 58,000 fatalities, and the war cost about \$170 billion, or something like \$1 trillion in today's terms. It deranged our politics and led to protests in the streets, creating a constant sense of crisis.

There is no crisis over Ukraine funding, besides support for it sagging somewhat. (A Reuters poll found that 46% of people supported sending arms to Ukraine in May, whereas only 41% supported it in October.)

President Barack Obama paved the way for the rise of ISIS when he pulled forces out of Iraq in 2011 after we had imposed a semblance of order at great cost in blood and treasure. But we'd been in Iraq since 2003, in a war premised on WMDs that didn't exist. A lightning-fast victory transformed into a grinding war of counterinsurgency. We lost 4,400 men and women.

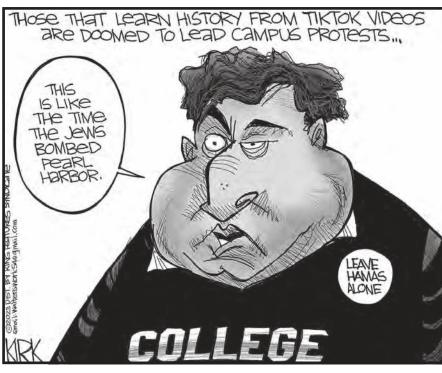
Not one U.S. service-member has died in Ukraine.

President Joe Biden pulled out of Afghanistan in 2021, a decision that nearly instantly handed the country over to the Taliban. We'd been in the country for 20 years, though, without an end in sight and without being able to set up a self-sustaining Afghan government or military.

The current iteration of the Ukraine conflict has been going on since February 2022.

In Ukraine, we have a committed and capable ally that is fighting hard without the direct assistance of U.S. troops. It is battling an unambiguous enemy of the West whose leader is open about his anti-Americanism. Russia's military has been significantly degraded by Ukraine's resistance. The support we are giving Kyiv is taxing our supplies of weapons, yes, but it is also being used

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Bills I'll Be Supporting

In last week's column, I filled you in on Virginia House Democrats' attempts to enact wide-ranging restrictions on Second Amendment rights in the upcoming 2024 legislative session. Today, I'd like to give you a quick peek at some of the bills and ideas that I will be supporting when legislators head back to Richmond in January.

A big reason why I ran for office was to ensure that our region's localities have the support they need from state government. While the 2023 election results took important political leadership away from rural Virginia and placed it in Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia, it's important that we stick together to ensure our region's priorities don't fall by the wayside. In consultation with our local governments, I have submitted several pieces of legislation that, if successful, would be beneficial to our communities

One such bill is meant to crack down on those who move to our region from other states and communities and refuse to update their vehicle registration. Not only is it unfair to the rest of us who obey the law, but it also deprives localities (and the Commonwealth) of revenue for infrastructure improvements. I'm hopeful that this commonsense measure will be successful, even with a new majority taking power in the House.

Another piece of legislation I plan on submitting has to do with adding our local 9-1-1 dispatchers to the list of local government employees eligible to receive enhanced retirement for hazardous duty services. Our dispatchers — on a daily basis — deal with some of the most stressful situations imaginable. It's my belief that they should be afforded the same benefits as other public safety

Delegate Jason Ballard

42nd District

officials as they all work to keep us safe. I also plan on resubmitting legislation that would extend the reach of the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission to include Giles, Pulaski, and Montgomery counties. The Tobacco Commission distributes funding to member-localities due to a 1998 settlement with the four major tobacco companies. Our region has a history with the tobacco industry, and I'll continue to fight for any possible funding that could help our communities.

These are just a few pieces of legislation that I plan on introducing in the 2024 legislative session. Stay tuned as I provide more information on other legislation of interest in future columns!

It is my honor to represent you in Richmond, and I want you to be fully informed what your government is doing for you. As the Delegate representing the 12th District (soon to be the 42nd District due to redistricting), your concerns are my greatest priority.

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

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YMCA, Toys for Tots provide over 250 kids with toys

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By Christmas, the YMCA of Pulaski County will have provided gifts to over 250 children in the county through its participation in this year's U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program.

this Christmas, Locally according to YMCA Finance Director Holly Whipp, the YMCA along with the T.G. Howard Center and the Pulaski Christmas Store County participated in the Toys for Tots effort.

Whipp said Tuesday marked the fifth distribution day for the

"We started distributing to families in early December. We had two sessions and it wiped us out. At that point we had served 210 kids. We had to shut down registrations and move everyone who had already signed up to distribution a week later," Whipp said.

"Toys for Tots brought us some more stuff and at that point they were a little concerned because they felt like donations of toys were down. But after what they collected this past weekend, they said, 'no, it was



Mike Williams/Patriot Publishing

YMCA of Pulaski County Finance Director Holly Whipp (center), Brenda Butler and CEO David Adkins with just a sample of the Toys for Tots items available to help local families this

point system to use to distribute toys to families.

"We adopted a point system just a little delayed," she added. this year - similar to the This year, the Y adopted a Christmas Store. We give the

parents or grandparents 50 points per child and items are priced accordingly. If they want something big it's a few more points, but we also give away enough free stuff that everyone gets out of here with a box and a bag," Whipp explained.

by age groups. Toys for Tots

"We've got infants and

She said while the Christmas Store focuses on parents and grandparents who have custody of kids, the Y has had its focus on the grandparents "because grandparents have the hardest time getting help during Christmas," Whipp said.

"So, we've served a lot of grandparents. Probably I'd say two-thirds are grandparents compared to parents."

Whipp said the Y this year is able to look at the Christmas Store list and compare the lists to make sure the two organizations aren't crossing over and helping the same people, "so we were able to spread things out further."

Whipp said she thought the Y's distribution was about over before Toys for Tots delivered nine more boxes of items Monday.

"We had eight families on a See TOYS, page A9

Gilchrist

Continued From Page A5 Street on Friday, December 22, between two o'clock and five o'clock (covered dish optional). Come as you are and be prepared to laugh as we all continue to

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

Lowery

Continued From Page A6 to catalyze a long overdue revitalization of the U.S. defense industrial base.

This doesn't add up to a picture that demands the immediate cessation of U.S. aid. Americans are infamously impatient; still, we have to have more staying power than a little less than two years. It's true that Hamas, but Hezbollah, Iran the Ukraine counteroffensive has been a disappointment, yet the Russians remain bottled up in the Eastern part of the country, again without direct

for victory. It's true that Ukraine now wouldn't be a crime, but

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that an Iowa farm could produce in an average year."

After eating dinner would come chores, then perhaps sledding or singing, opening gifts and visiting before the early evening departure.

As the family snuggled down in the back of the bobsled and covered up with buffalo robes, everyone would chorus their goodbyes and the horse would trot toward home.

Engle reflected on his childhood memory: "As we looked up at the night sky through half-closed eyelids, the constant bounce and swerve of the bobsled runners would seem to shake the little stars as if they would fall into our laps. But that one Great Star in the East never wavered. Nothing could shake it from the sky as we drifted home on Christmas."

I can't help thinking about how much of the true Christmas Spirit we miss in our modern culture. We purchase or charge hundreds of dollars of gifts for each other and then take months to pay off the credit cards. We stress and fret that the gifts we're giving this year may not exceed what we gave in the previous year. And then, we collectively sign in relief and say that we're glad when "the holidays" are over.

When did our culture lose site of the true meaning of Christmas? Christmas embodies God's greatest gift to mankind, wrapped up as a baby named Jesus, who would grow up to be the Messiah. It is the day we celebrate the birth of the Savior of mankind, so why are we giving "birthday gifts" to everyone else on our list except Him?

This year, let's put Jesus at the top of our gift-giving list and create an eternal memory. If you have never given Jesus Christ a birthday gift, why not give Him one right now...your love. In return, Jesus will give you the gift of Salvation – the original Christmas gift He brought with Him in that cradle we call a manger.

May you have a blessed and truly memorable Christmas 2023.

is unlikely ever to vanquish the Russian threat once and for all, and the best that can probably be hoped for is an eventual armistice. Sometimes geopolitics doesn't offer neat, easy solutions. Does Israel have a plan for total victory against Islamic extremism -- not just and other enemies? Does South Korea have a plan to finally

That the answer is "no" doesn't make these allies less Western involvement in combat. worthy of support. The same The critics say there's no plan is true of Ukraine. To cut it off an incredibly self-defeating

defeat North Korea?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

usually has those parameters

December 11 was the final meeting of the

Watching the video of the of the meeting was

enlightening and made me realize these are not

the people that should be role models for our kids.

The outgoing Board each gave a speech babbling

about what great things were accomplished in the

last four years without listing any achievements.

One member even broke down in tears. The expressions in the picture printed in The Patriot

on December 15 tells you everything you need to

Pulaski School Board and it was not a graceful

exit. All incumbents were replaced.

