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# Pulaski Council, on split vote, allocates fund to PAT

**By WILLIAM PAINE Patriot Publishing** 

Tuesday's meeting of the Pulaski Town Council began with a presentation by Monica Musick, the Director of Pulaski Area Transit.

Musick explained that the Kimley Horn consulting firm had been hired to conduct a study to formulate a development plan for Pulaski Area Transit. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is paying for the study, which should be completed by the end of the year. The study will assist in helping to create a budget for Pulaski Area Transit for fiscal year 2025.

Grant proposals for 2025 are due Feb. 1 and Pulaski Area Transit will request funding to replace two of their computers, at a cost of \$1,600 a piece. There will be no request for additional vehicles in 2025, but Pulaski Area Transit will request a replacement

2024 for the Pulaski Area Transit

system is \$838,012 and Musick was asking council to approve matching funds of \$83,431.

Musick noted that increased costs in salary, insurance and even uniforms were responsible for increasing the budget for Pulaski Area Transit. She went on to say that the cost per rider for the service is \$26.43.

Of that \$26.43, federal grant money covers half the cost or \$13.22 per rider. State grant money pays for \$8.99 of the cost. The town and county cover \$4.22 of the total costs, each supplying half of the funding. Musick motor (or two) and a transmission added that every mile covered by the ridership, it's minimal. It's Pulaski Area Transit works out to just shrunk over the years and The total projected cost for \$3.10 for operational costs.

State and Federal funds make

Dublin UMC organist,

up 80 percent of the funding and these monies flow through Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). The town and county each contribute 10 percent of the necessary funding.

Council member Greg East noted that the total projected budget for Pulaski Area Transit has increased over \$100,000 since 2023 and added that if the cost per rider could be reduced, that this could potentially lower costs for the system as a whole.

Musick stated that some of these costs, such as a state mandated rise in the minimum wage and increased costs for insurance, were unavoidable.

At the end of the presentation four council members voted to appropriate the matching funds of \$83,431 for Pulaski Area Transit, with council members Greg East and Jeremy Clark voting against.

"To me it's about efficiency of the operation," said East of his nay vote. "I mean, if you look at

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Jackie Mason, organist for 38-years at the DUMC retired January 14th after playing her final selection "Jupiter - from the Suite, The Planets" composed by Gustav Holst. Mason received a standing ovation from her friends and church

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The Dublin United Methodist Church members have long been blessed by the organ music played by Jackie Mason, but on Sunday, January 14th she thrilled them with her final dynamic piece, "Jupiter, from the Suite, The Planets" composed by Gustav Holst.

Mason retired as the church's organist that day after 38 years.

Mason has been playing piano and organ music for most of her life, starting at age six, at the insistance of her mother. She comes from a family involved in music. Her aunt played the organ at Dublin UMC for about 40 years, and her father was the choir director and substitute organ player for her aunt.

"Although, like most kids, I hated to pracice. But when you can hear and see the results, it makes you feel good. My first instructor, Kent Cecil from Dublin, was very encouraging," said Mason.

As an adult, Mason taught piano lessons. "I wish children would take piano - it can be a great stress reliever and helps children develop disciplin. It seems like it hasn't continued as

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# Mason

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a practice and isn't as important as it used to be at one time."

Mason went on to become a music major at Radford University (Radford College) focusing on piano music. She decided to take a semester in organ music and totally enjoyed it. She was privileged to take lessons on the famous Radford University's M. P. Moller Opus 9371 (1960) Pipe Organ housed in Preston Hall. "I decided to stay with playing the organ, and I've stayed with that decision the rest of my career.'

While still a youngster, she started her career at Dublin UMC at age 10 playing for the children's choir and during her high school years, played piano for DUMC adult choir which was directed by her father Harry Morrell and also Alecia Stanley. At the time, her aunt Ione Brillheart was the church organist. Later she would serve as the organist for the Pulaski Christian Church, Dublin Presbyterian Church, Vinton Baptist Church, Oakland Church, Lakewood Baptist Church in Duram, NC.

