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Town of Pulaski purchases 155 acres for \$1.2 million

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

The Pulaski Town Council has agreed to purchase 155 acres of land within the town limits of Pulaski for the price of \$1.2 million.

The property, which had been owned by West Virginia Governor Jim Justice, was put on the market in November 2023.

At the Town Council's first meeting in November, a motion was made to give Town Manager Darlene Burchum the authority to draw up a contract for the purchase of this property. All council members voted in favor of the motion except Councilman Greg East, who voted nay.

The 155 acres of undeveloped land lies across from Memorial Square and behind LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, bordering



Memorial Drive and several sections of Pepper's Ferry Road, extending all the way to Lee Highway.

The deal for the purchase of the land was finalized on Thursday Dec. 14, 2023.

When asked why town leadership decided to purchase the property, Town Manager Darlene Burchum replied.

"We want the town to grow and to be able to make the town grow, we have to put

that 155 acres to work, either as commercial property or residential property," said Burchum. "It's sitting there unimproved and has been for years."

According to town officials, the purchase for \$1.2 million was made possible through the growth of the town's General Fund undesignated fund balance over the last several years. So, no debt was issued in making this purchase.

How this large swath of undeveloped land will be purposed is, as yet, undetermined.

"We will hire a consultant to do a master plan for the acreage involved," said Burchum. "I expect that would take 12 to 18 months for decisions to be made about how they would want that property to be developed."

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Pulaski County Board of Supervisors: (from left) Mike Mooney, Dirk Compton (Vice Chair), Laura Walters (Chair), Jeff Reeves and Chris Stafford.

Walters to once again lead Board of Supervisors

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held an organizational meeting at the Innovation Center in Fairlawn earlier this week to determine who would hold the positions of Board Chair and Vice-Chair. The board also reviewed their priorities for the coming year.

The meeting commenced at 5:30 p.m., and as has been the recent tradition, supervisors and staff were provided a catered meal for the occasion.

As the supervisors finished their meals, Pulaski County

Administrator Jonathan Sweet asked for nominations for Chair of the Board. Supervisor Jeff Reeves of the Robinson District nominated Laura Walters as Board Chair and this was immediately seconded by Supervisor Chris Stafford, who represents the Cloyd District.

Walters, who represents the Ingles District, agreed to accept the nomination. The board then unanimously voted for Walters to serve as Chair of the board, as she has done since January 2022.

Walters then took control of the meeting and asked the board for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Supervisor Mike

Mooney (Massie District) nominated Supervisor Dirk Compton (Draper District) to serve as Vice Chair of the board. Supervisor Reeves seconded the nomination and the board subsequently voted unanimously to appoint Compton as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors.

Compton has served as Vice Chair of the board since January 2022, after Supervisor Charlie Bopp's departure due to health concerns.

As is typical for an organizational meeting Sweet then reviewed the board's rules

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Youngkin calls for bipartisan progress

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A remade Virginia General Assembly convened its 2024 session Wednesday with a Democratic majority newly in charge of both chambers after a consequential election cycle that followed two years of divided control of the Legislature.

Guns, gambling, abortion, public safety and other issues will be on the agenda as Democrats seek to hold their razor-thin majorities together over the course of the 60-day session. They will need to win Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin's support for most of their priorities, though in a few areas they will be able to move without him.

"I think there are some things we're going to be able to agree on," Democratic House Speaker Don Scott said of the governor, ticking off spots of typical bipartisan cooperation, like education, mental health and workforce development.

On other legislative items — like gun control and Youngkin's push for a new sports arena — it remains to be seen where or whether compromise can be found, Scott said in an interview ahead of the session's start.

60-day General Assembly opens

Scott, a trial lawyer and Navy veteran, was sworn in as one of the House's first acts. Scott, whom Democrats nominated for the role in November, made history, becoming the first Black person to serve in the role. His election was without opposition and greeted with rousing cheers and standing ovations.

"I'm very grateful. I know this is God's favor," said Scott, who referenced being incarcerated decades ago for a drug-related conviction, adding: "There are those who will tell you that you should be defined forever by a mistake. I am here to tell you — do not believe them."

Scott will help guide an increasingly diverse Capitol as part of a new generation of leadership that in the Senate includes Democratic Leader Scott Surovell, an attorney from northern Virginia.

Last year's election cycle — when every legislative seat was on the ballot and candidates ran under newly drawn maps — led to tremendous turnover. About a third of the current Assembly members are new to their

respective chambers.

The Assembly also convened with a record-high percentage of female legislators, according to data maintained by the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers.

Wednesday's kick-off effectively marked the halfway point of Youngkin's term. The governor, who ultimately did not mount a presidential bid after heaps of speculation in 2023 that he might, is prohibited from seeking a second consecutive four years in office.

"If we want Virginia to unleash opportunity, the second half starts now. It's time to lead. And it's time to lead together," he said in his annual State of the Commonwealth address to lawmakers, delivered Wednesday afternoon in the House chamber.

In the two months since the GOP fell short of Youngkin's stated electoral expectations — losing its House majority and failing to flip the Senate — the governor has begun to roll out his policy roadmap, including his proposed budget. Crafting

the next two-year state spending plan will be one of the session's biggest tasks, something lawmakers in recent years have failed to do on time.

In his address, Youngkin reiterated a previous call to lower income tax rates while raising the state's sales tax, a proposal that's been greeted by skepticism from members of both parties. Youngkin, who has also said he wants to find a way to eliminate the state's car tax, argued that further reductions to the tax burden would help reduce the number of Virginians leaving the state.

The governor told lawmakers that if they approved the framework of a deal he unveiled in December to move the NBA's Washington Wizards and NHL's Washington Capitals across the Potomac to Alexandria, "it will be a huge win" for the state, region and local small businesses.

Legislation that would create a government entity that could issue around \$1.5 billion in bonds to help finance the deal will be among the session's most closely watched.

The governor called for lawmakers to continue working with him to transform the state's mental health care system, and he vowed to veto any bill that would impact the state's so-called "Right to Work" law, which says employers cannot require workers to be union members.

While Wednesday saw mostly procedural tasks, introductions and prepared remarks, the weeks ahead will be filled with long days as lawmakers take up hundreds of proposals.

Republicans, who have said they plan to hold Democrats accountable for any rush to the left, want to try again to pass a bill that would allow prosecutors to charge drug dealers with felony homicide if a user dies of an overdose. They're also promising a renewed effort to repeal an electric vehicle mandate Democrats enacted in 2021.

Democrats have filed a wide range of bills to tighten penalties for gun-related convictions and limit access to certain types of firearms.

Those measures will face the prospect of a Youngkin veto, though the governor has been quiet enough on the issue that leading gun rights advocates have said they are uncertain of how he might act. In his address, he asked lawmakers to send him measures to toughen penalties for people convicted of gun-related crimes.

Democrats have filed measures that will put Youngkin on the record on other topics where he's hedged, like same-sex marriage, as well as recreational marijuana retail sales, something he told reporters Wednesday "I really don't have any interest in."

Democrats will also be able to elect judges and fill other appointments.

Senate Dems to continue stacking of committees

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Democrats who control the Virginia Senate made clear Wednesday they plan to continue the practice of stacking General Assembly committees with their own members in a proportion greater than their razor-thin 21-19 majority.

The move disappointed some legislators and government observers, who had called on the chamber to adopt the practice of proportional seating. Senate Democratic leaders instead inched closer to fairness, improving what had been a wildly overrepresented split on some committees.

The situation is better, said Republican Sen. David Suetterlein, adding: "But it's still not right."

Committees are where much of the legislature's work is done, and disproportionate seating can weaken the voice of the minority and moderates who might buck the party line on any given issue.

Some panels last year were

stacked 12 Democrats to 3 Republicans, or 11 Democrats to 5 Republicans, despite the 22-18 majority at the time.

This year, with Democrats in 21 of 40 seats and GOP Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears casting tie-breaking votes, the splits are closer to the 8-7 that would be proportional, mostly 9-6 or 10-5.

Speaking on the floor, Senate Democratic Leader Scott Surovell defended the committee changes as "something for the good of the body."

Chris Saxman, a former Republican delegate and the executive director of Virginia FREE, the pro-business nonprofit that called on the Senate to make a change, welcomed what he called "progress."

"But let's not kid ourselves — it's not equitable. And they know it," he said.

Virginia's House of Delegates seats its members in proportion to the overall partisan split of the

body on all committees but one, a practice leaders of both parties say has served them well.

The Associated Press sought comment on the issue from all prospective legislative leaders ahead of the November elections, before party control of the chambers was settled. While senators from both parties indicated they saw value in proportionality or harm from the lack of it, none would commit to adhering to it.

"We reap what we sow. And down the line, it has become that way back and forth no matter who was in power," GOP Sen. Bill Stanley said on the floor.

Wednesday marked the opening day of this year's 60-day session. Democrats now narrowly control both General Assembly chambers after flipping the House in the November elections.

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Board

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and procedures, which the supervisors voted to adopt. Codes of Conduct and Ethics were also adopted by unanimous vote.

Sweet then gave a lengthy report, which highlighted the top priorities of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors in 2024.

Though said to be listed in no particular order, the first item mentioned was the Randolph Park pool house reconstruction project. The pool house was totally destroyed by fire last spring and, according to Sweet, there is some disagreement between the insurance company and the county about how much money will be paid out on the insurance claim. This will likely result in a negotiated settlement through mediation.

County officials will also explore the feasibility of opening the pool even as the pool house is under construction, which should take place sometime this year.

Breaking ground on the Pulaski County Broadband Development project, which is designed to provide high speed broadband internet access to the entire county, was next on the list of priorities.

“Our role is to make sure that we don’t hinder that project moving forward in any fashion and that we continue to facilitate the groundbreaking as expeditiously as we can,” Sweet stated in relation to broadband development.

The next priority was listed as “Consummate Project Duel,” but Sweet specifically asked the board not to discuss this topic in a public forum. This is a tactic that is often used to keep imminent or ongoing negotiations confidential.

Re-directing Hatcher Road to form an intersection with Thornspring Road is also listed as a top priority, with the supervisors already having voted for a revenue sharing agreement with the state for this construction.

The county will consider the feasibility of building a ‘Community Center/Sportsplex’ in the coming year, but this is still in the speculative stages.

Another county priority involves breaking ground on the redevelopment of Claremont Elementary and old Pulaski Middle schools, which are slated to be transformed into residential apartments. Sweet emphasized that the county

needed more housing to achieve its 40,000 residents by the year 2030 goal and that redeveloping these structures is key to attaining that goal.

The County Administrator also expects significant progress on the Hecate Utility Solar Project in the coming year. According to Sweet, permitting and building the substation that collects the electricity from the solar array has been “a big challenge,” but that “we believe the project will move forward in 2024.”

The board also put a high priority on establishing a drop site facility at the location of the abandoned Red Carpet Inn. The county’s Public Service Authority is currently involved in a bidding process for the completion of this project.

Another priority of this board of supervisors and the county administration is to meet with the newly elected school board and its administration for a strategic capital planning session.

After speaking of these top 2024 priorities for the board of supervisors, Sweet continued by listing additional county administration priorities for the upcoming year.

Sweet began this list by emphasizing the importance of remodeling the 125-year-old County Administration Building, which Sweet said needs to meet modern ADA compliance and building codes.

Another county priority involves the rehabilitation of the temporary office space for the Parks and Recreation department on Cougar Trail Road. The Parks and Rec Department will also be busy rehabilitating the auxiliary building of the old Dublin Middle School, which was recently ceded to the county by Pulaski County Public Schools. After renovations are complete, the county will make the space available for a variety of activities like aerobic classes, line dancing, self-defense classes or even hosting a Bridge Club.

The county expects to complete Phase Two of the Riverside Trail Project, which currently extends one half mile from the Pulaski Community Youth Center in Fairlawn at the old Riverlawn Elementary to the New River. Phase two will extend another one-half mile to the Route 11 bridge crossing the New River. Phase Three will extend the trail another one-half mile upriver.

Sweet also mentioned plans to improve public safety as

a company called Gannon Solutions will work with the county in the coming year to “begin to develop a strategic plan to bolster and support our fire and public safety departments.”