"The items are broken down

To the editor,

set pretty well, so we just follow what they have set up.

toddlers, 5- to 8-year-olds, etc. Toys for Tots goes up to 13 I think, but we've been able to get things donated that would go to kids even 15 or older," Whipp added.

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and vision.

Not a graceful exit This election had several great lessons. First, it takes a better person to lose graciously than to win. Second, when things get bad enough, the community can come together and force change. Third, it takes very little money to run for School Board, just a lot of door -knocking, commitment

> The incoming board will bring fresh perspectives and renewed enthusiasm, signaling a hopeful chapter for Pulaski. The transition marks a shift from stagnant and poor decisions to innovation promising positive changes for the students, teachers, and parents.

Deborah Ring, **Pulaski County**



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Investigation, Sergeant of Criminal Investigations, a Patrol Sergeant and a police officer. In addition to that he is a veteran of the United States Air Force, the Army National Guard and the United States Navy Reserve, where he spent time as a Naval Criminal Investigator."

Burcham went on to list Shumate's education which includes a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and Leadership and a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership. Shumate is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command and of the New River Criminal Justice Academy.

Burcham went on to say that the panel she put together, which Commonwealth's included Attorney Justin Griffith, voted unanimously to hire Shumate.

A presentation was then made by Robert Lauterberg, a representative for the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia Association of Counties, (VML VACO).

"They are the entity with which we have very recently deposited a lot of our idle cash, which has proven very beneficial to us with the interest rate that is offered by his group," said Burcham.

Lauterberg then launched into a lengthy financial presentation aimed at helping the town council and the administration in making long range plans for future projects, including needed improvements in the water and sewer infrastructure.

Lauterberg offered a financial blueprint for town leaders to follow in the next several years, which includes sequestering monies specifically denoted for future Capital Fund needs.

Next, Emily Viers of the accounting firm Robinson, Farmer & Cox presented the results of her company's audit of the Town of Pulaski's finances.

Viers gave a detailed account of the finances of the Town, which were favorable in general, as both she and Lauterberg declared the Town of Pulaski to be in good financial condition.

Next, Jackie Morris, the Finance Director of the Town of Pulaski, gave an update on the projects that were completed with money from the American into effect during the COVID with ARPA funds. outbreak.

The Town of Pulaski received \$9,040,920 of these funds in two instalments. The first in June 2021 and the second in July of 2022.

Of the \$9,040,920 dollars received, the Town of Pulaski has expended \$7,057,581 on numerous projects.

Morris then listed the projects that had been completed using ARPA funds in the last 2 ½ years, many of which involved recreational activities.

completed was the Skate Park and Basketball Court on 1st Street, which also included landscaping and signage. The bicycle park off Route 99 was also constructed with ARPA funds.

In addition, ARPA funds paid for the pickleball and basketball courts at the intersection of 6th Street and Washington Avenue, though the basketball courts are still a work in progress.

The funds also purchased new playground equipment, which was installed at Heritage Park, Kiwanis Park, Sixth Street, Valley Street, and Gatewood Park. Benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles were also added to these sites. A splash park at Cool Springs is also in the works.

The police department bought a police dog named Juno with the funds, which also provided received some heavy equipment the training and equipment with these funds and the town



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Chief Jill Neice accepts a resolution of recognition for her 25 years of service to the Pulaski **Police Department**



William Paine/Patriot Publishing

Incoming Police Chief Sam Shumate is introduced Tuesday night.

required for a K-9 unit.

The funds also purchased UTV's for both the town's police and fire departments.

The charging station for Rescue Plan (ARPA), the electric vehicles located near economic stimulus bill that went the town hall was purchased

These monies were also spent on signage, including the welcome signs at the entrances to town and on the interstate, as well as a new Police Department sign that is affixed next to the entrance to town hall.

Various safety devises were purchased for town employees including respirator masks, gas detection monitors, fire extinguishers, etc. Uniforms were also purchased with these funds.

funds were also ARPA The first project to be expended on the town's infrastructure, especially in regard to the water system. Five of the towns water tanks were thoroughly cleaned, repaired and painted with these funds. The recently completed water line replacement project on West Main Street was also done using ARPA funds.

The water filtration plant also benefitted from these federal funds as a new roof was installed and the "Pulsator and Baffle" system was replaced for the first time in 34 years. Additionally, the filtration plant received several more much needed equipment upgrades.

Funds were also used to repair the pump stations at 4A on Dora Highway and 4B near James Hardie and Critzer Elemetary, but Morris emphasized that these projects are ongoing.

Pulaski Public Works paved several streets with this money ... and even bought new Christmas decorations!

Out of the original \$9,040,920, there is \$1,983,339 of ARPA money that is as yet unspent, and these funds must be fully obligated by Dec. 31, 2024 and must be fully expended by Dec. 31, 2026.

According to Morris, all but a half-million dollars of these remaining ARPA funds have already been designated for various town projects.

In other developments, council voted to extend Burcham's contract, which was to end on Jan. 31, 2024 to February 29, 2024, even as new Town Manager Todd Day will begin his tenure on Feb. 1.

As is the case with the police chief, Burcham will remain for an extra month to aid in the transition process for the new Town Manager.

At the end of the meeting, Burcham announced that each full-time employee of the Town of Pulaski will receive a \$1,000 bonus at the first of the year. Part time employees will also receive a bonus of a lesser amount.

The Pulaski Town Council also voted to give town employees a full day off on Friday Dec. 22 and Tuesday Dec. 26, 2023.

The next Town Council meeting will take place on January 16, 2024.

Dublin Town Offices, garbage pickup schedules listed

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Friday, December 22nd through Tuesday, December 26th. Garbage scheduled for pickup on Monday, December 25th will be picked up on Wednesday, December 27th. Garbage scheduled for pickup on Wednesday, December 27th will be picked up on Thursday, December 28th. Friday's will remain on schedule.

Dublin Town Offices will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024. Garbage scheduled for pickup on Monday, January 1st will be picked up on Tuesday, January 2nd.









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Peak Creek Tea Party Reenactment a Success

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Dozens of intrepid Peak Creek Patriots braved the rainy weather on Sunday, December 17th to hold a "Peak Creek Tea Party" to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the

Boston Tea Party.

Dressed in Colonial era costumes, they represented many of the tradespeople who participated in the original Boston Tea Party protest against the British prior to the start of the American Revolution.

According to History.com, the Boston Tea Party protest occurred on December 16, 1773, at Griffin's Wharf in Boston, Massachusetts. American colonists, frustrated and angry at Britain for imposing "taxation without representation," dumped 342 chests of tea, imported by the British East India Company into the harbor.

The event was the first major act of defiance to British rule over the colonists. It showed Great Britain that Americans would not tolerate taxation and tyranny sitting down, and rallied American patriots across the 13 colonies to fight for independence.

Led by April Martin, Education Director of the Wilderness Road Museum, the Peak Creek re-enactors broke open small chests of tea and tossed them into Peak Creek at the Counts Crossing pocket

Included in the "mob" were members of the Pulaski County 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemoration Committee, members of the local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), Fincastle historical re-enactors many other volunteers.

Photos show the group reenacting the dumping of the tea, a fierce Grenadier soldier challenges journalists who are attempting to record details of the Peak Creek Tea Party, and a group photo of event participants.

For additional information, visit Pulaski County 250 Committee at https://www. facebook.com/profile. php?id=100093013868964

Wilderness the or Museum at https:// www.facebook.com/ WildernessRRM/

Toys

Continued From Page A7 waiting list so we called all of them yesterday and told them to come in today. We schedule people to 'shop' in 30-minute increments."

explained stocking She stuffers are free as well as books, so points can be saved for toys.

"Honestly, with the amount of stocking stuffers we have this year we're probably going to end up opening it up to people who want to come by and get a bag of stocking stuffers to do it. Once we know we have served all of those who have signed up."

All items came from the Toys for Tots effort. Whipp said some toys came directly to the YMCA into the Toys for Tots boxes they have, but the bulk of the items came from around the NRV. Some, she said, even some came in on a truck that was from outside the valley.

Whipp had praise for the YMCA's staff who she said had all chipped in to help the toy distribution be a success, especially Brenda Butler.

"She is one of our key staff in making this a big success. She has come in and worked almost every day we've done the toy distribution," Whipp said.

"It's fulfilling," Butler remarked with a smile. "It's a good thing for me," she added. Butler works in member services at the YMCA and as gym supervisor.

"We appreciate the faith and confidence Toys for Tots had in us to be a distribution site. There are a lot of people who have stepped up to make this happen, including Holly and Brenda," said David Adkins, CEO of the YMCA of Pulaski County.