When asked what the difference is between playing piano and organ, Mason explained that it's the technique.

With playing the organ you use both hands and both feet at the same time. The piano has one keyboard and one pedal to connect sounds, but the church's organ has three keyboards and a full pedal board, so there are a lot of choices of sounds to use."

People think that the organ was always used for church music, but it wasn't until the 1400's that the organ Superbowl, I played their theme

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European monastic churches and cathedrals. Up until that time, most organs were used on festival occasions, and existed in some form for 1,100 years before becoming a major instrument in the church. In the early 20th century organs reached an unprecedented popularity in America as instruments for concerts, entertainment and education. Organs were built in concert halls, municipal buildings, universities, homes and even public schools.

Her friend, Patty Askew, was a longtime pianist at Dublin United Methodist for 35-years and often they would play duets, producing some beautiful music Their friendship together. continued to grow over the years as they shared the love of music. Askew also taught business at Pulaski County High School.

Mason says that some music is more difficult to learn and play, but she feels joyful while playing any organ music. Some of her favorites are Bach, and Chorale Preludes hymn arrangements, really all different kinds of organ music.

"If I was playing a piece based on a hymn, the words of hymn would run through my mind. It would be interesting when what I picked out to play for a particular church service would go along with what the Pastor preached on," she mused.

Organ music doesn't always have to be for worship.

"Sometimes it can be fun, especially when people would ask us to play something special. At weddings I would get interesting requests to play. The most interesting was from a couple of choir memembers who were Redskin fans. When the Redskins were going to the

became well established in the song as a post-loop at the close of service before Superbowl Sunday. Several times, I would get requests to play Virginia Tech Triumph song," laughed.

> Mason received a standing ovation after playing Jupiter, her final piece; and the church members held a luncheon in her honor. Mason quipped, one of the best things about the luncheon was that she didn't have to do anything but enjoy it ... no cooking or washing dishes afterward.

Mason hopes someone will step forward and take over playing the church organ.

"It's a beautiful instrument and it would be a shame not to be played during church services. Until then, I'm hoping they'll let me play on it for my own enjoyment. But right now, I just want to sit back and listen to the beautiful music.'

For more information about the history of the pipe organ, visit: http://westfield.org/programs/ curious-facts/#:~:text=The%20 organ%20began%20 making%20its,churches%20 and % 20 cathedrals % 20 throughout%20Europe.

# Bill targeting drug dealers defeated in **State Senate**

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) A Virginia Senate committee narrowly defeated legislation Wednesday that would expand the circumstances in which a drug dealer could be charged with felony homicide in connection with a user's death.

The bill, a priority of Gov. Glenn Youngkin and fellow Republicans, was pitched as a deterrent to criminals that would save lives amid the rising tide of overdoses deaths, particularly those attributable to fentanyl. But the Democrats on the committee who voted it down voiced skepticism that stiffer penalties, rather than an approach focused on substance abuse treatment, would effectively address the root causes of the issue.

Lawmakers heard testimony from around 10 people who said they had lost a child or another loved one to a drug overdose.

# Early voting for presidential primaries begins

RICHMOND, Early voting for the Virginia Presidential Primary on March 5th begins this Friday, January 19, 2024. Virginia will have a dual presidential primary election, which means both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party will have primaries on the same day.

In a dual primary, officers of election will ask voters if they want to cast their ballot in the Democratic Party Primary or the Republican Party Primary. All qualified voters may vote in either primary, but voters may not vote in both primaries.

The choice to vote in a party's primary does not mean that the voter will be "registered" with that party. Virginia does not have party registration. Six candidates will appear on the Republican primary ballot: Chris Christie, Ryan L. Binkley, Vivek Ramaswamy, Donald J. Trump, Ron D. DeSantis, and Nikki R. Haley. Three candidates will appear on the Democratic primary ballot: Marianne Williamson, Joseph R. Biden Jr and Dean Benson Phillips.