There are also plans to advance the regional 911 Center Project in the coming year in conjunction with local townships and the City of Radford.

At meeting’s end, Supervisor Mooney expressed his optimism about rehabilitating the pool house at Randolph Park and of the coming realignment of Hatcher Road. Mooney also said that improvements in fire and public safety departments and the regional 911 center project would result in lives being saved.

Mooney added that he looks forward to, “a school board that we can actually work with and communicate with ... I think that will save us a lot of time and so I think that’s going to be a really big plus for us.”

“I’m just really encouraged by the projects mentioned,” said Supervisor Stafford. “I think it’s going to be challenging, but we can get most of these accomplished. It’s going to be great.”

Board Chairwoman Walters echoed this sentiment.

“I’m excited,” said Walters. “We’ve got a lot of good stuff that’s gonna’ go on this year. You know the Chair is only as good as the board and I really appreciate all their support.”

“I’m glad Laura is doing the heavy lifting. The rest of us are just men,” said Vice Chair Dirk Compton with a laugh.

“What’s project Duel?” asked a reporter.

“We can’t tell you, but it’s going to be good,” replied Compton.

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MICHAEL FRANKLIN HUBBLE

Michael Franklin Hubble, 66 of Christiansburg, passed away December 31, 2023 with his daughters by his side. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Hubble; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thomas Reese; and special uncle and aunt, Merlin and Opal Foltz. Michael is survived by his daughters, Morgan Hubble and Michelle Ratcliff and son-in-law Billy Ratcliff; parents Donald ‘Buck’ and Jamie Hubble; siblings, Vicki L. Hubble, Donna Hubble Pickett, Robert Paul Hubble II, and wife Heidi; best friend and cousin, Mark Alley and wife Sue; as well as multiple aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was a proud veteran of the US Army. Michael was a dedicated father, beloved brother and son, who had a soft heart for animals, and was literally prepared for anything. He will be missed. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 12:00-1:00 pm at Horne Funeral Home with memorial services to follow at 1:00 pm in the Chapel.

MICHAEL LANTY ERVINE

Michael Lanty Ervine, age 50 of Bessemer City, North Carolina and formerly of Pulaski passed away Friday, December 29, 2023 at the Atrium Health/Hospital in Charlotte, NC. Born December 31, 1972 in Ontario, Canada he was the son of the late Larry Kent Ervine and Betty Jane Ball Ervine. He was also preceded in death by his stepmother, Wanda Sue Ervine. Michael was a graduate of Radford High School and a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He is survived by his
Sons – Tyler Michael (Amanda) Ervine – FL, Travis Larry Ervine – Dublin
Granddaughter – Emma K. Ervine – FL
Brother – Scott (Holly) Ervine – GA
Sister – Candace Brown – GA
Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 10, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home,



PEGGY LOUISE HEARN

Peggy Louise Hearn, age 72 of Christiansburg, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2024, at her resident home at Spring Oak in Christiansburg. She was born on May 11, 1951, in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late David William Hearn, Sr. and the late Lois Ann Bishop Hearn. She is survived by her sister: Jean E. Hearn and two brothers, Thomas J. Hearn and Bill and Nancy Hearn. Peggy was a graduate of Dublin High School class of 1969, and attended Radford College, graduating in 1973. She was a huge cat lover and enjoyed planting flowers, and she loved reading. Anyone that knew her knows that you could start a library with the books she has read.

We would like to give a special thanks to the staff and employees, and their residents at Spring Oak of Christiansburg. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to a local charity of choice. A private service will be held at a later date, with burial at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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AMANDA ELIZABETH HALE WITHERSPOON

Amanda Elizabeth Hale Witherspoon, “Beth”, of Pulaski passed away January 8, 2024 surrounded by those that loved her, including the excellent staff, at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin, at the age of 50. Beth was a graduate of Christiansburg High School, class of 1990, having graduated early, and went on to pursue serving in the health care field, having a strong desire to care for nearly everyone she met. She was born on January 21, 1973 in Radford, and was the daughter of the late Beulah Mae Richmond Hale and the late Leonard Franklin Hale.

In November of 1992, she officially became a loving mother, and her three children were the light and strength of her life. She was the first to say that she wasn’t perfect, but made up for imperfections both perceived and real, every chance she had. Over her life she cared for not only her family, friends, and patients, but even strangers, always being an example of kindness in the face of severe health problems, and personal setbacks. Her kindness and love were the best things about her, followed by her quick wit, sense of humor, and intelligence. She passed those things to her three children, along with her love and talent for music, for which she never gave herself enough credit, as her own piano compositions were an indescribable experience to behold. Her life and loss are too big for words, and her children, family, and friends, and all who were blessed to know her, will miss her deeply, but will continue to carry and honor her legacy, wherever they go.

She is survived by: a son; Josh W. Witherspoon of Dublin; daughters; Jacki Witherspoon of Roanoke, and Hayleigh Witherspoon of Pulaski; four brothers; Donnie Franklin Hale of Pulaski, David (Nancy) Hale of Pulaski, Barry (Vicki) Hale of Pulaski, and Ben Hale of Christiansburg.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral home. The family will receive friends on Friday at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We would like to thank the staff at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center, who treated us all, just like family, and for making our mom’s last days a peaceful experience, all considered.

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DOROTHY CROWELL TESTER

Dorothy “Dot” Crowell Tester, 95, of Lynchburg, passed away in Williamsburg on December 25, 2023. She was the wife of the late James Carlton Tester for sixty-six years. Born in Pulaski, Virginia on March 12, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Ohmer Oreal Crowell and the late Thelma Repass Crowell. Dorothy graduated from Madison College (now James Madison University) in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. Upon graduation, she taught second grade in Pulaski prior to beginning a family.

Dorothy was a devoted member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and for many years was an active member of the Lynchburg Women’s Club, Lynchburg Garden Club, and Patches ‘n Pieces Quilt Club.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her two brothers, Ohmer O. Crowell, Jr., and Douglas R. Crowell. Left behind to cherish her memory are her two sons, David Tester and Thomas Tester (Linda); two daughters, Donna Powers (Stephen) and Martha Carroll; four grandchildren, Ashley Meyers, Megan Stetson, Aaron Powers and Michael Carroll; five great grandchildren, Joshua Meyers, Blake Meyers, Natalie Meyers, McKenna Meyers and Elijah Stetson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 2:00pm with the Reverend Dennis S. Roberts officiating. Inurnment will follow at the church columbarium. A reception will be held in the church fellowship hall immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial gifts to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 Langhorne Road, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.NelsenWilliamsburg.com

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RHONDA ELAINE SWIM JOHNSTON

June 7, 1967
January 2, 2024
Rhonda Elaine Swim Johnston, 56, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Pulaski on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. She was a beloved educator of Pulaski County Schools.

She is survived by her daughters, Jessica and Abigail Johnston; mother, Ruth Mae Wilburn; sister, Donna Batzel (John); nephews, Adam Batzel and Ben Batzel (Kelley); best friend Sandra Hill; and many other dear cousins, family and friends. Rhonda was preceded in death by her father, Donald Lee Swim.

Rhonda had a ready smile, a kind heart, and a bright and fun spirit that was contagious to be around. Many things brought her joy including hanging out with family, playing trivia games, watching old movies, and following her favorite sports teams, the Virginia Tech Hokies and the St Louis Cardinals.

Rhonda dearly loved the students she worked with, the wonderful athletes of Special Olympics, and the valued colleagues she has worked alongside for many years. Her work in education and Special Olympics filled her heart with joy. Rhonda was committed to fundraising for Special Olympics, her favorite fundraiser being the NRV Polar Plunge. For many years, Rhonda has served as team captain for the awesome Pulaski County Plungers.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the annual Polar Plunge that benefits local Special Olympics. The Polar Plunge, dear to Rhonda’s heart, will be held in February, and we hope to set a record for her team’s fundraising success. Link to benefit Rhonda’s team, Pulaski County Plungers Area 9 is listed below: <https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/fundraiser/5026294>

The family received friends Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Rhonda was laid to rest in Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg at a private graveside service.

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



CHRIS M. SMITH

Chris M. Smith, mostly known as (Fig), age 57 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday, January 3 2024. Born April 7, 1966 in Pulaski County to the late Doris Holt and Edward Smith Sr.

He is also proceeded in death by maternal grandmother Margaret Thompson and Paternal grandmother Martha Lowery, uncle Terry Thompson and Aunt Cordelia Lethcoe, nephews Lamont Smith and Marcus Hickman.

He was “Uncle Fig” to most. He was well liked by whomever he came in contact with because of his heart and love for people. Fig was an advent 49ers fan. He loved music and if you knew him you knew he loved to be certain of attention.

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He is Survived by his
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Sons – Chris Calfee (Fiancée) Amber – Pulaski, Antwyn Calfee (Fiancée) Christina – Fairlawn
Grandchildren – Kymani & Kori, Magnolia and Josiah
Sister – Terressa Smith – Pulaski
Brothers – Edward Smith (ED) – Pulaski, Walter Smith (Leon) – Pulaski
Nephew – Dorian Hendricks – Dublin
Nieces -Tonya Smith – North Carolina, Ieshia Hickman – Pulaski
Aunt – Victoria Ruff (Troy) – Christiansburg
Uncles – Marvin Gant – Roanoke, Neil Thompson- Pulaski
Special Friend – Ralph Porter- Dublin
Funeral services will be held 6:00 PM – Friday, January 12, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Reverend Douglas Patterson and Reverend Frank Peters officiating.
The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.
To sign Figs online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com
Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



BEATRICE COLLEEN BRATTON LUCION

Beatrice Colleen Bratton Lucion, age 88, of Dublin, died Wednesday afternoon at her residence. She was born on February 12, 1935, in Pulaski, and was the daughter of the late Willie Sue Bratton and Jesse James Bratton. Mrs. Lucion retired from the Radford Army Ammunition Plant and was a member of the graduating class of 1952 at Pulaski High School.
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; Albert F. Lucion, Sr., 15 brothers and sisters, and a son, David Douglas Mannon. She is survived by her two daughters; Teresa (Henry) Bolling of Pulaski, and Gail (John) Byrd of Aledo, TX; son; Anthony Curtis (Amy) Mannon of Salem; stepson; Albert F. (Tammy) Lucion, Jr. of Chilhowie; sister; Bonnie Jean (Thomas) Whisman of Dublin. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held on Monday, January 8, 2024, at Seagle Funeral Home. Her disposition was private.
In lieu of flowers, please donate to the National Kidney Foundation or Kazim Transportation Fund, 628 Campbell Ave. Roanoke, Virginia 24016.
Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



MICHAEL ANDREW EARLS

November 25, 1949
January 6, 2024
Michael Andrew Earls, 74, of Dublin, passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Franklin and Emma Brown Earls.
Survivors include his sons, Michael Keck of Arizona, and Jason Baker of Ohio; grandsons, Jerry Kelly (Jessica) and Dominic Grinstead of Arkansas; great grandson, Ziven Wayne Kelly of Arkansas; brother and sister-in-law, John Earls (Jenefer); sister and brother-in-law, Nancy Robinson (Gary); and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.
The family will receive friends on Monday, January 15, 2024, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services with full military honors will begin at 6 p.m.
A memorial service will also be held in Akron, Ohio, at a later date.
The Earls family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com



SYLVIA FERN BRANSON

Sylvia Fern Branson, age 86 of Pulaski passed away Monday, January 8, 2024 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Dublin. Born December 29, 1937 in Little Creek, she was the daughter of the late Govan Hamblin & Martha Davis Hamblin. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Eugene Branson, grandson, William Tyler Jennings, brothers, Carlos Hamblin, Judas Hamblin and sisters, Yvonne Hamblin, Barbara Gray and Polly Hamblin.
Sylvia is survived by her
Children – Kathy Elaine & Jerry Gravley – Pulaski, Trish & Barry Banes – Bland, Douglas Eugene Branson – Pulaski, Carolyn & Brad Jennings – Hillsville
Granddaughter – Amanda Beth (Jonathan) Mallinson
Great Grandchildren – Adaline Mallinson and Jonah Mallinson
Sister-in-law – Brenda Branson – Whitesville, NC
Funeral services were held Thursday – January 11, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Thornspring UMC Cemetery, Dublin.
The family would like to thank the staff at Highland Ridge Rehab for their loving care and compassion over the past year.
To sign Sylvia's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com
Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