"It's really been a whole-Y Whipp. project," said "Everybody here has spent a lot of time working and organizing and helping."





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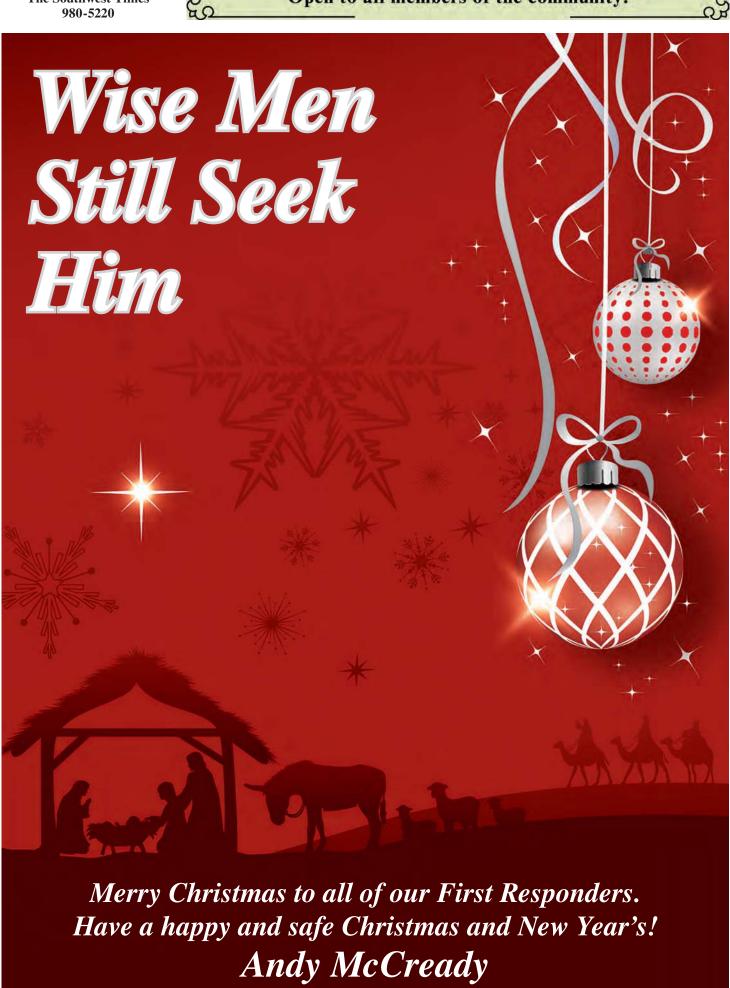
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Board

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A public hearing involving an application for rezoning followed the photo ops.

The planning commission had earlier approved Robert Sean Phillips' request to rezone his property on Craig Loop from Residential to Commercial. Pulaski County Planning and Zoning Administrator Markie Saunders stated that the rezoning of this property met the requirements of the county's Comprehensive Plan and that it would be difficult to meet the setbacks required for a residence at the site.

Craig Loop intersects Count Pulaski Drive (Rt. 99) near Exit 92 on I-81. Phillips plans to build a storage unit facility on the site and intends to erect an LED sign on the property to advertise his business.

Phillips' request for rezoning elicited several responses at the public hearing, with two residents and one former resident of Craig Loop expressing opposition to the project.

Stuart Mitchell, whose land adjoins the property, expressed his concerns about the brightness of an LED sign and the increased traffic that would result from a storge unit facility.

Next, Lorri Gallimore, who lives directly across from Phillips' property on Craig Loop, spoke in opposition to the rezoning, claiming that both she and her mother who lives next to her, are within "spitting distance" of the proposed Gallimore expressed her concerns about the LED sign and the increased traffic on Craig Loop resulting from the business.

Kimberly Russell, a former resident of Craig Loop, also spoke in opposition to the rezoning stating that, "Pulaski is covered with storage units. Why do we want more?"

After hearing opposition to the rezoning, Philips came to the mic and said, "They're not here for the betterment of Pulaski, I am. I'm pro-Pulaski. Everything we do, we do the best we can."

Upon completion of the public hearing, the board voted to approve the rezoning application, which will likely new storage facility at the site.

the Draper District, was the only Development Authority to the rezoning from Residential

to Commercial. Next Zoning Administrator Saunders asked the board to do an update of the county's land use map so as to match all rezoning done in the past two years. This was approved unanimously.

The Treasure's report was brief, with much of the yearend sales revenues yet to be tallied. What the Treasurer did reveal was the county's sales tax totals, which have increased steadily year after year. The 1 percent local sales tax for October alone brought nearly half a million dollars to the county's coffers, though these funds were also distributed to the towns of Pulaski, Dublin and the City of Radford.

Statement on 1% **Local Sales Tax:**

1% Sales Tax received in Dec. 2023 for the month of Oct. 2023 =\$ 490,180.02

DISTRIBUTION:

City of Radford \$ 12,000

Balance to be distributed to Town of Pulaski, Town of Dublin, and Pulaski County. \$ 478,180.02

TOWN OF PULASKI --\$68,475.38 = 14.32%

TOWN OF DUBLIN --\$14,010.67 = 2.93%

COUNTY OF PULASKI -\$395,693.97 = 82.75%

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION

BALANCE \$ 478,180.02

"It's going up every year, so somebody's buying something," said Pulaski County Treasurer Melinda Worrell. "The other thing is, when people buy online, that sales tax is coming to us, too."

As far as Action Items, the



Maetta Crewe retires from her 17-year tenure as Circuit Court Clerk and receives recognition from the county's supervisors. Front Row from left: Chairwoman Laura Walters, Maetta Crewe, Vice-Chair Dirk Compton. Back Row from left: County Administrator Jonathan Sweet, Supervisor Chris Stafford, Supervisor Jeff Reeves and Supervisor Mike Mooney.



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Terri Nicewander Hager will retire as Master Chief Deputy Clerk of the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office at the end of this year. From left: Supervisor Dirk Compton, Terri Nicewander Hager.

board voted to allow a public hearing at the Jan. 22 meeting of the board concerning the restriction of Through Truck Traffic on Route 746 (Old Giles Road) in Dublin.

Additionally, the board approved a Resolution of result in the construction of a Support agreement to back a \$1.7 million loan made Dirk Compton, who represents by the county's Economic supervisor to vote in opposition repair the roofs of the Bob White Building (4100 Bob White Boulevard), the Maple Shade (89 Commerce Street) and the Hill Plant (27 Valley Street). The EDA owns these buildings and plans to recoup the \$1,705,240 loan through rental fees, as all are currently occupied and paying rent. The Resolution of Support gives the county a "moral obligation" to financially back the loan, if the EDA is unable to pay the note in 10 years' time.

The resolution of support passed unanimously.

Lastly, County Administrator Jonathan Sweet noted that another Action Item had been added to the agenda regarding holidays. The court system added two additional holidays to their calendar, adding Tuesday, Dec. 26 and Tuesday, Jan. 2 to their schedule of days off.

The board agreed to add Tuesday, December 26 as an additional day off for county employees, but decided that all should return to work the following Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Calfee awarded **USDA** grant

U.S. Department Agriculture's Rural awarded Development has a grant of \$36,900 to Calfee Community and Cultural Center. The grant money will be used to help purchase furniture and equipment for a new childcare facility in Pulaski, Virgina. Congressman Morgan Griffith submitted the following statement:

"I am pleased this grant for \$36,900 will help bolster childcare services in Pulaski County. Once the facility is outfitted with furniture and equipment, it will support childcare services for children and after-school care for an additional 20. This is also another step forward in restoring this historic site."

Congressman Griffith spoke at the groundbreaking of the Calfee Community and Cultural Center this past August.

By BEN FINLEY **Associated Press** Jessica Vincent had just started surveying the shelves of a Virginia thrift store when a vase caught her eye. It was shaped like a bottle and had ribbons of color, aqua green and amethyst purple, that spiraled up its glass surface

Vase bought

for \$107,000

for \$3.99 sells

like stripes of paint. The piece looked old amongst the clutter of measuring cups, candles and other tchotchkes. After adjusting her eyes, Vincent made out the words "Murano" and "Italia" on its base.

"I bought it thinking it would look beautiful in my house somewhere," said Vincent, 43, a horse trainer who paid \$3.99 at a Goodwill outside of Richmond. "I definitely didn't buy it thinking, 'Oh, I'm going to sell this.' "

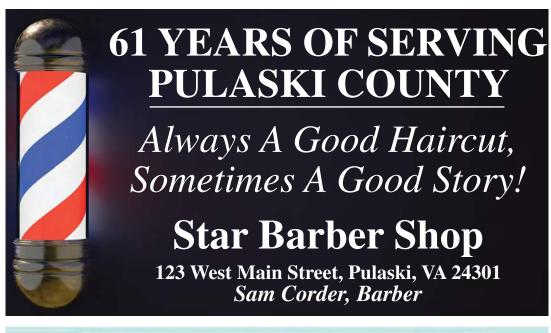
Her thinking changed after some research. And on Dec. 13, the vase sold through the Wright Auction House for \$107,100. The buyer, a top collector from Europe, wished to remain private.