In-person early voting for the March 5, 2024, presidential primary election begins Friday, Jan. 19 and will continue through Saturday, March 2. To vote early in-person, registered voters should go to the general registrar's office for iurisdiction in which they are registered, present their ID, and cast their ballot. The location of the general registrar's office for all jurisdictions can be found on the Virginia Department of Elections' website (https://vote.elections. virginia.gov/VoterInformation/ PublicContactLookup) well as a list of acceptable

forms of identification (https:// www.elections.virginia.gov/ registration/voterid/index.

Some jurisdictions may offer elections.virginia.gov.

early in-person voting at both the general registrar's office and satellite locations. Curbside voting is also available for those with disabilities and anyone over 65. Contact your general registrar's office for more information regarding voting hours and additional locations.

Requested absentee ballots will be mailed beginning Jan. 19, including ballots to registered military and overseas voters. Any registered voter can request an absentee ballot either in-person, by mail, online (https://vote.elections.virginia. gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/ absentee) or by contacting your general registrar's office. Registered voters do not need a reason to request an absentee

In order to return a voted ballot, voters can drop off their absentee ballot at the general registrar's office or polling location on Election Day. Absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before March 5 and received by the general registrar before noon Friday, March 8.

Anyone with visual or manual dexterity impairment has the option to vote an absentee ballot using an electronic marking tool. The deadline to register to vote and cast a regular ballot is Feb. 12. After that date, voters will have to use sameday registration and vote a provisional ballot. The deadline to apply for a mailed ballot is Feb. 23.

Voters with questions about absentee and early in-person voting should contact their general registrar's office or the Virginia Department of Elections by phone at 1-800-552-9745 or by email at info@ elections.virginia.gov.

information, For more voters are encouraged to visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at www.

# **Senate Dems vote down** 'clean cars' repeal bills

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) efforts to repeal an electric vehicle mandate that aims to reduce carbon pollution through the adoption of California's stringent rules for vehicle emissions.

A Senate committee voted down three GOP-sponsored bills that would have rolled back the so-called "clean cars" legislation first passed and signed into law in 2021. The law will phase in a requirement that all new cars, pickup trucks and SUVs offered for sale be 100% zero-emission by 2035. Sales of new gas-powered cars will be banned, though drivers will be able to keep their existing gas-powered cars or buy used ones.

to keep our Earth green and Virginia Senate Democrats to pass on to our children an on Tuesday defeated for a environment that is really third straight year Republican worthy of their future," said Democratic Sen. Barbara Favola of Arlington as she spoke against the repeal measure, urging her colleagues not to reverse course.

Republicans strongly opposed the legislation when it was first adopted in 2021 and have tried unsuccessfully in each legislative session since to repeal it. They have made it a campaign issue, arguing its goals are unattainable and that the electric vehicles that will be required — and their batteries - are too expensive for many low-income and middlefamilies. Republican class Gov. Glenn Youngkin has repeatedly called for a repeal, "We know that we have as recently as a speech to the not honored the commitment General Assembly last week.





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# **OBITUARIES**



### MARKIE POLO TRIVETT, SR.

Markie Polo Trivett, Sr., age 90 of Pulaski died Monday, January 15, 2024 in his home, with his wife Judy by his side.

Born August 6, 1933 in Jumping Branch, West Virginia he was the son of the late Claude Masten and Mazie Sue Trivett.

Mark was a hard-working man his whole life. He retired from Radford Arsenal, he had a passion for and loved working on and trading his antique cars. He was also a farmer at home, but most of all he was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather.

Mark leaves behind to forever cherish his life and memory

Wife – Judy Eads Trivett Daughter - Sandra Trivett

Sons – Markie Polo (Amanda) Trivett, Jr., Markie Lee (Janice) Trivett

Grandchildren - Markie L. Trivett, Jr., Candace & Aaron Long, Drew, Hope and Adalynne Trivett, Mathew and Jason Trivett, Sherri Dean, Haleigh Talbert and Colt Shelton.