Land transfers for November

Land transfers in Pulaski County for the month of November, 2023, as recorded by the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's office.
Debra Cecil Cobb to Charles N. Noll, property at 3318 Lead Mine Road, Snowville, \$65,000.
Debbie S. McPeak to Douglas Irving Pompey, Sr., property at 6046 Mines Road, Pulaski, \$135,000.
Teresa L. Pelton to Gerald C. Upton, property at 4609 Waterfront Farms Drive, Draper, \$812,500.
Phoenix Properties, LLC to Barry Robert Lane, property at 3258 Lavender Road, Pulaski, \$42,500.
Estate of Charles Rodney Black to AREG Properties, LLC, property at 907 Mashburn Avenue, Pulaski, \$45,000.
James E. Sandifer to Dyan Matthew Armes, property at 2960 Mt. Olivet Road, Pulaski, \$75,000.
James A. Evans, Attorney at Law to Virginia Housing Development Authority, property at 5339 Empire Street, Pulaski, \$45,821.
Delaina D. Gallimore to NRV Growth, LLC, property at 301 State Street, Pulaski, \$100,000.
Allemar Properties, LLC to Robert E. Rotanz, property at 4009 Shadow Land Drive, Snowville, \$895,000.
Town of Pulaski to Autumn Lilly Kirchner Weidman and Lathan Zeth Delp, property at 126 Pierce Avenue, Pulaski, \$249,500.
Renee Moye to HC Initiative, LLC, property at 101 3rd Street,

Dublin, \$170,000.
Brenda M. Sams to Clinton Portman Harrell, Jr., property between I-81 and Sutphin Hill Dr., Dublin, \$7,000.
Anthony William Turpin to Michael D. Thompson, property at 4591 Shelburne Road, Snowville, \$25,000.
Jacqueline Nichole Taylor to Madison Leigh Diamond, property at 4501 Thaxton Road, Pulaski, \$140,000.
Howard Douglas Martin to Property Seekers, LLC, property at 716 Mathews Court, Pulaski, \$70,000.
Mary Ann Largen to Jaydin, LLC, property at 4519 Chipmunk Place, Dublin, \$117,500.
Angela D. Harless to Franky Cole, property at 303 4th Street S.E., Pulaski, \$115,00.
Susan Elizabeth Roop-Dalrymple to Augusta Carolyne and Robert Grant O'Reilly, property at 1306 Hopkins Drive, Pulaski, \$335,000.
Michael J. Kutz to Zoe Alexis Arney property at 520 Bunts Street, Pulaski, \$148,000.
Morton Morgan Coleman to Katrina Coleman Doolittle, property at 136 Darst Avenue, Dublin, \$40,000.
Sandra Denise Houston to Holly Woodyard Boitnott, property at 6549 New River Road, New River, \$65,000.
Rebecca A. Douthat to Winston Massey, property at 4555 Mountain View Drive, \$260,000.
Lynneart, LLC to Red Fox Lane Investments, LLC, property at 1004 Floyd Lane,

Pulaski, \$291,000.
GWCD, LLC to William Scott Mann, property off Phillips Farm Road near Claytor Lake in Snowville, \$880,000.
Michael T. Chrisley to West Street Properties, LLC, property at 5250 Alexander Road, Dublin, \$135,000.
NRV Growth, LLC to Hannah T. Croy, property at 301 State Street, Pulaski, \$146,000.
Jedidiah Lee Singleton to Taylor Parmelee, property to 1311 Hopkins Drive, Pulaski, \$237,000.
Josh Brooks to Teresa Lynn Johnson, property at 3225 Honaker Road, Draper, \$112,000.
Erin B. Lytton to Jacob Anthony Mowery, property at 2688 Draper Ridge Road, Draper, \$40,000.
Cora Elizabeth Naylor to Maellen Mabes Huff, property at 4605 Peak Creek Road, Pulaski, \$250,000.
Janet B. Lane to Christopher C. Naylor, property at 2891 Barrett Ridge Road, Draper, \$295,000.
Club Cracker Business Trust to David Alley, property at 1756 Case Knife Road, Pulaski, \$76,500.
Gregory Wayne McNeil to Thomas J. Chambers, property at 5273 Grand View Drive, Dublin, \$149,000.
Betty A. Robertson to Destiny T. Nester, property at 217 Dunbar Avenue, Dublin, \$195,000.
Jerry T. Weaver, Jr. to Thomas

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EDITORIAL

Some Things Never Change

If you thought 2024 would be any different than the first three years of the Biden Administration when it comes to overbearing energy regulations, you thought wrong. The Administration is still fully committed to their Green New Deal objectives, no matter the burden it places on everyday Americans.

Just a few days before the start of the new year, on December 29, the Biden Administration announced new regulations affecting multiple home and commercial appliances. The Department of Energy (DOE) said they have both finalized new energy efficiency standards on home refrigerators and freezers (which were proposed by the agency earlier this year) and have also proposed new standards for commercial fans and blowers.

As you may know, this is just the latest in new regulations on home appliances that the Biden Administration has implemented since the start of their tenure.

As I talked about in an August column, DOE has also announced new regulations for washing machines, gas stoves, dishwashers, air conditioners, electric water heaters, and light bulbs.

Talk about government overreach! Is there any appliance inside your own home the Administration won't meddle with?

In a statement by Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm, she wrote that these new regulations are "a testament to the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to lowering utility costs for working families..."

But, according to DOE, when updating their refrigerator, Americans are projected to save just about \$16 per year on their utility bill.

In many cases, because of the new regulations, new appliances will be more expensive. Really? Just to save \$16 per year?

There is also the question of effectiveness. Folks in the 9th District who have updated some of their home appliances have complained to me about the effectiveness of their appliances. Like washing machines that now don't use enough water to properly do the job, thus causing some loads to be washed twice. Or dishwashers that take twice as long to finish their cycles because of new standards.

It should be noted that according to DOE, regulations on refrigerators and freezers are to be implemented in five to six years, depending on the model and configuration of your new appliance.

If this Administration and their left-wing allies in Congress are still in power then, maybe energy prices will be so outrageously high that it may seem worth having an appliance that is less productive than today's appliances.

There is also the manufacturing side. For example, when the Administration announced its new regulations on gas stoves, 18 energy and consumer advocacy organizations sent a letter to DOE saying the new regulation would negatively impact consumer choice and is therefore "arbitrary and capricious" while also having little effect on climate change.

Whatever the cost impact on manufacturers is, due to the new regulations announced on December 29, you can bet it will be passed on to the consumer, which drives prices higher.

Additionally, when announcing the proposed new standards for commercial fans and blowers, the agency said the proposed regulations are the first-ever federal regulations for these appliances.

Why did they decide to regulate commercial fans and blowers for the first time?

Because they are following the direction of California, which has established standards for general fans.

While this move is unfortunate, it's not surprising. It seems the Administration and many on the left, including in Virginia, are taking direction from California more and more these days (example: California banning the sale of new gas-powered cars and mandating the sale of new electric cars by 2035).

As O.H. Skinner, the Alliance For Consumers' executive director, rightfully put it, "...this administration isn't just tweaking regulations. They're doing things that effectively ban whole categories of things that exist on the market."

Meaning, it's not just a difference in price Americans will have to deal with, but also, choice. And that choice will be whatever the Biden Administration's government decides is right.

It's time to stop with the overbearing green agenda being pushed by the left, without consideration of the consequences.

As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I was proud to vote in favor of H.R. 6192, the Hands Off Our Home Appliances Act at a December meeting. It would modify DOE's energy efficient mandate to make sure that consumers actually save money on their utility bills in a reasonable timeframe. I will fight for policies that will protect the average American family's interests. When creating new laws and regulations, we must weigh choices and costs on a similar footing with legitimate environmental concerns.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at <https://morgangriffith.house.gov/>.

Thomas Jefferson and Religious Liberty

Thank God for Dr. David Barton, historian, author, lecturer and founder of WallBuilders.com. Because of Barton's passion for collecting and preserving documents from the founding of our nation, and teaching the truth about the Biblical basis of our nation, I uncovered a treasure trove of information about Thomas Jefferson.

Prior to this discovery, I was in a quandry when hearing educators discuss Jefferson's so-called diesm, and his desire for a "wall of separation of church and state" to restrict religious activities and symbols from public forums.

In a lengthy article I found in the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy, Barton has published this astonishing and detailed treatise, "The Image and the Reality: Thomas Jefferson and the First Amendment."

Let's review a bit of early American history and get to know more about Thomas Jefferson before getting into any of the nitty-gritty of the article. We may actually have to write this as a short series because there is so much truth locked inside of Barton's writings.

Animosity began revving up in the late 1760's and spilled over into 1770's. The Colonists had been in opposition to some of Great Britain King George's decrees and taxes. They had repeatedly sent emissaries to his court in hopes of ensuring a peaceful settlement between the Colonies and Great Britain. When this did not transpire and instead

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

British Parliament repeatedly passed more and more restrictive laws such as the Stamp Act, the Townshend Acts and the Tea Act, the Continental Congress came together in Philadelphia to try to find a solution. Instead, they created the Declaration of Independence in July 1776. Jefferson, as a representative of the Congress and member of the Committee of Five, would pen the immortal words that changed the world in the Declaration of Independence.

To begin, he proclaimed ideas that were held by all the members on the Committee – that there are natural rights belonging to mankind and that it is the responsibility of the government to protect those rights. The three main purposes of the Declaration were broken down into understandable concepts: God created mankind equal and gave them the rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness; Governments are established to protect these rights; and if a government doesn't honor these rights or tries to withhold rights from the people, the people are free to revolt and set up a new government.

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More Bills I'll Submit

I hope you and your family had a fun (and safe) new year's celebration last week! By the time this article hits print, I will be in Richmond for the 2024 Virginia General Assembly legislative session to take on the challenges facing the Commonwealth and our region. As has been stated frequently in all manners of news media, the 2024 General Assembly will have a unique composition unlike anything in modern memory due to the large turnover of experienced legislators through redistricting. Although Democrats hold both the House and Senate by the slimmest of margins, we could still see some unpredictable results.

In a past article, I provided you some information about legislation I plan on introducing this session. Now I'd like to share a few more bills with you that you may find interesting.

One piece of legislation I'll submit will change the name of "Drug Treatment Courts" to "Recovery Courts." Many of us either know someone or have been touched in some way by drug addiction, much of it spurred on by the opioid epidemic we are still fighting hard to defeat. By erasing the stigma that "Drug Treatment Courts" imply and instead focusing on the positivity of recovery, I anticipate that more of our friends and neighbors will successfully complete the program and lead happy and productive lives.

I'm also planning to introduce legislation that would create the "Virginia Firefighting Facilities Grant Program." I hear from many of our rural communities that their volunteer fire department facilities are aging, and that there are minimal state programs available to address repairing and replacing this vital infrastructure. Without state assistance, sparsely populated rural communities are left to foot the bill, even if they are

unable to afford it. I'm hopeful that my House and Senate colleagues will agree on the necessity of this legislation for rural Virginia.

And finally – at least for today's column – I'll be submitting legislation that allows out-of-state army reserve soldiers to qualify for in-state tuition when attending Virginia institutions of higher education. This is the right thing to do for those who serve our country, and it has the added benefit of enticing more reservists to the Commonwealth where they can contribute to our economy.

I look forward to returning to Richmond to represent your interests in the Virginia General Assembly. It is an honor and a responsibility that I do not take lightly, and I hope you will contact me with your thoughts on any legislation of interest to you that may come before me for a vote. I also love to see visitors from the 42nd District, so don't hesitate to reach out to my office if you'd like to set up a visit!

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, 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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Confession of a public health expert

The public-health officials are getting around to admitting the fallibility of public-health officials.

The former head of the National Institutes of Health during the pandemic and current science advisor to President Joe Biden, Francis Collins, has noted that he and his colleagues demonstrated an "unfortunate" narrow-mindedness.

This is a welcome, if belated, confession.