Vincent's purchase came after years of perusing yard sales and thrift stores with her mother. She loves PBS' "Antiques Roadshow" and has daydreamed many times of this kind of lottery ticket-level

"I always felt like I had a good eye," said Vincent, who visits thrift stores a few times a week with her partner. "But I'm really surprised that nobody picked it up before I did."

The vase was likely on the shelf for only a couple days given its quality and the quick rate at which products are sold, said Laura Faison, a spokeswoman for Goodwill of Central and Coastal Virginia. Each store averages about 2,000 new pieces a day, and they often come in from a car's trunk.

"It could have been someone grandma's cleaning out basement," Faison said.





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SPORTS

Hokies add 15 signees, four transfers

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BLACKSBURG Highlighted by 13 high school captains and five state championships as a class, Virginia Tech football head coach Brent Pry welcomed his third signing class to Blacksburg on Wednesday, as the Hokies introduced 15 signees and four transfers on National Signing

Pry and his staff continue to focus on the Hokies' recruiting footprint, inking five in-state signees, all ranked within the top 25 in the Commonwealth per 247 Sports. Six of the 15 signees are from within a 325-mile radius of Blacksburg, including defensive lineman Deric Dandy and running back Tyler Mason, both from Mount Airy, North Carolina, along with defensive back Quentin Reddish from

Charlotte, North Carolina.

The class represents seven states. In addition to Virginia, three signees hail from North Carolina, with two each from Maryland and Ohio and one each from Georgia, Florida and New Jersey.

On the offensive side of the ball, Tech welcomed seven signees, comprised of one quarterback, one running back, two wide receivers and three offensive linemen. Defensively, the Hokies signed eight players, featuring four defensive linemen, three defensive backs and a linebacker.

Among Tech's incoming transfers, the Hokies welcomed redshirt junior offensive lineman Montavious Cunningham (Georgia State), junior defensive tackle Kemari Copeland (Iowa



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See HOKIES, page B3 Virginia Tech Head Coach Brent Pry gets 5 in-state signees.

Miami lands ACC's top class

By STEVE MEGARGEE **AP Sports Writer**

Miami coach Mario Cristobal hasn't yet taken the Hurricanes to an Atlantic Coast Conference championship game, but he sure has made a difference on the recruiting trail.

Cristobal closed strong to help Miami secure the ACC's top-ranked recruiting class for a second straight year. According to composite rankings of recruiting sites compiled by 247Sports, Miami's class ranked third nationally — behind only Georgia and Alabama — early Wednesday evening as the first day of the early signing period wound down.

Florida State was ninth in the team standings. The Seminoles had led the ACC rankings before two of their top recruits switched to other schools Wednesday, with safety KJ Bolden (14th in the 247Sports Composite) picking Georgia and defensive lineman Armondo Blount (22nd) choosing Miami.

Florida State rebuilt its program the last few years by relying heavily on the transfer portal, but a 13-0 season helped the Seminoles produce their best class in Mike Norvell's coaching tenure.

LEADER OF THE PACK

Miami landed seven of 247Sports Composite's top 73 recruits in defensive lineman Justin Scott (15th), Blount, wide receiver Ny Carr (48th), athlete Joshisa Trader (50th), edge rusher Marquise Lightfoot (60th), safety Zaquan Patterson (68th) and linebacker Adarius Hayes (73rd).

BEST OF THE REST

Florida State's class is highlighted by cornerback Charles Lester (39th) quarterback Luke Kromenhoek (54th), tight end Landen Thomas (64th), running back Kameron Davis (69th) and cornerback Kai Bates (86th).

The only other ACC class to rank in the top 20 was Clemson at No. 12. Clemson has two of the nation's top 21 overall recruits according to the 247Sports Composite in linebacker Sammy Brown (16th) and wide receiver Bryant Wesco (21st).

North Carolina and North Carolina State both have classes in the top 30. So does Stanford, a Pac-12 member heading to the ACC next season.

UNDER THE RADAR

Georgia Tech had a top-40 class that ranks sixth out of the 14 teams that played in the ACC this season. That's an impressive climb for a program that ranked 12th in the ACC and 62nd overall last year.

Louisville's class is ranked 12th in the ACC and outside the top 50 nationwide, which seems pretty low for a team that reached the conference championship game this season. But the portal means teams don't have to rely so much on high school recruiting for roster construction.

Louisville has been very active in the transfer portal over the last month with additions that include former Alabama wide receiver Ja'Corey Brooks, a former five-star recruit.

STARS OF THE CLASS

Scott and Blount were two of the four highest-rated prospects

See ACC, page B3

Floyd edges Cougars

By RODNEY YOUNG **Patriot Publishing**

FLOYD – For two teams that are evenly matched in a game, who the winner will be most of the time comes down to which team makes one more play than the other. That was the case for the home-standing Floyd County Buffaloes winning 52-49 over the visiting Cougars of Pulaski

The game was a game of runs. It was a back and forth, see-saw

The Cougars jumped out to a 16-7 lead after the opening quarter. The Buffaloes, however, would stampede their way into a halftime advantage of 28-23 as freshman Noah Farley found the range from three-point land knocking down four three's in the

Pulaski County would cut the Buffaloes' lead to three, 38-35 going into the final stanza as Lane Nester and Justus Hash both scored six points each in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter saw both Nester and Hask knock down field goals to put the Cougars up 43-40. After a Floyd two-pointer, Nester hit a three and then a two-



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Cougar Giles Beat Hidden Valley

point jumper to put the Cougars Pulaski County's Emma Ritter puts up a shot over a Hidden Valley defender during the Lady Cougars' See COUGARS, page B3 54-32 victory Wednesday night in the Cougar Den.







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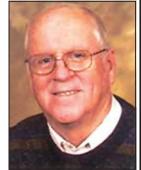
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Hokies

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Western Community College & Army), senior transfer defensive

lineman Aeneas Peebles (Duke) and senior linebacker Sam Brumfield (Middle Tennessee).

Virginia Tech's 2024 National Signing Day class ranks sixth in the ACC according to On3 Sports and eighth per the 247

Sports Composite. Nationally, the Hokies' class has peaked ACCat No. 36 among NCAA FBS programs, per On3 Sports.

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to select ACC schools. They both picked Miami to help give best collection of defensive line January.

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS

recruits in the nation.

BIGGEST SURPRISES

Florida State got unwelcome surprises with the defections of Bolden and Blount. Miami also landed Hayes after he had been the Hurricanes arguably the committed to Florida since late

Cougars

Continued From Page B1 up, 48-42 with 2:20 left.

Floyd hit a jumper and after a turnover by the Cougars, Farley hit a three to cut their deficit to one, 48-47 with 1:10 left.

Nester would then go to the foul line for two shots with 26.8 seconds showing on the clock. He hit the first one and the second one went in but came out. Floyd would then find Gavin Herrington down low in the lane for a bucket and he got fouled with 14.5 to go. Herrington 's free throw put the Buffaloes up, 50-49.

The Cougars would then turn the ball over with five seconds

Floyd would inbound the ball, but the player in-bounding moved while throwing the ball in for a violation. However, it was not called by officials.

The Cougars would foul Farley who hit both foul shots to give Floyd the three-point win.

Pulaski County (2-5) would shoot a 40-footer with four seconds to go that was just short as the buzzer sounded.

"I liked our energy tonight and we had our opportunities," said Cougar head coach Anthony Akers. "It was a hard fought game and they (Floyd) made a play or two at the end of the game."

Floyd head coach Brian Harman remarked, "Man this was a tough game. Pulaski County played hard and so did we. It was a great game and Coach Akers has done a heck of a job with his team."

adversity as the Cougars are without guard Chandler Hollins. He has suffered a high ankle sprain and has a walking boot on his right foot.

Floyd County (4-2) is missing starting junior Micah Underwood who was in a bad wreck over the weekend. He suffered a couple of fractures and his season

The Cougars were led by Nester who scored 15 points. Hash finished with 10 and sophomore Jalere Harlow chipped in with

Floyd got 21 points from Farley. Herrington had nine points, all in the second half, while Korey Turpin and Aiden Cox both scored seven points each.