Great Grandchildren – Dylan Trivett, Rozalyn McPeak, Silas Staab

Brothers – Jim (Sharon) Trivett – FL, Bill Trivett – WV Sisters - Nora (Ray) Keaton WV, Berta Mae Hunseeker -

The family will have a celebration of Mark's life at the Trivett Family Cemetery in Jumping Branch, WV at a later date.

То sign Mark's online guestbook, visit bowerfuneralhome.com

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



STEPHEN SHIRELL **KILGORE** 

Kilgore, Stephen Shirell age 78 of Pulaski passed away Monday, January 8, 2024 at his home. Born November 29, 1945 in Northville, Michigan he was the son of the late Shirell Kilgore & Doloris Maxine Campbell. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 34 years and nine months, Lois Jean Kilgore (10-15-2021), stepdaughter, JoAnne



LINDA SUE SMITH

Linda Sue Smith, 76, of Pulaski died on Friday, January 17, 2024. Linda was truly a lady devoted to her family. She loved her children and spent most of her life making sure there was always a home to come back to.

Linda was born on March 1, 1947, to Jessie Lindsey Hall and Sadie Marie Dalton Hall who preceded her death with her son, Timothy DuWayne Smith.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of almost 60 years, Paul Smith. Daughter, Susan Rodgers (Jackie) of Mt Airy, North Carolina, and a brother, Stanley Tabor (Brenda) of Pembroke.

Linda was blessed with five grandchildren, Brianna Rodgers Sizemore, Joseph Rodgers, Dylan Rodgers, and Ashley Megan Alvarez. Also surviving are four great grandchildren. Brother in aw, Terry Allen Smith and sister-in-law, Lori Price. She was also blessed with a very dear friend, Sharon

The family would like to express their gratitude for the wonderful and passionate care that was given by Medi Hospice and the caring nursing staff and doctors of Lewis Gale, Blacksburg Hospital.

The family will greet friends on Friday, January 19, 2024, from three o'clock until Five O'clock to celebrate her life in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Home located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski.

Online condolences may www. be sent by visiting www. stevensfuneralhomepulaski.

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

The family is in the care of Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel.

### MARVIN CECIL **MONTGOMERY**

Marvin Cecil Montgomery, age 93 of Dublin passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at the Highland Ridge Rehab in Dublin. Born January 16, 1930 in Carroll County, he was the son of the late Donnie Edgar & Josie Quesenberry Montgomery. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Effie Lea Goad Montgomery (12-16-2023),stepdaughter, Debra Crowder, brothers, Leslie and Shelley Montgomery, sisters, Katherine Harris, Evelyn Walters and

Reba Montgomery. Marvin retired from RAAP with over 30 years of service and was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He is survived by his Son – Robert (Alice) Montgomery – Dublin Stepson – Terry (Dana)

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**CHARLES RICHARD BOLEY** 

Charles Richard Boley, age 88 of Pulaski, died Sunday, January 14, 2024, at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was born on August 7, 1935, in Fredericksburg, VA, and was the son of the late Elizabeth Glenn Boley Swinbourne and the late Charles Chadbourne Boley.

Charlie was a Christian by faith, a 1952 graduate of Pulaski High School, and a graduate of V.P.I., and a graduate of the Richmond Professional Institute, now Virginia Commonwealth University. Charlie was a veteran of the United States Army 101st Airborne Division as an Army Counselor, and was a retiree of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Personnel, Division of the Visually Handicapped, as a counselor. He was a member of the Westhampton Masonic A.F.&A.M., #302, Lodge and a member of the Strict Observance Masonic Lodge #207. He was a life member and Benefactor of the Golden Eagle Level with the National Rifle Association, a member of the Williamsburg Foundation, and a former member of the Virginia Historical Society.

Per the wishes of Mr. Boley, he will be cremated and buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski, beside his mother, and there will be no service or visiting.