Not too long ago, anyone who said that epidemiologists might be overly focused on disease prevention to the exclusion of other concerns -- you know, like jobs, mental health and schooling -- were dismissed as reckless nihilists who didn't care if their fellow citizens died en masse.

Now, Francis Collins has weighed in to tell us that many of the people considered close-minded and anti-science during COVID-19 were advancing an appropriately balanced view of the trade-offs inherent in the pandemic response.

"If you're a public-health person and you're trying to make a decision, you have this very narrow view of what the right decision is," Collins said at an event earlier this year that garnered attention online the last couple of days.

This is not a new insight, or a surprising one. It's a little like saying Bolsheviks will be focused on nationalizing the means of production over everything else, or a golf pro will be monomaniacal about the proper mechanics of a swing.

The problem comes, of course, when public health, or "public health," becomes the only guide to public policy. Then, you are giving a group of obsessives, who have an important role to play within proper limits, too much power in a way that is bound to distort your society.

Francis Collins, again: "So you attach infinite value to stopping the disease and saving a life. You attach zero value to whether this actually totally disrupts people's lives, ruins the economy, and has many kids kept out of school in a way that they never quite recover from."

True and well said, but that's an awful lot of very important things to attach "zero value" to.

He also admitted to having an urban bias, driven by working out of Washington D.C. and thinking almost exclusively about New York City and other major cities.

If Francis Collins and his cohort got it wrong, the likes of Florida governor Ron DeSantis and Georgia governor Brian Kemp -- and the renegade scientists and doctors who supported their more modulated approach to the pandemic -- got it right.

It's always worth remembering that the pandemic was a once-in-hundred-years event and initially, we had very little information and very few means to prevent and treat the disease. It is inevitable that decision-makers are going to make mistakes in such a crisis, and adjust as they go.

That said, the scientists who were in positions of authority could have shown more modesty. They could have welcomed debate. They could

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The language in the Declaration contains 14-concepts, words or phrases that reference the Judeo-Christian religion and that the entire Congress agreed upon: Creator, God, Truth, for example.

Since Jefferson was the main contributor to the Declaration of Independence, and the document is replete with religious references, does it make sense that he should be labeled a diest?

Jefferson wrote over 60-volumes of his thoughts, concepts, beliefs during his lifetime, and Barton has brought much of his writings about religion to light. Contrary to some popular belief, Jefferson supported Christian religious activities while serving as Governor of Virginia and later as the third U.S. President. “Jefferson often expressed his personal affinity for the teachings of Jesus and was not offended by the Bible. He frequently used its references in his own writings and was a financial backer of the Virginia Bible Society.”

According to Barton’s research from the *Annals of Congress* 797, “In 1800, when Washington, D.C., became the national capital and the President moved into the White House and Congress into the Capitol, Congress approved the use of the Capitol building as a church building for Christian worship services.” It was in this most recognizable of all government buildings-the Capitol-that President Jefferson attended church each Sunday.” President Jefferson even sanctioned paid government musicians assisting in the worship at those church services.’ He also effected similar Christian worship services on Sunday in his own Executive Branch, both at the Treasury Building and at the War Office.”

Further proof of Jefferson’s embracement of the Christian religion is found by Barton: “In 1801, President Jefferson urged local governments to make land available specifically for Christian purposes (a clear violation of the Supreme Court’s *Lemon, Establishment, and Endorsement* tests). In an 1803 federal Indian treaty, President Jefferson provided \$300 to ‘assist the said Kaskaskia tribe in the erection of a church’ and to provide ‘annually for seven years \$100 towards the support of a Catholic priest.’ He also signed three separate acts setting aside government lands for the sole use of religious groups so that Moravian missionaries might be assisted in ‘promoting Christianity’ (another clear violation of all

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have distanced themselves from -- or better yet, denounced -- the campaign of moral bullying carried out in their name.

Many people wanted to outsource their thinking to the experts and then, with a great sense of righteousness, rely on arguments from authority to demonize their opponents and shut down every policy dispute.

Francis Collins, one of the most eminent scientists in the country and a subtle thinker who dissents from the orthodoxy that science and faith are incompatible, would have been an ideal voice to counter the propaganda campaigns that aimed to suppress unwelcome views and even unwelcome facts. Instead, he stuck with his tribe.

It’s progress, though, to realize that scientists, too, are susceptible to group-think, recency bias and parochialism; that the experts may know an incredible amount about a very narrow area, while knowing little to nothing about broader matters of greater consequence; that point of views considered dangerous lunacy may, over time, prove out, so they shouldn’t be censored or otherwise quashed.

It’s not just that the scientists acted like blinkered scientists during the pandemic; they tolerated, or participated in, agitprop that was inimical to the scientific spirit and to good public policy.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

four of the Court’s “Separation of Church and State tests). In 1804, President Jefferson assured a Christian religious school in the newly purchased Louisiana Territory that it would receive ‘the patronage of the government.’ He even closed presidential documents with the appellation, ‘In the year of our Lord Christ’”

The question arises, if our modern historians and some of our past Supreme Court Justices consider Jefferson a diest, then why would President Jefferson be so overfly encouraging of Christianity?

When asked that question by a contemporary while walking to church together, Jefferson explained: “No nation has ever existed or been governed without religion. Nor can be. The Christian religion is the best religion that has been given to man and I, as Chief Magistrate of this nation, am bound to give it the sanction of my example.”



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Va. Tech, Extension gain funding for specialty crops

From Virginia Tech

Six Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension projects that help advance the competitiveness of specialty crops grown in the commonwealth have been awarded nearly \$550,000 through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)’s Specialty Crop Block Grants program. The projects are aimed at assisting Virginia farmers in making specialty crop production a driver of economic development.

Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture. Virginia Tech and Extension’s projects address a wide range of concerns, including water treatment of crops, using drones for pest management, increasing greenhouse strawberry health, and disease and frost damage prevention.

The following projects received funding through the Specialty Crop Block Grants program:

- Validating in-field water treatments to enhance produce safety: Led by Associate Professor Laura Strawn in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ Department of Food, Science, and Technology, researchers will evaluate how well different chemical treatments work to reduce on-farm water



Photo courtesy of Sam Dean Photography
Virginia Tech and Extension’s projects address a wide range of concerns, including water treatment of crops, using drones for pest management, increasing greenhouse strawberry health, and disease and frost damage prevention.

contamination to specialty crops. The findings will help Virginia growers identify Environmental Protection Agency-approved sanitizers to treat water used in the field and create best practices for water treatment to reduce contamination.

- Use of drone-spray for weed management in specialty crops: This project, led by Vijay Singh, assistant professor of weed science and Extension specialist at the Virginia Tech Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center, will evaluate the economic benefits of using drones to apply herbicides that

inhibit weed growth in specialty crops. Previous studies using drones to spray soybeans and corn have shown higher efficacy and better cost savings than backpack spray applications. This will be the first test of drone-applied herbicides on specialty crops, specifically tomatoes and broccoli.

- Increasing yield in greenhouse soilless strawberries using growth-promoting bacteria: This study aims to promote the growth and yield of greenhouse soilless strawberries by using

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY, FOR APPROVAL TO CONTINUE RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE, THE EE-RAC, AND FOR APPROVAL OF NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO §§ 56-585.1 A 5 c AND 56-596.2 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUR-2023-00169

• **Appalachian Power Company (“APCo”) requests a total annual revenue requirement of \$32.9 million for its EE-RAC. According to APCo, this amount would increase the bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by approximately \$1.29 effective September 1, 2024.**

• **A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing in this case on May 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., for the receipt of public witness testimony.**

• **An evidentiary hearing will also be held on May 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of the Company, any respondents, and Staff.**

• **Further information about this case is available on the Commission website at: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.**

On November 30, 2023, Appalachian Power Company (“APCo” or “Company”), pursuant to §§ 56-585.1 A 5 c and 56-596.2 of the Code of Virginia (“Code”) and the Final Order of the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) in Case No. PUR-2021-00236, filed with the Commission a petition (“Petition”) for approval: (i) of the continued implementation of its rate adjustment clause (“EE-RAC”) to recover the costs of its portfolio of energy efficiency (“EE”) programs; (ii) of two new EE programs; and, (iii) to continue and enhance existing programs. Pursuant to Code § 56-585.1, the Commission must issue a final order regarding the Petition within eight months of filing.

Specifically, the Company proposes to recover a total annual revenue requirement for the EE-RAC of approximately \$32.9 million for the rate year of September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025 (“Rate Year”). The proposed annual revenue requirement consists of two components: (i) a projected factor of approximately \$27.8 million in costs related to the EE Portfolio during the Rate Year, and (ii) a true-up factor of approximately \$5.1 million designed to return (or recover) any over- or under recovery of costs associated with the EE Portfolio from prior periods. APCo represents that it calculated the margin on EE program expenses based on a return on common equity of 9.2%, and that the Company anticipates the margin to change to 9.5% to be applied prospectively in accordance with the Commission’s Final Order in Case No. PUR-2023-00002.

APCo states that the implementation of the proposed EE-RAC effective September 1, 2024, would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by approximately \$1.29. APCo states that the Company intends to submit its next EE-RAC petition two years from now, and asks the Commission to order the Company make this filing on or before November 30, 2025. Therefore, the Company proposes that the rates set in this proceeding would be in effect for approximately two years.

The two new EE programs APCo proposes to implement are the Residential School Kits Program and the Residential Multifamily In-Unit Program. The Company states that its Residential School Kits Program will provide energy education and take-home kits to students throughout APCo’s service territory. The Company states that its Residential Multifamily In-Unit Program will provide a range of products and services that result in lower energy usage; including the direct installation of energy-saving measures and materials in individual units of multifamily buildings with five or more units, and will identify and assist residents in completing additional energy savings opportunities.

There are three existing programs previously approved by the Commission, comprising the Residential Low Income Single Family Program, the Residential Low Income Multifamily Program, and the Home Performance Program, that the Company seeks to extend by establishing a new five-year cycle to start in 2025. Further, APCo proposes to make changes to enhance programs previously approved by the Commission, including the Energy Efficiency Kits Program, the Efficient Products Program, the Business Energy Solutions Program, and the Small Business Direct Install Program.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company’s Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on APCo’s Petition. On May 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned will hold the telephonic portion of the hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before May 14, 2024, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Hearing Examiner to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission’s website at sec.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@sec.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at sec.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on May 21, 2024, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On May 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and has required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company’s Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: James G. Ritter, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or jritter@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission’s website: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before May 14, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Petition electronically by following the instructions on the Commission’s website: sec.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00169.

On or before February 27, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00169.

On or before March 26, 2024, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness’s testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be sent to Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneously with its filing. In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00169.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice, the public version of the Company’s Petition, the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the Commission’s website at: sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

The Justice property that fronts Memorial Drive, Peppers Ferry Road and Lee Highway (Route 11). Much of the land was the subject of a rezoning battle several years ago when Walmart sought to have the land rezoned so it could construct a “super store.” The rezoning was denied by Town Council then, due primarily to concerns from town residents living near the area, leading Walmart to move build its super store in the county - seven miles away outside of the Town of Dublin where it is today.

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Specialty Crop Block Grant program funding is authorized annually by the 2018 Farm Bill and awarded through a competitive grant process established by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for funding provided by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service Specialty Crop Block Grant program.

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services gave priority to projects that assist farmers transitioning into specialty, high-value agricultural initiatives that address the eligible specialty crop; increase net farm income through high-value or value-added enterprises; find new ways to market or add value to specialty agricultural products; and develop pilot and demonstration programs in specialty agriculture that have the potential for use within rural Virginia.

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NRCC president announces retirement

New River Community College president Dr. Pat Huber has announced plans to retire, effective at the end of December 2024.

Huber assumed the role of president in July 2017 and upon retirement, will have served more than 35 years at NRCC. She first joined the college faculty in 1988 as a part-time English instructor, teaching night classes. Later roles included positions as a division dean and academic vice president.

Accomplishments during her tenure, which Huber described as “our” rather than “my,” have included offering high quality academic and workforce development programs, providing a nurturing environment for student growth and success, growing the ACCE program and strengthening fundraising,



Dr. Pat Huber

enjoying strong partnerships throughout the New River Valley and beyond, upgrading program equipment and facilities, and, most recently, seeing a rebound in enrollment. Plans for selection of Huber’s successor will be announced at a later date.