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Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Prohibition of Through Large Truck Traffic on Giles Avenue in the Town of Dublin

At its regular meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers (second floor) at the Dublin Town Center, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia, the Council of the Town of Dublin, Virginia, will hold a public hearing regarding adoption of a resolution by which the Town of Dublin would request the Commonwealth Transportation Board and its designee, the Virginia Department of Transportation, (1) to prohibit use of Giles Avenue within the Town of Dublin by through tractor-trailers, logging trucks, and similar large trucks (but not affecting pickup trucks and panel trucks), pursuant to Virginia Code §46.2-809; (2) to post appropriate signage on Giles Avenue, Broad Street, and Cleburne Boulevard of such prohibition, and (3) to confirm that violation of such prohibition shall constitute a traffic infraction as provided in Virginia Code §46.2-830 (or any amendment thereto or replacement thereof), and subject the offender to a fine as provided in Rule 3B:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia (or any amendment thereto or replacement

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed resolution should submit their comments in writing to the Dublin Town Manager (P.O. Box 1066, Dublin, VA 24084 prior to the hearing date or appear before the Council at the above-stated time and place.

Copies of the proposed resolution are available for review in the Dublin Town Manager's Office, 101 Dublin Park Road, Dublin, Virginia.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION **Commonwealth of Virginia** VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ004798-02-00 Radford Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ASHWORTH, AUBREY

The object of this suit is to: APPROVE A PERMANENT ENTRUSTMENT AND TO TERMINATE THE RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF AUBREY NICOLE ASHWORTH (A CHILD BORN OCT. 24, 2023, CONCEIVED AROUND JAN. 24, 2023 AND WHOSE MOTHER IS DANIELLE NICOLE ASHWORTH.

and protect his/her interests on or before FEBRUARY 13, 2024 AT 8:30 A.M.

> RUBY STUMP, Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PULASKI

IN THE MATTER OF ESTATE OF JULIANNA O. SIMMERS, DECEASED

Court File No. (LL 23000 549-00)

SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION

It appearing to the court that a report of the accounts of Daryn K. Simmers, Executor of the Estate of Julianna O. Simmers, deceased, has been filed with the Commissioner of Accounts and a report of the debts and demands against her estate, has been filed in the Clerk's Office, and that six months have clapsed since the qualification of the Executor, on motion of the Executor, it is ordered that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the estate do show cause, if any they can, at 9:30 a.m. on the 11th day of January, 2024, before this court at the Pulaski County Circuit Court, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Julianna O. Simmers, deceased, to her legatees or distributees, without requiring refunding bonds.

It is further ordered that the foregoing portion of this Order be published in the Southwest Times, a newspaper of record in Pulaski County, once each week for two successive weeks.

ENTER this 27 day of November , 2023.

Ryan L. Pry (NSB #74181) Ryan L. Pry, P.C. 701B West Main Street Radford, VA 24141 Phone: 540-838-2233 Ryan@PryLawOffice.com

I ask for this.

Counsel for Petitioner

A TRUE COPY

AUCTIONS ATTN. Advertise

Both teams are facing some

reportedly is probably over.

PC - Nester 15, Hash 10. Harlow 7, Turner 3, O'Dell 5, Anderson 4, Reed 5, Floyd - Farley 21, Cox 7, Swortzel 6, Herrington 9, Turpin 7, Cockram 2

Two burial vaults in Roselawn For Sale - Burial plots at

Cemetery Plots for sale. Two For Sale: Cemetery plot for two each, side-by-side located in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. Lot No. 220, Block Asking \$8,000. Paid \$10,000 for

Juvenile Division

NICOLE

It is ORDERED that the defendant appear at the above-named court

DECEMBER 14, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CL23000512-00 **Pulaski County Circuit Court** 45 Third Street, NW, Ste. 101, Pulaski, VA 24301

Gary Henry Belcher Jr. v. Cassandra Rhnea Belcher

The object of this suit is to: TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that CASSANDRA RHNEA BELCHER appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before FEBRUARY 2, 2024.

December 4, 2023

Trisha Albert, Deputy Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

ABC License

JAYAM, Inc., trading as Hampton Inn, 4420 Cleburne Blvd., Dublin in Pulaski County, VA 24084-6023.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail / Hotel license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Dipakkumar Patel, Secretary & Treasurer, Jayam, Inc.

Note: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

ins wear down Cougars

By RODNEY YOUNG **Patriot Publishing**

Blacksburg Bruins The jumped out to a quick 13-2 lead last Friday and would go on to beat Pulaski County in the Cougar Den, 63-45.

back, and were only down, 29-24 at intermission.

The second half would tell the tale, however, as the Bruins would outscore the homestanding Cougars to take the win with a 35-point run to Pulaski County's 21 second half points.

Wade Bland led Blacksburg with a game-high 22 points. Rider Creasy finished with 13 and Chanler Montgomery tossed in 12 for the winners.

Pulaski County got 16 points from senior Lane Nester. Junior Tootie O'Dell was the only other Cougar to score in double

Wednesday 12/27/23

Thursday 12/28/23

Co. v TBD Time TBD

Co. v TBD Time TBD

Saturday 12/30/23

Friday 12/29/23

Fort Chiswell

Tournament

Tournament

Varsity

8:30 pm

Tournament

Varsity

Chiswell

JV Boys Basketball: Pulaski

Pulaski Co. v Grayson Co.

Fort Chiswell Christmas

JV Boys Basketball: Pulaski

Pulaski Co. v TBD Time TBD

JV Boys Basketball: Pulaski

Varsity Boys Basketball:

Pulaski Co. v TBD Time TBD

Wrestling: Quad @ Lord

Boys Basketball:

Boys Basketball:

Christmas

Co. v Grayson Co. 2:15 pm

PCHS Holiday Sports Schedule

Christmas

Botetourt 10 am

Varsity to Follow

Varsity to Follow

Friday 01/05/24

Varsity to Follow

Saturday 01/06/24

School 8:30 am

Scott Vest

Tournament 9 am

Wednesday 01/03/24

Boys Basketball: Patrick Henry

@ Pulaski Co. JV @ 5:30,

Girls Basketball: Pulaski Co.

@ Patrick Henry JV @ 5:30,

Girls Basketball: Pulaski Co.

@ Princeton, WV JV @ 5:30,

Varsity Boys Basketball:

Pulaski Co. v Christiansburg 9

Indoor Track: @ Heritage High

Wrestling: @ Cave Spring

Athletic & Activities Director

Pulaski County High School

am @ Floyd Co. High School

figures as he had 11 points.

After the Cougars closed the 11-point halftime deficit, they actually cut the Bruins' lead to only two points at 35-33 with just over four minutes to go in the third quarter.

It seemed as though the The Cougars would fight Cougars got worn down from fighting back from the early deficit and missed a lot of open shots. They also committed 19 turnovers with 10 in the second half and six of those in the last four minutes of the game.

> very disappointed Cougar head coach Anthony Akers remarked, "I'm very disappointed tonight. We missed too many shots and Blacksburg (5-3) made their open shots." He then said, "Our effort and the outcome here tonight is disappointing. We didn't defend or rebound the ball well enough, either."

With the loss, Pulaski County

saw their record fall to 2-4 overall and 0-2 in district play.

Pulaski Co. - 12 - 12 - 11- 10 = 45 Blacksburg - 23 - 5 - 19 - 16 = 63

Pulaski Co. - Nester 16, O'Dell 11, Turner 5, Hash 5, Harlow 5, Reed 3, , Blacksburg - X. Bland 7, W. Bland 22, Creasy 13, Montgomery 12, Saville 6, Zoellner 2, Distler 1

3 Pt. Goals - Pulaski Co. - 6 (Nester 2, Hash, Harlow, O'Dell, Turner), Blacksburg - 7 (SW. Bland 3, Creasy 2, Montgomery, X. Bland)

Total FG's - Pulaski Co. - 17, Blacksburg 23

FT's - Pulaski Co. 5 of 10, Blacksburg 10 of 20

Total Fouls - Pulaski Co. - 18, Blacksburg - 12

Fouled Out - None

Technicals - None

Jv - Blacksburg 58 Pulaski Co. 51-

Military Bowl Matchup: Virginia Tech vs. Tulane

By The Associated Press

No. 23 Tulane meets Virginia Tech for the 1st time since 1989 in the Military Bowl

No. 23 Tulane (11-2, AAC) vs. Virginia Tech (6-6, ACC), Dec. 27, 2 p.m. ET

LOCATION:

Annapolis, Maryland

TOP PLAYERS

Tulane: RB Makhi Hughes. The AAC rookie of the year led the league in rushing with 1,290 yards to go with seven touchdowns.

Virginia Tech: RB Bhayshul Tuten. He leads the team with 610 yards rushing to go with seven scores, but he showed his explosiveness with a 32-yard TD run and a 94-yard kickoff return for a score in a rivalry win against Virginia.

NOTABLE

Tulane: The Green Wave will be led by interim coach Slade Nagle after Willie Fritz was hired at Houston.