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

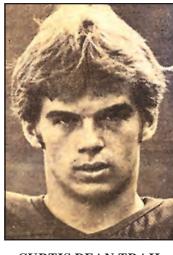


HERBERT DEAN SCOTT

May 1, 1940 – January 12, 2024 Herbert Dean Scott, 83, passed away Friday, January 12, 2024, at his home in Radford. He was a U. S. Air Force veteran and retired from the Radford Army Ammunitions Plant. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Lewis, Jr. and Elizabeth Agnes Reed Scott; and his wife, Linda Scott.

Survivors include his sister, Darlene Nelson; brother, Harvey Scott (Mary); nephews, Kevin

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**CURTIS DEAN TRAIL** Dec. 20, 1961 – Nov. 12, 2023

We will be having a memorial service for Curtis Dean Trail, who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 at his residence in Pulaski, Va.

Curtis was the youngest child of the late Gordon Leroy and Almeda Williams Trail. He was raised in Pulaski County and attended Newbern Elementary, Dublin Middle and Pulaski County High School. fondest memories and happiest days were playing as a Cougar under the amazing coach, Joel Hicks. His family would always talk of his time as a Cougar and the many wonderful games and outstanding plays he made. The fall of 1979, Curtis' senior year, was the season known as the "Miracle of Slaughterhouse Road." He will always be known for his interception and 80-yard touchdown return for the only score in the playoff game against G.W. Danville. Curtis was also a valuable player on the Cougar baseball team. He enjoyed his time at PCHS. He continued his love of sports after college playing softball and golf.

After graduation in 1980, he went to college at Lenoir-Rhyne University for one year and then continued his education at Radford University, receiving a business degree.

After graduation from college, Curtis tried different avenues of employment using his business degree. At the time of his death, he had just finished his employment with the Radford Arsenal.

Curtis loved his cats and they loved him. He was one that would take in strays and give them a home. They were just like his kids to him. His bumper

Curtis was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon Leroy and Almeda Williams Trail and his sister, Vicky Trail Sands.

Curtis leaves behind his brothers and spouses, Michael (Kathy) Trail, Dennis (Janet) Trail, brother-in-law, Steve Sands, many nieces, nephews, cousins and high school friends.

The memorial service will be held at Dublin Christian Church, 5605 Dunlap Road, Dublin, Va. on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 at 11 a.m. with minister Charles Pruett officiating. There will be no graveside services.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to a charity of your choice.





RICHARD D. SHUPE

Richard D. Shupe, 93, passed away Friday, January 12, 2024. A proud veteran, he served in the Air Force during the Korean War era. He retired from the Federal Aviation Administration after 34 years of service and was a member of the American Legion post #58.

He was born on July 26, 1930 to the late Myrtle Florence Mize Shupe and Thomas Alexander Shupe of Wytheville, VA.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life Thelma (Tootie) Shupe, his wife of 69 years; his daughter, Sherry Shupe Clark; and his sister, Janice S. Dunn.

He is survived by his dedicated daughters: Pamela S. (Bucky) Mathena, Donna (Jeff) Jaccard and Teresa (Bobby) Hash; his treasured grandchildren: Brad, Chad & Brett (Jessica) Clark, BJ & David Clark, Brian, Trey, & Lance (Kayla) Harvey, Amanda (Lance) Marshall, Chelsea (Richard) Kaufman, Joey (Ashley) Jaccard, Audrey (DJ) Riddle, Lora (Benjamin) Davidson and Thomas K. Hash. Great-grandchildren: Payson & Sierra Clark, Joslynn, Nolan & Annalise Harvey, Lexie (Ryan) Berje, Logan (Libby) Clark, Gavin Clark, Emma Grace Harvey, Pierce & Elise Kaufman, Harmony & Wyatt Jaccard, Dylan & James Riddle, Claire, Ruth, Hazel, Luke, Adam, Ivy and Elden Davidson. Great-great-grandchildren, Chase Berje & Preston Clark. He is also survived by his loved and loyal dog, Poppy.