Girl Scout Cookie season kicks off

Roanoke, VA— Tuesday, Virginia Skyline Council kicked off the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie season in southwest and central Virginia, the annual event in which Girl Scouts unbox their futures as young female entrepreneurs through the world’s largest entrepreneurial program for girls.

During this highly-anticipated time of the year, girls flex their entrepreneurial muscles and acquire important life skills like money management, team building, public speaking and decision making. All proceeds from cookie sales stay with local councils and troops to power Girl Scouts’ amazing experiences year-round.

This year’s theme, Unbox the Future, aims to remove social barriers that often keep girls boxed in. When bold, goal-getting Girl Scouts sell a package of cookies, they’re doing much more than what’s seen at face value. Girl Scouts do more than sell delicious treats—they’re entrepreneurial powerhouses creating a more equitable future for themselves and the world. Every box of cookies sold provides invaluable experiences for Girl Scouts such as service projects, troop travel and summer camp.

This season, cookie lovers can enjoy the full assortment of Girl Scout Cookies, including fan favorites such as Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, and more. Also cookie supporters can enjoy newer flavors such as S’mores, Lemon-Ups, and Toffee-tastic (our gluten-free cookie).

Nationally nearly 700k girls participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, and here at home in Virginia Skyline Council, 200+ troops participate with close to 2,000 Girl Scouts. The Girl Scout Cookie Program provides vital girl-led entrepreneurial skills that build courage, confidence, and character. As a result, girls obtain limitless barrier-breaking futures outside the box with transferable life skills. Girl Scouts can earn a variety of badges and awards to develop valuable business skills including Cookie Business badges, Financial Literacy badges, Cookie Entrepreneur Family pins and Entrepreneur badges.

How to Purchase Girl Scout Cookies This Season

Girl Scout Cookie season runs until March 18 in the Virginia Skyline Council

region. Fans of Girl Scout Cookies can support Girl Scouting by purchasing cookies for \$6.00 a box in a few different ways:

- If you know a registered Girl Scout, reach out to her to purchase cookies.
- If you don’t know a Girl Scout, visit www.gsvsc.org/cookies to use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder to find cookie booths in your area. Can’t find a local booth? Then contact us at info@gsvsc.org and we’ll find a local troop to fix that cookie craving you have!

- Beginning February 16, enter your zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at www.girlscoutcookies.org to purchase from a local Girl Scout troop online for shipment to your door or to donate cookies to first responders and local causes.

- You can also text COOKIES to 59618 to stay informed about how to purchase Girl Scout Cookies now and in the future.

Girl Scouts in grades K–12 can start their journey to fun, friendship, and new experiences by joining the world’s largest entrepreneurial organization for girls at any point in the year. Right now, girls can join for FREE: www.gsvsc.org/join

Transfers

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Alexander Ratcliffe, property on Haga Drive, \$137,000.

Russell William Shelburne to Konner Nichole-Sue Deeds, property at 5220 New Dublin Church Road, Dublin, \$139,900.

Jeffery Carroll Hamilton to Betty A. Robertson, property at 5910 Old Route 11, Dublin, \$215,000.

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Loretta J. Surratt to Sydney R. Altizer, property off Third Street, S.E., \$7,500.



Waiting



Hands

Borgarelli wins both photo categories in Radford Photo Club competition

Michele Borgarelli finished the Radford Photo Club’s year by winning both the theme and the open categories in the December contests.

The theme category was Best of 2023.Borgarelli’s photo, “Hands,” was taken during a trip to India. He explains, “Sometimes details may tell a story. This woman owns a little vegetable street shop in the old city of Jodhpur, India. When we noticed her, we stopped by and asked to her if we could take a picture. She smiled and said: ‘You know I am famous’. This raised our curiosity, so we asked for more details. She showed us a local newspaper showing a picture of her that was published on the National Geographic

magazine. I believe her hands tells the story of her life.”

He titled his winning photo in the open category “Waiting,” Borgarelli explains, “A woman is sitting outdoors at the MoMA (Museum of Modern Art) in New York. The chair placed in a different direction may suggest she is waiting for somebody to come. At the end is what we all do.”

Adi Ben-Senior will present the program on photographing city scenes and urban landscapes at the Thursday, Jan. 18, Radford Photo Club meeting at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library.

The photo challenge for January is black and white outdoor photography. There is

also an open challenge.

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

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SPORTS

Saban retires after seven national titles

By JOHN ZENOR
AP Sports Writer

Nick Saban's coaching reign has come to an end. His dominance over college football, however, will forever linger in lore.

Saban, who won seven national championships — more than any major college football coach — and turned

Alabama back into a national powerhouse that shattered an Associated Press poll record for most consecutive seasons at No. 1, announced his retirement Wednesday.

"The University of Alabama has been a very special place to Terry and me," Saban said in a statement. "It is not just about how many games we won and lost, but it's about the legacy

and how we went about it. We always tried to do it the right way."

Saban, 72, restored a Crimson Tide program once ruled by Paul "Bear" Bryant to the top of college football after taking over in 2007. As he stacked his wins, Saban's celebrity status reached royalty levels in the state of Alabama.

For a time, he was the sport's

overlord and there was little that could be done to stop him.

Saban won six of his titles during his 17 seasons at Alabama. He won his first with LSU in 2003. His Tide teams were ranked No. 1 in the AP poll in a remarkable 15 straight seasons, breaking the old record of seven held by Miami.

Saban's wife, Terry, posted about their "incredible run" at

Alabama on the Facebook page for Nick's Kids Foundation.

"We hope that the Saban legacy will be about helping others and making a positive difference in people's lives as well as the winning tradition on the field," Terry Saban wrote.

Saban's tutelage helped launch the head coaching careers

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She's Back!

Hannah Keefer returns to action after a foot injury kept her sidelined for the first part of the season. Keefer had 16 points to lead the Cougars in scoring against Christiansburg. Pulaski County beat the Blue Demon girls, 60-53. (Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing)

Cougars keep it close, but fall to Titans

By RODNEY YOUNG
Patriot Publishing

ROANOKE – Pulaski County battled, but once again couldn't finish at the end of the game.

Down just 55-52 with 2:10 remaining, and having fought back from being 10 down, the Cougars made too many mistakes and missed too many shots.

Hidden Valley pulled away in the last two minutes and defeated the Cougars, 64-55.

The Titans placed four players in double figures. Steele Torrance led them with 16. Braxton Nichols and Wyatt Clarke both had 13 points apiece, and Brady Bartlett chipped in with 10.

The Cougars (4-9, 0-4) got 18 points from Lane Nester and fellow senior Marcus Reed finished with 11. Jalere Harlow had nine points and Tootie O'Dell knocked down eight points. O'Dell helped bring the Cougars back in the final quarter, hitting two big threes. Harlow scored four points and Nester knocked down six in the final quarter.

"We didn't make shots," said Cougar head coach Anthony Akers. "We have to improve our shooting, that's for sure. We missed some wide open shots and had good looks at the basket."

The Cougars saw the Titans jump out to 7-0 start. They would cut their deficit to four, 13-9 at the end of the quarter. They would then outscore the Titans in the second period and would only be down 30-27 at intermission.

Pulaski County would find

themselves down 55-45 with 4:05 to go in the game, but would go on a 7-0 run to get back into the game. A couple turnovers and three missed shots would do them in over the last couple minutes.

The Cougar junior varsity won their fourth in a row to improve their record to 10-4 on the season. They beat the young Titans, 58-48. Silas Sweet had a game-high 21 points for the Cougars. Parker Price had 11 points and seven rebounds. Kaleb Sartin chipped in with six points. The Titans got 19 points from Chase Gattison and 11 from Evan Cobb.

Pulaski Co. 9 18 12 16 - 55
Hidden Valley 13 17 14 20 - 64

Scoring - Pulaski Co. - Nester 18, Reed 11, Harlow 9, O'Dell 8, Anderson 6, Hollins 3, Hidden Valley - Bartlett 10, Torrence 16, Clarke 13, Nichols 13, Cooper 5, W. Womeldorf 5, Bass 2,

3 Pt. Goals - Pulaski Co. - 4 (O'Dell 2, Harlow, Nester), HV - 8 (Nichols 3, Torrence 2, Bartlett, Clarke, W. Womeldorf)

Total FG's - Pulaski Co. - 23, HV - 23

FT's - Pulaski Co. - 5 -11, HV - 10-15

Total Fouls - Pulaski Co. - 14, HV - 15

Fouled Out- None

Technicals - None

Rivera fired in D.C.

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The Washington Commanders fired coach Ron Rivera on Monday, the first move of many expected by new owners as they put their stamp on the NFL franchise they bought last year.

The decision came a day after the Commanders' season-ending 38-10 home loss to division-rival Dallas.

"As we look ahead, we recognize the results this season were not good enough and a strategic shift in leadership and approach is necessary," controlling owner Josh Harris said in a statement.

Harris said he has asked co-owners Mitch Rales, Magic Johnson and David Blitzer as well as former NBA executive Bob Myers and ex-Minnesota Vikings GM Rick Spielman to work with him in the searches for a head of football personnel and coach. After Dan Snyder hired Rivera four years ago to do both jobs, ownership is now splitting those responsibilities.

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Patriots part with Belichick

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Six-time NFL champion Bill Belichick agreed to part ways as the coach of the New England Patriots on Thursday, bringing an end to his 24-year tenure as the architect of the most decorated dynasty of the league's Super Bowl era, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because it has not yet been announced.

ESPN first reported the decision. A news conference is planned for later in the day in which team owner Robert Kraft and Belichick will address the decision.

Belichick, 71, became just the third coach in NFL history to reach 300 career regular-season wins earlier this season, joining Hall of Famers Don Shula and George Halas. With 333 wins including the playoffs, Belichick trails only Shula (347 wins) for the record for victories by a coach.

But the Patriots ended this season 4-13, Belichick's worst record in 29 seasons as an NFL head coach. It supplanted the 5-11 mark he managed in his last year in Cleveland in 1995 and again in his first year in New England in 2000. Including the playoffs, he ends his Patriots tenure with a 333-178 overall record.

With his cutoff hoodies and ever-present scowl, Belichick teamed with quarterback Tom Brady to lead the Patriots to six Super Bowl victories, nine AFC titles and 17 division championships in 19 years. During a less successful — but also tumultuous — stint with the original Cleveland Browns, Belichick earned 37 of his career victories.

It's not immediately clear who Kraft will tap to replace the future Hall of Famer.

Patriots linebackers coach Jerod Mayo won a Super Bowl ring playing under Belichick

and has interviewed for multiple head coaching vacancies since becoming a New England assistant in 2019. Mayo turned down a few interviews last offseason before signing a contract extension to remain with the Patriots.

Mike Vrabel, who was fired earlier this week by the Tennessee Titans and won three Super Bowls with the Patriots, is

also expected to be a candidate for the head coaching job.

Belichick had been grooming offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels to replace him before McDaniels left following the 2021 season to become the coach of the Raiders. He has since been fired by Las Vegas. Belichick's two sons, Steve and Brian, are also on the coaching staff.

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Position specifics, requirements and application are posted at USAJOBS.GOV. The position closes on 1/22/2024.

Feel free to contact the New River Valley Farm Service Agency at 540-585-3651 or derek.pruitt@usda.gov.

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Pulaski County Library Assistant Clerk

The Pulaski County Library is now accepting applications for a part-time Library Assistant Clerk. Primary duties include: performing paraprofessional duties of a routine nature in library public services work, assisting the public; maintaining library materials; and assisting the public with library computers and reference needs. Please refer to www.pulaskicounty.org for a detailed job description. This is a part-time position of approximately 15 hours per week. Some evening and Saturday work may be required. The starting wage is \$13.00 per hour.

Interested individuals may apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or may download an application from www.pulaskicounty.org and submit it to hr@pulaskicounty.org.