Virginia Tech: This is the first bowl trip for Brent Pry as the leave the country on a chase that Hokies' head coach, but he was part of three bowl games while a eventually treed the hunters come member of Frank Beamer's staff in for a shot and the hike to the in the 1990s.

Another trip to Turkey Creek

Cresting the top of the hill I am thinking about how many times this makes. How many times have I driven into Turkey Creek for this event? Eleven years? It can't be. Reaching the gate at the bottom of the hill I begin to see the trucks and trailers with ATV's parked along the road. Some of the guys are already standing in groups on this chilly morning, catching up with friends and going over what it will take to make this day happen. A big day, a great day. A day we all look forward to every year.

On this early December morning in Monroe County West Virginia bear hunters and Natural Resources Police Officers (NRPO's) with the Division of Natural Resources (DNR) are present for a bear hunt sponsored by the United Special Sportsman Alliance (USSA). The USSA makes hunting and fishing and other outdoor experiences possible for thousands of young people with life threatening diseases and disabilities as well as wounded military veterans. Brigid O'Donoghue is the CEO and founder of USSA and she told me a little about USSA's mission and goals. "The United Special Sportsman Alliance, Inc. is a nonprofit "dreamwish" granting charity that specializes in sending children and veterans with life threatening illnesses and disabilities on the outdoor adventure of their dreams! Announcements in the medical community are full of unexplained, miraculous remissions and recoveries of patients that remain upbeat and hopeful in their battle with disease and disability," she said.

This bear hunt is done with the hounds and if you are not familiar with this a typical hunt would go something like this. The hunters take some of their dogs on a hike in hopes of "striking" the scent of a bear track. There are many variables here as the track can be old and the hounds may have a hard time following it or it can be fresh and they will quickly be chasing a bear. Even after the hounds are in full cry and on a fresh track the taking of the bear is not a sure thing. The bear may elude the dogs and go into rocks or a cave, (Monroe County has a lot of caves) or the bear may simply may go for miles. If the bear is tree is sometimes a long one.

So who are some of the people



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the Appalachian Mountains than Kish, I don't know who it is. Kish will be the first to tell you that raising, training, and keeping bear hounds is not a hobby, it is a lifestyle. Kish organizes things on the bear hunter side with the help of some of his teammates, Corey Dauwel, Bill Scott, and Chris Burns. (Remember I said that it is risky to name some as we can't list all the members of the team. There were many others that helped on this event)

I got to spend more time around the two hunters at this event than I ever did before. Demetrius Moore is from Missouri and is an Army veteran that was injured in a vehicle accident while in the military. Israel Matos is a Marine Corp Veteran from Florida. Israel received severe injuries from the blast of a suicide bomber while in Afghanistan. It is very hard to put into words when you meet someone in the field in these situations and explain the bond you develop with them.

Israel, Demetrius and I seemed to hit it off from the start and it was so good to spend a day in the field with them. Like the bear hunters and the DNR Officers that day, I could share what I knew about the hunt, the dogs, and bear hunting in general. I got to show them around a little bit of my neck of the woods here in Monroe County West Virginia. They seemed very grateful for all that, and they seemed to have a great time. (I did too) They had both had a bear by nine o'clock that morning! It was a warm, beautiful, December day and I got to see the whole hunt, the whole experience, through the eyes of someone that had not done this before, enjoyed it immensely and are now new friends of mine. These guys must have thanked us a dozen times or more and all I could think about was how could we ever thank them for all the had done, endured, and sacrificed in

service to our country! There is never enough time or room here to express what a great experience this was. Thanks Sergeant Lyons and all of the DNR Officers for your presence and help, thanks to Kish Justice and all the bear hunters and their wonderful hounds. Thanks to Justice Family Farms for allowing the hunt to take place on their property, and thanks to all those behind the scenes that provided meals, transportation, and the dozens of other things it takes to make this happen.

And thank you United Special Sportsman Alliance for making this and dozens of other hunts and events happen. Next year I hope I am right back here in Turkey Creek with the hounds, the hunters and two new friends.

> Larry Case www.gunsandcornbread.







Area Students Participate in 11th Annual Wreath Laying

By DANIELLE REID **Patriot Publishing**

Hundreds of people attended the 11th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, December 16th in Dublin. Many of them were volunteers who had come to help lay wreaths on the Veterans' tombstones. Others were participants in the ceremony, donating their time and talents to honor our fallen heroes.

The 29th Division Virginia Army National Guard Band provided music while people gathered waiting for the ceremony to start; and later played the National Anthem during the ceremony. Virginia State Police Color Guard was on hand to Present and Post the Colors.

Bagpiper Andrew Shields Meeks led a procession of members from the UAW Local 2069 Motorcycles, and students from the Civil Air Patrol Air Force JROTC, USN Sea Cadets Corps Roanoke Battalion, Montgomery County High School Corps of Cadets, Pulaski County High School students, and Franklin County High School Air Force JROTC.

At the direction of the Master of Ceremonies, Capt. Gary Powers, USN (RET) the volunteer student groups led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain LTC David Gilleran, USA (RET) gave the Invocation, followed by Dublin Mayor Benny Skeens who welcomed the audience and presented Mary Lou Summers with a plaque honoring her years as Chair of the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony. Summers will be retiring at the end of the

Skeens then introduced the Guest Speaker, Emil Moldovan. Moldovan, who is the Commander of American Legion Post #58 Military Funeral Honors Guard, opened his remarks at the 11th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony with advice he was given at age 18 when entering the military, "Don't volunteer for anything."

After the laughter subsided, he praised all those who volunteer. Beginning with those who serve in the military, Moldovan then acknowledged the contributions of those who saw a need for a Veterans Cemetery, those who conceived the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony, the volunteers who visit: www.SWVAVCV.org

came to lay wreaths on the Veterans' tombstones, and ended with praising the youth groups volunteering to help hand out this year's wreaths. This was the first year that New River Valley area youth groups were involved with the Veterans Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Of the Veterans present at the ceremony Moldovan stated, "Yours is probably the greatest contribution among the volunteers gathered here today. We gather here every December because a few people saw a need for a Veterans' Cemetery in Southwest Virginia. They saw this land as a sacred place, a hallowed place that needed good people to run it, to care for it, and to keep it in our hearts and in our minds for as long as people dwell in Southwest Virginia."

Speaking directly to the audience, Moldovan remarked that "the Veterans that lie here are not gone from our hearts and our memories. They are Roanoke Battalion, Patrick remembered because you came Henry High School Roanoke to give of your time and labor to make this hallowed ground where they lie worthy of their sacrifice."

He closed his speech by saying, "Thank you to all of you who disregarded the sage advice, 'Don't volunteer for anything.' You make this world a more wonderful place because vou volunteer."

After special wreaths were placed at each of the military markers surrounding the podium, the Commonwealth of Virginia Flag was presented by LTC Bob Habermann, USA (RET), the American Legion Post #58 Honor Guard Rifle Team presented arms and the 29th Division Virginia Army National Guard Band Bugler played Taps. The traditional closing hymn, Amazing Grace, was played by Meeks on the bagpipe.

Volunteer wreath layers proceeded to pick up their wreaths from the student volunteers and placed one on every Veteran's gravestone. Additional volunteers walked through the cemetery making sure that every single grave had a wreath carefully placed on the stone, so the name of the Veteran could be clearly seen and honored.

At the SWVA Veterans Cemetery, volunteers will ensure that their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

For additional information



Danielle Reid/Patriot Publishing

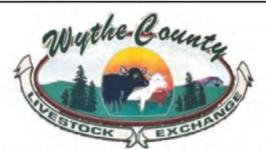
PCHS student volunteers from the football team, Christian Athletes, Criminal Justice, SOAR program, National Honor Society and Talent Search represented their classmates during the 11th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the SWVA Veterans Cemetery on Saturday.



Dublin Mayor Benny Skeens welcomed the participants of the 11th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the SWVA Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, December 16th, and dedicated the event in honor of Chair, Mary Lou Summers. Summers will be retiring as Chair after this year's event.



Guest speaker for the 11th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony on Saturday at the SWVA Veterans Cemetery was Emil Moldovan, Commander of American Legion Post #58 Military Funeral Honors



276-223-0003 www.wythelivestock.com

REGULAR LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS Every Thursday at 1:00 pm

** We are complying with all current COVID-19 regulations, and ask that you sit at least 6 feet apart, do not bring additional guests or children, and do not enter the building of you are sick or have been running a fever.





Thomas Dalzell, USMC (RET) participated in the Special Wreath Placement honoring all Marine Veterans at the 11th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the SWVA Veterans Cemetery. COL Dalzell commented that he was pleased to see so many student volunteers learning about patriotism and volunteerism; and honoring the Veterans who had dedicated their lives to protecting our country.