Active in Amateur Radio for most of his life, he was known to friends and contacts across the world by his call sign W4CBM. He was generous with his time sticker read, "The more I am and knowledge, and his door around people, the more I love was always open. He repaired radios and TVs as a side job back in the day and was always the man you went to when something needed to be fixed. He was an avid fisherman who enjoyed bass tournaments and time on his boat with friends and grandchildren. He always carried Werther's candy to offer adults and suckers for the kids.

> The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM to 2:00PM and funeral at 2:00 PM – Friday, January 19, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home in Pulaski, with graveside services at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin. To sign Richard's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.

> In Lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Humane Society of the New River Valley - Spay It Forward Program, P. O. Box 1046 Dublin, VA 24084.



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WHEELER May 14, 1941 -January 10, 2024

Shirley Hatcher Wheeler, 82, passed away at her home in Dublin on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. She was retired from Kollmorgen and a member of Belleview Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, James L. and Dolly Mae Hatcher; and brothers, Basel Lee and J. David Hatcher. Survivors include her husband

of 61 years, Donald Wheeler, Sr.; See WHEELER, page A5

# Scott

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(Laura), Thompson James Thompson (Tab), and Woody Nelson (Jennifer); and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank Medi-Home Hospice caregivers Josie, Amy and Cody, and nurse Wanda Smith.

The family will receive friends from 10 until 11 a.m. on Monday, January 22, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services will follow in West View Cemetery with Rev. Robert Morris officiating.

The Scott family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia www.mullinsfuneralhome.

# Kilgore

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Steve is survived by his Daughters - Cheryl Deane OH, Charity Pelfry - OH, Christa Adkins – OH

Sons - Mark Gruber - NC, Mark Kilgore – OH Stepdaughter - Sandra &

Bobby Dalton – Dublin Half-Brothers -Huffman, Doug Huffman – OH Half-Sister - Pam Miller -

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM - Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Max Creek Baptist Church, Draper with Rev officiating.

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

Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling arrangements for the family.



VIRGINIA MAE HUNTER Virginia Mae Hunter, 90 of

Pulaski passed away January 15, 2024.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 1:00PM at First Baptist Church 220 Magazine St. Pulaski. T

he family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the Church. The interment will be held in Pinehurst Cemetery, Pulaski.

In lieu of flowers make donations in honor of Virginia Mae Hunter to the T.G. Howard Community Center, Pulaski.

Arrangements by Serenity Funeral Home Pulaski, (540) 980-9100. 248 Randolph Ave., Pulaski.

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### WILLIAM CECIL JONES SR.

William Cecil Jones Sr., 80, of Pulaski passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Cecil passed away peacefully at the Waddell Nursing and Rehab in Galax with his family by his side. Cecil was born on August 4, 1943, to Robert Emory and Margaret Evelyn Jones who preceded him in death with his brothers, Clarence Emory, and James Clifford. Also preceding him in death is a son, William Cecil Jones Jr.

Cecil loved his family, his community, and his country. He served in the United States Army and fought for our freedom in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Christ Fellowship Church in Pulaski.

Left to cherish his memory and to carry on his legacy is his loving and caring daughter, Karen Jones and his brother, Jerry Dale (Doris) Jones.

He was also blessed with grandchildren, Jason Jones, Kirsten Jones, Adrian (known as Adi), and Joshua Jones. Great grandchildren, Connor Jones, Caylee Brickhouse, and Emma Brickhouse. Mr. Jones also left behind a caring daughter in law, Tonya McFall Jones.

A memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 19, 2024, in the chapel of Norris Stevens Funeral Home beginning at eleven o'clock with Pastor Tom Underwood of the Christ Fellowship Church officiating. Family will meet and greet friends one hour prior to the service.

Inurnment will follow at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin with full pomp and military honors.

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

The family is in the care of Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski.