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Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

Pulaski Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2023, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW to discuss the following:

- Amending section 11.2 of Town of Pulaski Zoning Ordinances, amending the definition of "Medical Office(s)" from "...substance abuse disorder services" to "...substance abuse disorder clinics."
- Amending section 11.2 of Town of Pulaski Zoning Ordinances to include the following definition: "Substance Abuse Disorder Clinic(s)-- An outpatient establishment where patients receive diagnosis, assessments, treatments, and follow-up care for suspected cases of substance use or abuse disorders, which dispense and/or administer controlled substances on the clinic premises that are not available to non-patients."

All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Town Planner, Summer Bork by Jan. 15, 2023.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHWORTH, AUBREY NICOLE

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.

It is ORDERED that the defendant appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before FEBRUARY 13, 2024 AT 8:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 14, 2023

RUBY STUMP,
Clerk

LOCAL JOB



Pulaski County Construction Inspector

Pulaski County is seeking a qualified Construction Inspector that will be required to perform on-site inspections of various contracted construction projects for Pulaski County and the PSA. Inspections will include storage tanks, water pump stations, gravity sewer lines, sewer lift station installation and construction, mechanical, electrical and plumbing equipment maintenance/ installation on public buildings and facilities as well as pedestrian trail and roadway construction.

Any combination of education and experience including HVAC, Electrical and plumbing certifications are preferred as well as VDOT Materials Certifications for Asphalt Field Level 1 and 2, slurry surfacing, surface treatment, soils and aggregates compaction, pavement marking, concrete field and work zone safety.

Applicant must possess a valid Virginia Driver's License and undergo a drug, alcohol and background check. The salary scale for this position is \$35,323 – 55,942 and is commensurate based on education and experience. This is a full time position and includes full benefits such as health, dental, optional vision, retirement, vacation and sick leave and paid holidays.

Interested individuals can apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission or may download and submit an application from www.pulaskicounty.org to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director at tnichols@pulaskicounty.org. A full job description is also available on the website.

Position is open until filled.

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Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing to consider this application for the Month of January. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2024 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

- Rezone Application submitted by Jim Hager, rezone of Tax Map 056-001-0000-059A, from Industrial (I) to Conservation (C) located Shadawn Park. Draper District
- Rezone Application submitted by Melinda Travis, rezone of Tax Map 065-001-0000-0118, from Medium Density Residential (MR) to Agriculture (A) located at 4619 Wish Lane Dublin, VA, 24084. Draper District
- Special Use Permit Application submitted by The Towers LLC d/ba Cellco Partnership d/ba/ Verizon Wireless on behalf of Stephen Hedge located at Tax Map # 066-014-0000-0013 TBD Deertrot Lane Dublin, VA 24084. Ingles District.
- UDO Amendment- Pulaski County Solar Ordinance

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION	
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAYETTE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA	
IN RE:	PETITION OF T. L. O. to adopt A. M. P. O. and P. G.-L. O., infants over the age of thirteen years,
	Petitioner,
	CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2023-A-37 (B)
NOTICE	
To:	Andrea Ann Kessler, parent
	Fayette County, West Virginia, Circuit Court Case No. 2023-A-37
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Fayette County, West Virginia, under the above referenced case number for the adoption of A. M. P. O. and P. G. L. O., in Fayette County, West Virginia. The Petitioner is T. L. O. The attorney for Petitioner is Thomas K. Fast of Fast Law Office L.C. with the address of P. O. Box 420, Fayetteville, West Virginia 25840. A copy of the Petition may be obtained by you from the Clerk of said Court. You are notified that your parental rights may be terminated in the proceeding. You are further notified that a hearing in this matter is now scheduled for February 23, 2024, at 1:15 p.m., in the chambers of the Honorable Paul M. Blake, Jr., whose courtroom is located at the Fayette County Courthouse, 100 North Court Street, Fayetteville, West Virginia, of which you may appear and defend if you so desire. You may appear and defend your parental rights. If you do not respond and or appear on or before February 23, 2024, judgment by default may be entered against you without your participation. If you fail to respond within the required time, you may not appear in or receive further notice of the adoption proceedings.	
IT IS SO ORDERED.	
ENTER:	January 10, 2024
Travis W. Prince, Circuit Clerk Fayette County Circuit Clerk	
Prepared by:	
/s/ Thomas K. Fast Thomas K. Fast (WVSB#6312) Fast Law Office L.C. P.O. Box 420 Fayetteville, WV 25840 Phone: 304-574-0777 Facsimile: 304-574-0623 Counsel for Petitioner	

Saban

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of Georgia's Kirby Smart, Texas' Steve Sarkisian and Mississippi's Lane Kiffin, among others.

He finished just shy of the top in his final season, leading the Tide from a shaky start to a Southeastern Conference championship and back into the College Football Playoff before falling in overtime to Michigan in a semifinal game at the Rose Bowl.

Alabama athletic director Greg Byrne called him "one of the greatest coaches of all time, in any sport."

Saban led the Tide to nine SEC championships and won his first national title at Alabama with a 14-0 season in 2009. Titles came again in 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2020. He also won the SEC with LSU in 2001 and 2003.

After a 7-6 debut in 2007, Saban won at least 10 games in his final 16 seasons.

It wasn't until the rise of Dabo Swinney's Clemson teams in the late 2010s and later Smart's Georgia Bulldogs that any school could be considered a consistent threat to the Tide.

Saban has stepped away as the fabric of college football undergoes dramatic change. Colorado's Deion Sanders, a coach who has sought to capitalize on the intervention of players profiting financially from their play on the field, said on social media "College Football just lost the GOAT"

"WOW! I knew it would happen 1 day soon but not this soon," he wrote. "The game has change so much that it chased the GOAT away. College football let's hold up our mirrors and say HONESTLY what u see."

Terry Saban addressed the changes to college football in her post, referencing her husband's famed "process."

"The rules for the game of football may change, but the 'process' will never go out of style: hard work, discipline, the relentless pursuit of a worthy goal, not cutting corners, and doing things the right way for the sake of constant personal improvement, not for the scoreboard," she wrote.

Saban made a two-year foray into the NFL with the Miami Dolphins before returning to college to revive one of the nation's most storied programs, which hadn't won a national title in 15 years. Saban is 297-71-1 as a college head coach, with stops at Toledo, Michigan

State and LSU. But Alabama is where he cemented his status as one of college football's greatest coaches.

He coached Alabama's first four Heisman Trophy winners and numerous NFL players, going 206-29, a winning clip of 87.7%. His teams produced 44 first-round draft picks, including last year's No. 1 quarterback Bryce Young.

During that span, he also adapted to the changing times of up-tempo offenses, churning out high-scoring teams after winning with some of the nation's best defenses, along with the new NIL and transfer rules.

He led Toledo to a Mid-American Conference championship in 1990, his lone season as that program's coach. Saban worked as Bill Belichick's defensive coordinator with the Cleveland Browns for four seasons before becoming the first Michigan State coach to lead his first three teams to bowl games.

"I think he's the greatest coach in the history of football," Michigan State basketball coach and longtime Saban friend Tom Izzo said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "There are a lot of great coaches, but what he's done and the consistency that he did it — in an era where so many people and things are coming at you — is remarkable."

Saban's latest team dealt with plenty of adversity early, including a loss to Texas, but rebounded with the emergence of quarterback Jalen Milroe to upset then-No. 1 Georgia in the SEC championship game.

Saban didn't sound like a coach looking to give up the job any time soon after the game. But it wasn't a bad way to go, even without the title.

"This is one of the most amazing seasons in Alabama football history in terms of where this team came from, what they were able to accomplish and what they were able to do, winning the SEC championship, and really, really proud of this group," he said. "I just wish that I could have done more as a coach to help them be successful and help them finish, and all we can do now is learn from the lessons that sometimes failings bring to us."

SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey feels Saban isn't done entirely with college football.

"Knowing Nick? He's not walking away from the game. He's walking away from a role," Sankey said.

AP Sports Writers Larry Lage and Ralph Russo contributed to this report.

Rivera

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Myers served as president of basketball operations and GM of the Golden State Warriors as they won four championships, and he was selected as the league's executive of the year twice.

General manager Martin Mayhew and a majority of the front office and coaching staff are also expected to go, as Harris and his fellow owners begin shaping the organization less than six months after buying the team from Snyder.

Washington made one playoff appearance, winning an uncharacteristically weak NFC East at 7-9 in 2020, during Rivera's four seasons in charge of Washington's football operations. He never had a winning season.

"We did win an NFC East title in 2020, but we fell short since then, and for that, I am truly disappointed," Rivera said in a statement released by the team. "It wasn't easy and there is a lot more to be done, but I believe we began to change the culture of this organization in meaningful ways."

If Rivera does not get another head job in the league, he'll finish exactly one game under .500 at 102-103-2 in the regular season. Washington was 26-40-1 with Rivera in charge.

"Things kind of didn't go as we planned," said Sam Howell, who started every game this season at quarterback. "We didn't have a great year. It's always tough. At the end of the day, he's a good man, a good coach."

Rivera was hired by Snyder on New Year's Day 2020, less than a month after the veteran coach was fired by the Carolina Panthers, who he coached to the Super Bowl in the 2015 season. He was handed control in the aftermath of a chaotic era led by president Bruce Allen, which also included plenty of off-field misconduct that Rivera was forced to answer for as the voice of the organization.

"Ron helped navigate this organization through some challenging times," Harris said. "He is a good man and a thoughtful leader who has positively contributed to this organization and the NFL."

Tumultuous times were the norm, from two team name changes to the allegations of sexual harassment in the workplace before Rivera's arrival coming to light in the summer of 2020. Rivera was diagnosed with a form of skin cancer before that season started.



Felt recoil on a shotgun can be relative.

Dealing with that old demon recoil

Not long ago I promised readers wanting something on firearms a column, so here you go.

Without a doubt the greatest foe of our shooting enjoyment is the old demon recoil. Recoil and the resulting "kick" is the root of all evil in our shooting habits, whether we flinch, jerk triggers, or stop our gun swing as we try to compensate for getting hammered when the gun goes boom. Recoil is the greatest obstacle of novice and first time shooters even getting introduced to the sport. Ask any new shooter as they line up to try the shotgun, the thing they are most worried about is getting kicked.

Back in the alleged good old days it was common practice to hand a kid an ill-fitting shotgun and laugh when it kicked him like an army mule. I would like to say this practice has gone by the wayside but I still hear about it and see it on various embarrassing videos. There are legions of shooters who will carry bad habits to the grave, most of which are associated with recoil. The point is, shooting a shotgun should be fun and that means we need to do all we can to control recoil.

There are basically three ways to reduce recoil in a shotgun. (These methods will in general, work for reducing recoil in rifles as well) First is simply increase the weight of the gun. A heavier shotgun absorbs more of the recoil than a light one. This is why field guns used for hunting are often lighter than competition shotguns for trap or sporting clays, you will carry the field gun more than you will shoot it, just the opposite for a competition gun.

Next you can shoot lighter loads with less velocity. Reducing the amount of powder and lead in the shell will help greatly with recoil. (Newton's Third Law of Motion, opposite and equal reactions, remember?) Last you can insert some form of compensation between the gun and your shoulder. A recoil pad, a compressible device in the stock, or a gas operated action in the shotgun which disperses some of the gases expelled from the fired shell and lessens recoil.

Gas operated actions on shotguns can take several forms, but all of them use some type of piston which by the pressure of the fired round moves the action of the weapon. In this way the action is opened, the bolt moves back, the empty is extracted and the new round placed in the chamber. Boom, Boom, Boom.

1963 was definitely the watershed year for gas operated shotguns as Remington introduced the Model 1100. The 1100 followed the Remington Model 58 and 858 and replaced them as it became the first successful (and reliable) auto loading gas driven shotgun. Soon after coming onto the scene the 1100 became the darling of trap shooters, skeet shooters, and



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hunters as well.

Much of what made the 1100 so successful was its gas driven action took some of the sting out of shooting and it could run different kinds of ammo such as 2 ¾ and 3" in the Magnum models. (A foreshadowing of the appearance of the VersaMax years later)


The 1100 bleeds off some of the gasses from the fired shell and uses part of them to work the action as any auto loader gas gun does. The real genius in the 1100 action is that it is basically a gas powered 870 pump gun. The ports which bleed off excess gas are found near the front of the forearm. The gas from the fired round used to work the action move the action sleeve which connects to the bolt carrier and ejects the empty casing. A new shell is released from the magazine, this trips the carrier release, and the action spring in the stock pushes the bolt forward, the bolt grabs the new round and pushes it into the chamber.