PCHS student Cassell was one of 140 high school students volunteering on Saturday to hand out wreaths which were placed on Veterans' graves during the 11th Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the SWVA Veterans Cemetery. Cassell is a senior at PCHS who plans to join the United States Air Force as a diesel mechanic after graduation. She has earned a welding certificate from PCHS.



CHURCH



Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Promise of God's Glory Returning

God removed His glory from Jerusalem and Judah because of their idolatry. He allowed them to be defeated and taken into captivity by the Babylonians for 70 long years to break them once and for all of idolatry.

But after chastising them, and their turning back to Him, God promised that His glory would return to them.

Ezekiel 43:5. "So the Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold the glory of the Lord filled the house."

Here Ezekiel encountered a man whose appearance was like bronze. This heavenly visitor told Ezekiel to pay close attention to what he will both see and hear in this vision. With a linen cord and a measuring rod, he had Ezekiel measure as they proceeded through the Temple.

Ezekiel 43:7. "And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children forever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their Kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places."

Verse 9. "Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their Kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them forever."

Here in this vision, Ezekiel and his heavenly visitor are standing outside of the Temple. The glory of the Lord has returned to Israel's

sanctuary.

Then the Lord promises "I will live among the Israelites forever."

I imagine to the Jews in captivity, this promise sounded too good to be true. D. L. Moody said, "God never made a promise that was too good to be true." It may sound like it is too good to be true, but if God said it, His promise will come true."

Ezekiel 43:12. "This is the law of the House. Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof roundabout shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house."

On the one hand, it reminded Israel of their sinful past which had culminated in God's judgment and destruction. But on the other hand, it spoke of an expected future in which once again, there would be a Temple in the holy city of Jerusalem. This promise from God was that the temple would be rebuilt and His glory would return to it.

Holiness is to be the law of the Temple. Anything less than holiness would be an affront to God.

We as born-again believers ought to be serving God in the beauty of holiness. God said in His word, "Be ye holy for I am holy."

Living a holy life means that we refuse to partake of the sins of the world. Someone said, "It's either holiness or hell."

Hebrews 12:15 says, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Holiness simply means living our lives free from the effects of sin. I personally believe that since we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, if not by commission, at least by omission, and that we ought to pray every day that if we have sinned, that the Lord would forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Sins of omission are when we fail to do what we should be doing as Christians.

James 4:17 says, "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."

There are many ways we can sin by omission and we need to be careful with the way we conduct our lives. I know of a case where

a Preacher had lived next to his **See MCCRAW, page B7**

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: fmbc1872@verizon.net
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/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.
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First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO) 409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084

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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:
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Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.
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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

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

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

Aldersgate United Methodist

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

Hilltop Pentecostal Holiness Church

4892 Veterans Hill Road Pulaski, VA Pastor Todd Garwood (540) 250-3741 ttgarwood674@gmail.com

First Christian Church of Pulaski

524 N Jefferson Ave Pulaski, VA 24301-4618 (540) 980-7144 www.firstchristianpulaski.org Pastor: Timothy Moore Men's Sunday School:10 am Worship: 11 am

Community Christian Church 5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084

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

> Thursday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m.



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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 Morning Worship: 11 a.m. Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 6 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

Newbern Methodist Church

5151 Wilderness Road Dublin VA 24084 Pastor: Dave Adkins 540-230-9264 Worship: 9:45 AM Sunday School: 11:00 AM

Visit The Church Of Your Choice This Week

Merry Christmas

I like Christmas songs, but I love Christmas carols. They can be so descriptive that you can easily imagine the scenes they depict. Can't you see the silent night Jesus was born when you sing the carol, "Silent Night?" How about the starry skies over Bethlehem, when you sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem?" One more, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing." As much as I love these carols, and I do love them, I love to hear what the Bible says about

Christmas even more. The Old Testament speaks of Christmas. In Isaiah 7:14 it says, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Then there is Isaiah 9:6, a verse I have always loved to preach about, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Micah 5:2 tells us where Jesus was to be born. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

In the New Testament, the full story of Christmas is told in Luke chapters one and two. The angel, Gabriel, visits the virgin Isaiah 7:14 mentioned and tells her she will bear a son. The virgin's name is Mary and she is engaged to a carpenter named Joseph.



Mary responds to Gabriel, how can I have a child, I have never been with a man. Gabriel tells her the child will be conceived by the Holy Ghost. When He is born, Mary is to name Him Jesus. He will be great and called the Son of God. Gabriel also visited Joseph and told him not to fear taking Mary as his wife, for this is of God. Joseph and Mary both accept the will of God for their lives.

Caesar Augustus made a decree that all the world should be taxed. So, Joseph and Mary had to return to Joseph's hometown, Bethlehem to pay their taxes, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Micah 5:2. When they arrived in Bethlehem, there were no rooms available for them to rent, so they stayed in a stable. It was in this stable that the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ, the Son of God was born. Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. What a humble birth for the Savior of the world. Someone called the life of Jesus, "the greatest story ever told," and I have to agree!

My hope and prayer for you is to have a blessed, wonderful, and Merry Christmas! And, don't forget, Jesus is coming again!!

McCraw

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unsaved neighbor for many years. One day he told his wife, "I'm going over to see him tomorrow and share the gospel with him."

Early the next morning he got the news that his neighbor had died during the night. That preacher regretted that missed opportunity every day for the rest of his life.

What we all ought to do is to obey God when He impresses us to something and not put it off until a later date.

Paul preached to Felix and Felix trembled under the convicting, convincing power of God as Paul reasoned with him about righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come. Felix dismissed Paul and said to Paul, "Go thy way and when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee."

As far as we know from the record, a more convenient season never came for Felix.

I know of a lot of cases where people were seriously considering getting saved at one time in their lives, but put it off until a more convenient season and died as sinners, unsaved.

Procrastination is putting something off to a later time. Thousands of souls are dying every day in this old world, and hell is filling up and running over with lost souls that could have been saved, but they decided that they had plenty of time and put off their soul's salvation once too often and God called their number and they had to leave out of this

world to face the judgment. The best time to get saved is when God is calling one to be

saved. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. Now is the day of salvation. Now is the accepted time."

Tomorrow may never come for a lot of folks. I read where 151,000 people die each day. Some 6,291 die each hour. And many of these I am sure die unsaved. It is an alarming statistic.

I had a friend whose son told me he didn't have long to live. I went right over to see him and found out that he had gotten saved. Now, I know I'll meet him again in Heaven.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Immanuel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah

3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ... Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers

4. In Luke 2:8-11, how did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? Magi informed, Joseph announcement, Mighty wind, Angel appearance

5. Where did the wise men

See TRIVIA, page B10

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Psalm 30:3-4

You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit. <u>Sing</u> the <u>praises</u> of the <u>LORD</u>, you his <u>faithful people</u>; praise his holy name.

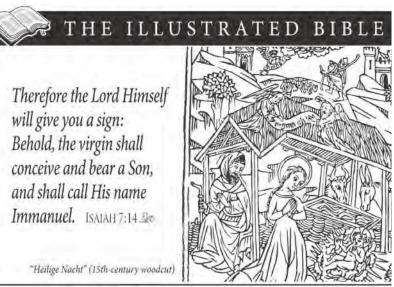
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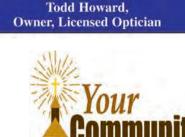
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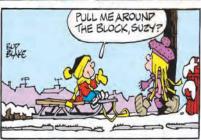






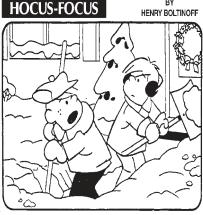


















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CryptoQuip

for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: I equals S

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

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1. FOOD & DRINK: What is ciabatta? 2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the 1980s cop drama series starring actor

William Shatner? 3. HISTORY: In which year did the Gulf oil spill occur?

4. LITERATURE: Who wrote the classic holiday novella "The Cricket on the Hearth"?

5. INVENTIONS: Who invented penicillin?

6. GEOGRAPHY: Monaco is bordered on three sides by which European coun-7. U.S. STATES: Which state's nick-

name is "The Land of Enchantment"? 8. MOVIES: What is the name of the nolice chief in the movie "Jaws"

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the J.D. stand for in a law degree? 10. MUSIC: Which singer had a breakout hit with "I Kissed a Girl"?

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10. Katy Perry. 9. Juris Doctor. 8. Martin Brody. 7. New Mexico. 6. France. Alexander Fleming. 4. Charles Dickens. 3.2010. 2. "T.J. Hooker"

1. An Italian bread.

Answers

WORD LADDERS

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

SELLS

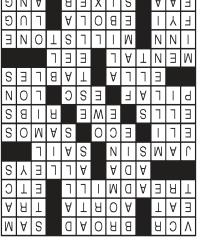
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SPOKEN Today's Word 3. Strain; 4. Compel 1. Clasp 2. Slack; uoijnjos SCRAMBLERS

STARS, STARE, STARK **SELLS, SEALS, SEARS,** Answer

- MORD LADDER



Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

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Because their work is usually annotate books insignificant? Why are most folks who CryptoQuip

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IN STEALTH, THEY CLIMB A STOUT BOUGH

DIRECTLY ABOVE THE ENTRANCE TO THEIR FORMER PRISON. THEN, VAL SHATTERS THE NIGHT FOREST HUSH: "THE PRISONERS HAVE ESCAPED!



THE SLEEPING CAMP EXPLODES INTO CHAOS. MUCH AS THE TWO KNIGHTS EXPECTED, RHODA ORDERS HER MEN TO FAN OUT INTO THE FOREST WHILE SHE HEADS FOR THE PRISON, KNOWING FULL WELL SHE WILL FIND LITTLE OX BOUND



















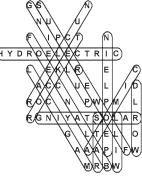








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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue hint: YOUR TRUSTY STEED

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Atomic Magical Rocket Balance of Nuclear Solar Will Flower Star World People in Hydroelectric Pulling Staying ©2023 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

CryptoQuote

is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, \boldsymbol{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.

SL QPBSIX SJ PIA KPQMD PF PKK, SF'J P KPQMD ML KMUV. P KMUV FNPF XVFJ YPJJVG LDMC

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POWER CryptoQuote answer If baking is any labor at all, it's a labor of love. A love that gets passed from generation to generation. Regina Brett

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Weekly SUDOKU

Top Ten in Movies

1. The Boy and the Heron (PG-13) Soma Santoki, Masaki Suda

2. The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes (PG-13) Rachel Zegler, Tom Blyth

3. Godzilla Minus One (PG-13) Minami Hamabe, Rvunosuke Kamiki

4. Trolls Band Together (PG) Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake

5. Renaissance: A Film by Beyoncé (NR) Beyoncé, Blue Ivy

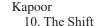
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Pine 7. Napoleon

(R) Joaquin Phoenix, Vanessa 8. Waitress: The Musical (NR) Sara Bareilles, Drew

Gehling 9. Animal (NR) Ranbir Kapoor, Anil

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(PG-13) Kristoffer Polaha, Neal McDonough









Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging



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COUNTY PULSE

and families of alcoholics)

meet every Monday night at 8

p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian

Church of America located at

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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

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-

Pulaski Family Al-Anon Group Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

Lifestyles Changes

number 540-818-0621.

If you are currently trying to lose weight, we may have what you need. Contact Bill Brewer

(a support group for friends at 540-813-1605.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christcentered 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, 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.

Send Your Pulse Items To: pulaski@pcpatriot.com

From birth, Samson was dedicated to God as a Nazirite. While he was to live his life set apart for God, even his mother was given instructions on how to live before he was born.

"....You will conceive and give birth to a son. Now then, drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from birth until the day of his death." Judges 14: 7

Wow. This struck me on how important our lives are in the life of our children even before birth. We have seen the sadness of infants born of drug addicted mothers. We know of the low birth weights of infants born of women in extreme poverty.

The Bible tells us that our bodies are a temple unto the Lord, and too often, we abuse our bodies and pollute our minds with things that are not holy unto the Lord. We not only pay for that sin; our children may also pay a terrible price.

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20

If the angel of the Lord came with a message on how important it is to live your life before you even conceived, how much more critical is it that children are exposed to us every **District UMC**



Lord - Thank you for sending us instructions on how to live our lives in your breathed Word on the page! Help us Lord to never forget how important we are in the lives of our children, and all those who may cross our paths. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Patricia Priddy Farrell gifts and talents include being a coach, speaker, retreat leader, student, teacher, and Certified Lay Minister for the United Methodist Church. Finding her own life's purpose came in the desert of her life. She has survived and endured many hardships and lives to help others know they are enough, and they not only can survive but also thrive.

Pat speaks from the heart to women and men in an effort to help them understand the power they hold to change other's lives. There is no meeting by coincidence, and there are incredible opportunities for us to share and grow as we journey through life.

Pat Priddy (Farrell), RN, MSN, CPVA, CEP

Life Coach, Certified Lay we live as holy a life when our Minister for the Wytheville

The Influence of a Mother For Starters, Have A Plan

Dear Dave,

My mom and dad always told me to live within my means. As an adult, I've made some mistakes with money, including falling right back into debt after paying off everything. I'm tired of this rollercoaster, and I want to get control of my finances for good. Can you give me some advice on where to start?

Melissa Dear Melissa,

It's frustrating, isn't it? But making mistakes with money means just one thing. It means you're human. We've all done it. Think about this, though. We're approaching a traditional time of the year for changes. On top of that, you're smart enough to have realized what you've done in the past hasn't worked.

Believe it or not, I was once in the exact same spot you are now. When it happened to me, there were three pieces to the puzzle that helped me break the cycle. One was fear. Specifically, I was scared to death that I wouldn't be able to take care of my family, and that I'd retire broke. Now, don't misunderstand me. No one should live their lives in fear. But a healthy, reasonable level of fear can provide needed motivation.



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Another was disgust. I realized what I was doing was stupid. I was tired of living that way, and I made a conscious, purposeful decision that things were going to be different.

The third piece, and maybe the most important because it's connected to our spiritual walk. was contentment. We live in a society that's constantly having the idea that we'll be happier, or more successful, or more admired, if we'll only buy this or that product. We're constantly marketed to, and when we have this stuff in our faces day after day, we can become unsatisfied with just about every aspect of our lives. Don't let it drag you down. It's all just an illusion.

One of the things I did to combat this, was to start living on a strict, written, monthly budget. Also, I stopped going places where I was tempted to

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spend money. You shouldn't give a drunk a drink, right? So, don't put yourself in a bad situation when it comes to your behavior with money. If you go wandering through the mall without a specific plan, you'll lose every single time.

When you go to the store make a list of only the things you need. On top of that, take only enough cash with you to buy what you need. If you can walk in and back out without buying a bunch of stuff that wasn't on your list, it's a win. Every time you do this, it's another win and another step away from your old habits and in the right direction.

You can do this, Melissa. God bless you.

—Dave

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

State Police investigating unattended death in Wythe County last Friday

death in Wythe County.

At approximately 7:27 a.m. Route 11. Friday (Dec. 15), Virginia State Police responded to a report of a body alongside Route 11/

Proffitt makes dean's list at Belmont

NASHVILLE, TN -- Amanda Proffitt (Pulaski) qualified for Belmont University's Fall 2023 Dean's List. Approximately 52 percent of Belmont's 7,338 undergraduate students qualified.

Belmont Provost Dr. David Gregory said, "The Dean's achievement reflects List the hard work, perseverance and dedication to academic excellence of Belmont's outstanding students. It is my privilege to congratulate these individuals on their semesterlong academic efforts. To our most recent graduates receiving distinguishment, you this are hope-inspiring examples to your peers and future colleagues.

Virginia State Police is Lee Highway, approximately a investigating an unattended half-mile from where Exit 67 on Interstate 81 intersects with

> State police is in the process of confirming the individual's identity and the circumstances related to the individual's death. The incident remains under investigation.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Virginia State Police at 540-444-7788 or questions@vsp. virginia.gov.

Trivia

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go first when they arrived in the Holy Land? Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron

6. What does the Bible record as to when Jesus was born? Late September, Dec. 25, March 17, Does not

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Isaiah, 3) Engaged, 4) Angel appearance, 5) Jerusalem, 6) Does not

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- Abscess
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- Appendicitis
- Bowel Obstruction - Breast Disease
- Breast: Lumpectomy-Open & Needle Guided
- Cancer of GI Tract Colon Cancer Screening
- Endoscopy: Colonoscopy with
- Polypectomy and EGD with Biospy, PEG Tube Insertion
- Excision of Skin Lesion
- Gallbladder Disease
- Gastro Esophageal Reflux Disease
- Gastrostomy Tubes - Hernia: Ventral, Inguinal, Incisional
- Lap Appendectomy - Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy
- Mastectomy
- Open Appendectomy
- Open Cholecystectomy
- Ostomies

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- Pilonidal Cysts
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- Axillary Lymph Node Dissection - Skin Cancer
- Small Bowel/Colon Resections Open and Laparoscopic
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WEEK

Meet River! River is a 1.5 year old, male, lab mix. He is very affectionate towards people and gets along great with cats and other dogs. He enjoys relaxing in his dog bed, being around people, and plenty of treats!



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