No doubt you have heard more about a gun inventor from Utah named John Moses Browning than you have about Danish gun maker Christer Sjørgren. In 1903, both unveiled what would become iconic recoil operated shotgun actions. Browning gave us the Automatic 5 with what became known as the long recoil system. Sjørgren's shotgun harnessed the force of inertia and used it to move the bolt backwards as it pushed against a spring. This motion ejects the fired shell and loads a fresh round as the bolt returns to battery.

The Inertia gun was born but the idea lay largely dormant until it was resurrected by Benelli in the late 1960's. Benelli embraced the Inertia system and incorporated it in its line of semi auto shotguns, including its iconic Super Black Eagle. It should come as no surprise that other companies owned by Beretta, Franchi and Stoeger also offer Inertia shotguns.

So here is the deal on Inertia shotguns. Most have less moving parts than the gas operated guns, there are no pistons and chambers to capture and route the expelled gases, and with less parts these guns are almost always lighter. The Inertia gun uses the force of the gas to move the action of the gun rearward; it doesn't vent any of it off to lessen recoil. Inertia guns are generally considered less finicky, easier to clean, and will operate under severe conditions. The down side is they are also known to kick harder than gas operated shotguns. So how do we handle

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Journey To Faith

By Pat Priddy

Born of the Spirit

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth; no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying you must be born again. The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” John 3: 5-8

This is a fascinating conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus who questioned how someone could be born again. “Born again” to me is leaving your old life behind and becoming new in Jesus. What I found intriguing was what Jesus said about the Spirit. It’s like the wind coming and going as it pleases, and we can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going.

I sat with that thought for quite a while to determine what it means to me. When God speaks, it comes on a different wave length - a kind of energy that is different. I always pray to hear from the Spirit, and that I will recognize it in my heart, mind, and soul.

The Spirit may say,
“Be kind.”
“Why do you need to drink if your life is good?”
“Be quiet”
“Speak the truth in my Name.”
“Don’t go there.”
“That relationship is not for you.”
“Come out of that place.”
“Don’t take that position.”
“I’ve opened the door; go in.”

In my life, Jesus’s words are true! I listen and follow not knowing where I’m going but being assured that He does, and God is leading me to work for Him and the glory of His kingdom.

God will do the same for you. He has spoken through history, and He hasn’t stopped now. God needs you to hear His voice now more than ever. He will continue to speak through His Holy Spirit. Your job is to believe and, at times, be still. Wait on the Lord; He loves you beyond your imagination.
“Call to me, and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.” Jeremiah 33:3

We have no concept of His unconditional and continuous deep love. It is a divine love, not an earthy love. While you will know His voice, you will not be able to discern when it is coming or where you are going! You will only know in your heart that it was for you.

May 2024 be the year of your being born again in the Spirit of God. When He speaks to you, may your heart flip with the joy of His presence!

“And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.” Isaiah 30:21

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Patricia Priddy Farrell gifts and talents include being a coach, speaker, retreat leader, student, teacher, and certified Lay Minister for the Global 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.



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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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Sunday Service - 11:00am

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Service Times
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday Service

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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 10:45 am
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Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

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Worship: 11 am

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Sunday School : 11:00 AM

Something is missing

Have you ever felt like something was missing? When something is missing, it throws everything else off of kilter and things do not work right. When a fine looking car with all the extras and a big motor will not run. Something is missing. It needs a tank of gas to get up and go. The same thing is true spiritually. A person can look right, say all the right things, go to church every Sunday, but still have something missing in their life. Such was the case with Samson. He had uncut hair, and he did not consume anything from the vine, but there came a time when he realized something was missing. When he woke up with his head on Delilah's lap, he knew something was missing. Delilah had had his hair cut, but he knew something else was missing. Without it, things would not work.

He had it in the past. What was it? It was his anointing from God. To a Christian, there is nothing like the anointing of God. How did he get it, in the first place? God chose him and called him even before he was born. His parents taught him the ways of righteousness, and the anointing was upon him.

The anointing of God is important to us in serving God. Samson defeated the enemy many times. Moses lead the people because he was anointed. David sang, danced, clapped his hands and worshiped God with the anointing. Isaiah prophesied with it. Simon Peter preached with it. Paul healed the sick and raised the dead with it.

But Samson became careless with the anointing. He always expected it to be there, but he didn't take care of it. A person must love, respect, and nourish their anointing from God. While he should have been spending time with



God and God's people, Samson looked for comfort and friendship among his enemies. Carelessness with the anointing caused Samson to loose it. First by getting some honey. It seemed harmless. Honey is good for you and sweet to the taste. But, where did he get it? From a dead lion. Touching anything dead was forbidden to him.

Next, he was distracted by lust for the flesh, and he went into the enemy's camp to fulfill that lust. Three times Delilah tried to take Samson's anointing away from him, and three times she failed. The constant testing should have served as a warning to him. However, he kept going back until he gave up the secret of his anointing, and the enemy made him weak. He fell asleep in the enemy's camp and lost his anointing. The sad thing is, he didn't even know it, until it was too late. Without the anointing, Samson's life was filled with pain, sorrow, and regret. He was defeated, and the enemy made fun of him.

Yes, he got his anointing back, but his life was never the same. In fact, his life was over way too soon. The message for us is to stay out of the enemy's camp. Protect the anointing God has placed on your life, and use it for God's glory.



Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Abigail, David's wife

Paul said, "A woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not send her husband away. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband... Or how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?" (1 Cor. 7: 13-14, 16).

This message about Abigail contains some important advice to study, for those who are considering a divorce.

Contrary to the rationalizing some use to justify to themselves, their divorcing their marriage partner, it will not make them happier. Instead, it will bring loneliness, grief, guilt and anxiety. The grass is not greener on the other side of the fence. It just looks that way. The kids will not be better off, but worse off.

Another lesson for us to learn from this account about Abigail and David is, God can speak to us and let us know His will for our lives, in many ways. It can be a loud boisterous voice out of heaven. It could be by a still small voice. It could be through a dream or a vision. It could be through a prophet or a preacher.

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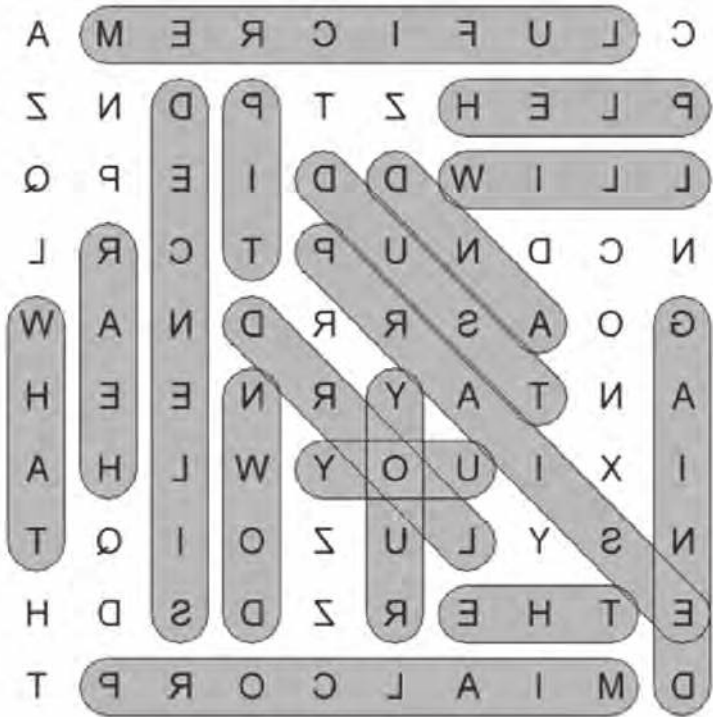
1. Is the book of Song of Solomon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who did Zachariah not believe on telling him his wife would conceive? Jesus, Luke, Gabriel, Mark
3. From Numbers 27, who became Moses' successor as leader of Israel? Aaron, Abraham, Elisha, Joshua
4. How many times is the phrase "holy ground" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? 2, 24, 37, 64
5. From Mark 11, who did Jesus cast out of the Temple? Armies of Satan, Harlots, Money changers, Lepers
6. What king saw the "handwriting on the wall"? Darius, Belshazzar, Daniel, Solomon

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Gabriel, 3) Joshua, 4) 2 (Ex 3:5, Acts 7:3), 5) Money changers, 6) Belshazzar

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

ANSWERS



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Psalms 30:9-10

"What is **gained** if I am **silenced**, if I go **down** to the **pit**? Will the **dust** **praise** you? Will it **proclaim** your faithfulness? **Hear**, LORD, **and** be **merciful** to me; **LORD**, be my **help**."

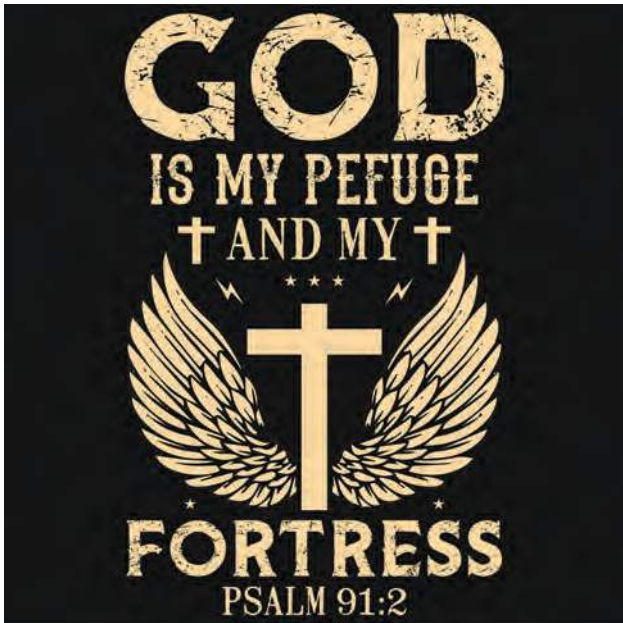
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*If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all
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1 JOHN 1:9

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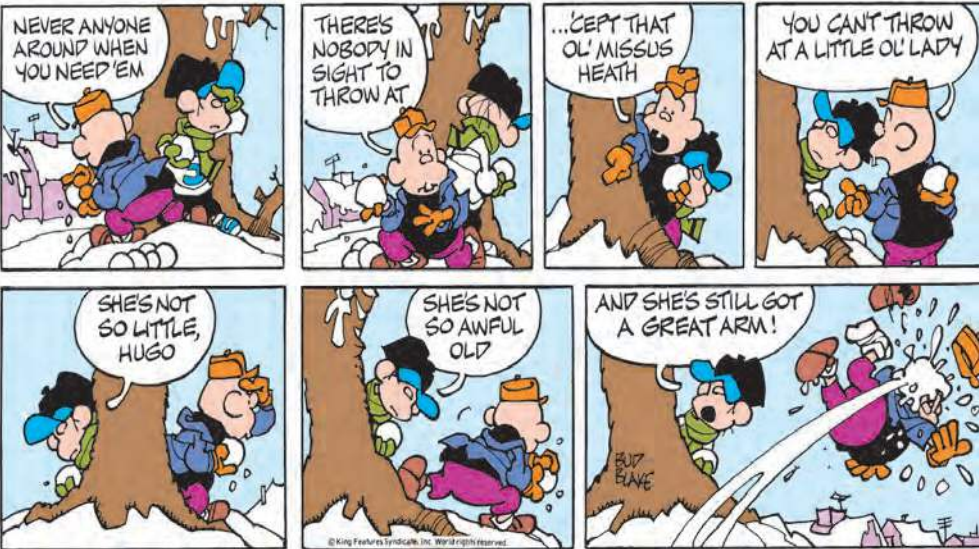
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: V equals L

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ZCVSFBQZ RC QFZB RC REBFQ
ABBR, F'S KJVV REJR J
ZRJWSFWY CQSBQ.

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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!

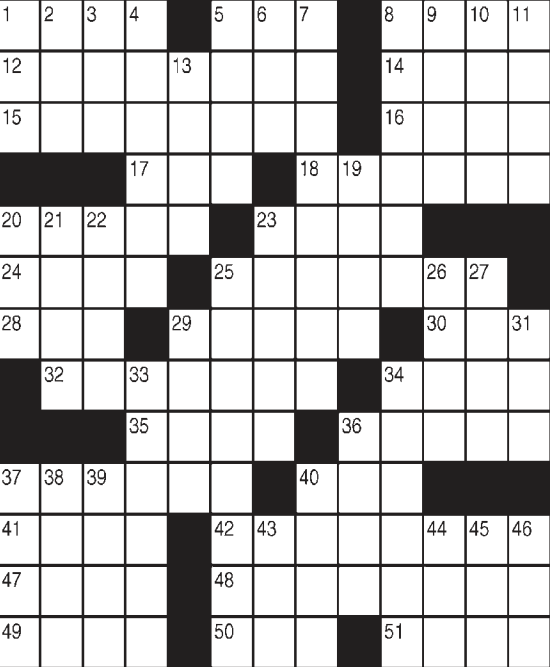
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Muscat's land
- 5 Droid
- 8 — Romeo
- 12 Squid dish
- 14 Crowd noise
- 15 Earring shape, often
- 16 Rock's Moetley —
- 17 Little louse
- 18 Great —
- 20 Spiral
- 23 Cannon of film
- 24 Sofa brand
- 25 Cake mixes
- 28 Links org.
- 29 Los —, California
- 30 Satisfied sigh
- 32 "Say something!"
- 34 "Alfred" composer
- 35 Flower part
- 36 Run-down
- 37 Sudden bursts
- 40 Aachen article
- 41 Dog's bowlful
- 42 Fly at a low altitude
- 47 Grate
- 48 Points of view
- 49 Pro votes
- 50 Bit of butter



DOWN

- 1 Calendar abbr.
- 2 Actress West
- 3 Pie — mode
- 4 Land created by C.S. Lewis
- 5 Lisa's brother
- 6 Spanish gold
- 7 Apex
- 8 Esoteric
- 9 Chicago's Mayor
- 21 Heart charts
- 22 Bound
- 23 Fact
- 25 Pastry store
- 26 Scarce
- 27 Hourglass fill
- 29 Portal
- 31 "Psst!"
- 10 Mythic man-goat
- 11 War god
- 13 1509, to Cato
- 19 Back muscles, for short
- 20 Trendy
- 21 Theater production
- 39 Church section
- 40 Work on proofs
- 43 Clean air org.
- 44 — polloi
- 45 Single
- 46 Calif. clock setting
- 33 Prevents, legally
- 34 Virgil epic
- 36 Billboard
- 37 Poet Teasdale

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top ten World's Heaviest Animals

- 1. Blue Whale
- 2. Plankton Feeding Sharks
- 3. African Elephant
- 4. Rhinoceros
- 5. Hippopotamus
- 6. Elephant Seal
- 7. Giraffe
- 8. Saltwater Crocodile
- 9. Bison
- 10. Polar Bear

Source: A-Z-Animals.com

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? Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: The Darien Gap separates which two countries?
- 2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is Three Kings Day also known as?
- 3. MOVIES: What's the name of the supervillain character in the animated film "Despicable Me"?
- 4. LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Kite Runner"?
- 5. TELEVISION: What is the name of the motorcycle-riding greaser in the sitcom "Happy Days"?
- 6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which musical instrument does former President Bill Clinton play?
- 7. GAMES: In the game Battleship, how many ships does each player have at the beginning?
- 8. MUSIC: Which famous rock singer was born with the name Farrokh Bulsara?
- 9. HISTORY: What was the name of the first U.S. Space Shuttle?
- 10. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Mammoth cave system, believed to be the longest in the world?

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WORD LADDERS

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

PLOYS

SHIPS

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Answers

1. Panama and Colombia.
2. Bpiphany.
3. Gru.
4. Khalid Hosseini.
5. Fonzle.
6. Saxophone.
7. Five.
8. Freddie Mercury.
9. Columbia.
10. Kentucky.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

NOVELTY

SHOTS, SHOPS, SHIPS

PLOYS, PLOTS, SLOTS,

Answer

WORD LADDER

Americanism

"One of the hardest things in life to learn is which bridges to cross and which bridges to burn."

— Oprah Winfrey

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

CryptoQuip

answer

If a drill sergeant commands soldiers to rise to their feet, I'd call that a standing order.



Here's a Tip!

* If you lose a contact lens, you can try turning off the lights and using a flashlight held perpendicular to the floor. They sort of reflect the light, and as you move the beam of light across the floor, it will flash. This has helped me many times. I am a little clumsy when I put my contacts in. Thanks! -- R.E. in South Carolina

* Great diet control tip: When serving dinner, portion out the meal, then pack up the leftovers right away. You won't be as tempted to go back and have seconds, nor stuff a few more mouthfuls in when cleaning up.

later.

* I have a medicine that I take with every meal. Surprisingly, it's difficult to remember whether I took it already when I'm eating on the go or out with friends. I keep small containers in my purse labeled "lunch" and "dinner," each with one pill inside. Before I eat, I look in the container. If a pill is there, it means I forgot to take it. Then I refill the container when I get home and it's ready for next time.

* Last year, I had a large wall calendar at the office. It was a wet-erase calendar with the year on

one side and a “planning space” on the back. When the year was over, I needed a new calendar, but the blank side was still usable. I took it home and cut it to fit inside my kitchen cabinets. I have a handy space to jot notes and such.

-- R.W. in Colorado

* This is a fun game for kids to play with cookies: Stamp the alphabet letters into the top of mini cookies, or use a kebab skewer to write words. Then let the kids spell out their name or make sentences or silly phrases. -- B.D. in Mississippi

Top Ten in Movies

1. Wonka
(PG) Timothée Chalamet, Gustave Die
2. Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom
(PG-13) Jason Momoa, Patrick Wilson
3. Migration
(PG) Kumail Nanjiani, Elizabeth Banks
4. The Color Purple
(PG-13) Fantasia Barrino, Taraji P. Henson
5. Anyone But You
(R) Sydney Sweeney, Glen Powell
6. The Boys in the Boat
(PG-13) Joel Edgerton, Callum Turner
7. The Iron Claw
(R) Zac Efron, Jeremy Allen White
8. Ferrari
(R) Adam Driver, Shailene Woodley
9. The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes
(PG-13) Rachel Zegler, Tom

Blyth	(PG-13)	Soma	Santoki,
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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: DAM BUILDER

Blesmol	Coypu	Hamster	Prairie dogs
Capybara	Gerbils	Marmots	Rats
Chinchillas	Groundhog	Mice	Squirrel
Chipmunks	Guinea pig	Porcupines	

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

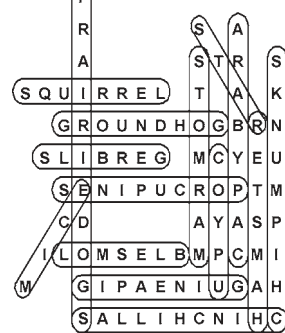
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BSH ASG'C EFMG FGBCVMGE

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RODENTS



CryptoQuote

answer

Don't fight a battle if
you don't gain anything
by winning.
— Erwin Rommel

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

ANSWER

Weekly SUDOKU

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9					2	7		6
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6			5			3		
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	7			6	1			8

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
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Jan. 18

Community Lunch

Cecil's Chapel Church invites everyone to their community lunch on January 18, 11:30-1pm. Soup, sandwiches and all kinds of delicious desserts. A time for community fellowship, no cost. If the local schools close due to the weather, then the lunch will be cancelled. 5801 cecil's chapel road, hiwassee, va. Find us on FB @cecilschapel

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, January 18, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Jan. 20

Food and Clothing Event

Taking It To The Streets Ministries will be having the Food and Clothing Event Saturday January 20th from 11 am till 1 pm at the Taking It To The Streets Crusade, Event and Missions Center. We will

be serving free beef and bean burritos with all the fixings, dessert and drink. The Clothing Bank will be open with free men's, women's, boys' and girls' clothing. We will also be distributing a limited number of pork lions while supplies last.

Jan. 22

Monday Gospel Sing

Gospel Sing 9:45-11:00 a.m. every Monday, Pulaski Church Of God, 1621 Bob White Blvd., near Food City. Enjoy great traditional music and fellowship. Come and go as you please. Great way to start your week and make new friends. Park in lower lot and use elevator to second floor.

On going:

Ballroom Dancing

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

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon)

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

number 540-818-0621.

Lifestyles Changes

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

Ministries, 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

Send Your Pulse Items To: pulaski@pcpatriot.com

Guide Them, but Let Them Learn from Their Mistakes

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have started teaching our five-year-old son about money. Do you feel we should step in and fix things when he makes mistakes, or let him experience the consequences of his actions? It's so hard on my wife, especially, to see him disappointed when he makes a mistake, and his plans don't work out.

Lane

Dear Lane,

I know this might sound mean to some folks, but sometimes a good financial disappointment when you're young is the best thing that can happen to you. They're hard to watch happen, or to experience, but often they'll teach life-long lessons. No decent parent wants to see their child sad or hurt, but reality is a pretty good teacher when it comes to learning how the world really works.

One of the jobs of a parent is to look for teachable moments with their kids. Of course, when it comes to teaching there's always a chance the



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

student won't learn the lesson well enough the first time around. I'm not sure how you're doing things, but if I were in your shoes, I'd follow these steps. First, give him a chance to earn some money. In my book, that means work. No allowances! There's a lot of self-esteem and value to be found in accomplishing a given task successfully. Then, once you pay him for the work he does, you have another perfect chance for teachable moments, because you can help him learn about saving, spending and giving, and how to do all three wisely.

It's always hard on parents when they see their kids unhappy. I know we went through it with ours. As a

parent and protector, you want to jump in and make everything okay. But the hard truth is that fixing or doing everything for them is the easy way out. And in the process of doing that, a child will begin to develop a sort of learned helplessness.

Sometimes, Lane, you need to love kids enough to not do things for them. Let them make some mistakes, experience the consequences and fix things themselves. And it's better for them to do all this while they're still under your guidance and protection.

—Dave

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

Food, clothing event set for Saturday, Jan.20 at Taking It To The Streets in Pulaski

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And it could be through a godly person with wisdom, to advise us, like Abigail did for David.

Some of the best advice I have ever gotten was from my brothers and sisters in the Lord, from my Pastor and from my wife. Guys! We need to listen to our wives. Gals, you need to listen to your husbands. My wife is the one who advised me to get into the Real Estate business many years ago. It was her idea. And it has provided a good living for us.

It was a good Christian friend who advised me to join the Church that I have now belonged to for over 57 years. I had it in my mind to look around, after I got saved, and take my time to find a Church that I liked. But joining the same Church I was saved in made sense to me and after speaking with a good brother in Christ. He showed me that God had brought me to this Church and saved my unworthy soul and that there was work for me to do in this Church. So, I joined up. Do I always agree with everything that is done in the Church I am a member of? No. But I have learned to be patient and to trust God, and to serve Him in the beauty of holiness, no matter what comes or goes.

I've learned that everything is not going to go my way, in Church, on the job, at home, in sports, or anywhere else. And that I just have to get over it, when things don't go my way.

I know a lot of folks get mad at

something that has happened in the Church and leave the Church because of the least little thing. But if a person really loves the Church, like they should love the Church, they won't fly off of the handle like David did, and let their unbridled anger cause them to do something stupid like David was about to do before Abigail brought him to his senses.

In fact, I'll go so far as to say, if you leave one Church Congregation for some little reason that doesn't really amount to a hill of beans, you'll leave the next Church too, and the next Church too. You'll never be satisfied anywhere, or stay anywhere for very long, as long as you are too easily offended.

One preacher said that he believed that Abigail used her relationship with God as a means of support in helping her to survive day by day in an awful marriage. And like Abigail, we should lean on God, asking Him to help us in our daily struggles and then wait upon the Lord for Him to bring us through it all.

When King David went to the place where Nabal and Abigail lived, he didn't know God would take Nabal's life and that he would end up marrying Abigail, his widow. God arranged to get Abigail out of a bad marriage and make her David's choice for his wife and the Queen of Israel.

God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.

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