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### AMY SUE BLAND **JOHNSON**

Amy Sue Bland Johnson, 55, of Dublin, VA passed away peacefully at home on January 14 surrounded by her family and friends after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She will be remembered for her dedication to her family, her compassion for others, her creativity and her fun-loving spirit. was a loving wife of 22 years, an amazing mother, a caring daughter and sister and the very best Gigi to her beautiful granddaughter. In addition to her love of family and friends, Amy loved all kinds of projects, everything from remodeling a house to learning a new craft. Amy's smile was the light in any room that she entered.

Amy was preceded in death by her husband Michael Johnson, her father Jerry Bland, and her sister Katherine Bland. Survivors include:

Mother and Stepfather -Shelia Ponder and Robert (Bob)

Dodd of Yorktown, Virginia

Children - Kevin Johnson and Thomas Johnson of Dublin, VA, Matthew (Dana) Johnson of Pulaski, VA

Granddaughter Alyssa Johnson

Sisters-in-Law Judith Peele, (Abram) Barbara Johnson, Peggy Vandergrift

Step-Siblings - Christine (Joe) Mahan, Chip Dodd

Niece Blair (Daniel) Johnsey

Best Friend - Christy (Vance)

Nix Sisco Memorial services will be held Saturday, 11:00 am, January 20, 2024 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with

Pastor Jason Aker officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday 10:00 am until service time at Bower Funeral

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St Jude's Children's Hospital, American Cancer Society, Vets Who Code or a charity of your choice.

sign Amy's online guestbook, visit bowerfuneralhome.com

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

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Bishop – Draper

Bishop (Luis) Piscura Dublin, James Ryan (Ashley) military honors at the graveside. Montgomery

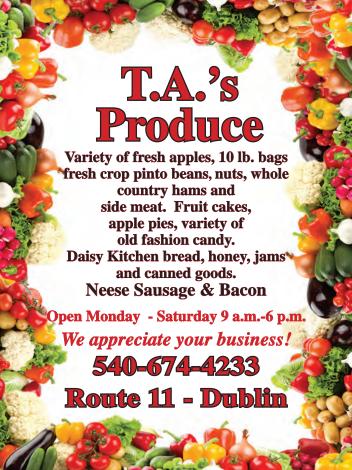
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Graveside funeral services Pulaski were held Monday, January 15, arrangements for the family.

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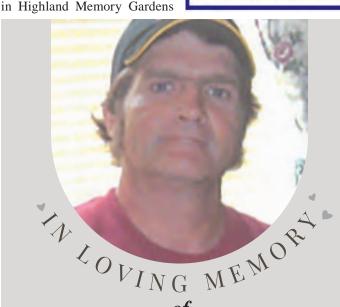
daughter and son-in-law, Donna in Dublin. W. and James, Jr., Caldwell; son and daughter-in-law, Donald, grandchildren, Ethan Caldwell, Travis A. Wheeler, Wheeler H. Caldwell, Hannah Wheeler, and Haley Wheeler Osborne (Tony); great granddaughter, Belle Osborne; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Rev. Larry Mann and Rev. Sebert Rorrer officiating. Interment followed

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to either and Rebecca Wheeler; Belview Church or Dublin Lions Club.

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

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# Roger Allen Howell

January 18 will make two years you have been in Heaven. It still hurts. I lost a big part of me, when your sibling said, "Mom, Roger's gone." This pain will never leave.

I stop by your grave every 18th of the month, filling it with

Hopefully you will have a tombstone that you deserve. I love and miss you daily.

Love forever, Mom



# **EDITORIAL**

# with Fauci

On January 8th and 9th, I participated in a twoday Congressional transcribed interview (what normal people would call a deposition) with Dr. Anthony Fauci to learn more about his role in the COVID-19 outbreak and response.

These are my key takeaways from my preparation for the deposition and the deposition itself:

1. We need better protocols and oversight of biosafety laboratories. Fauci, who was the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), claims he did not know much about the grants awarded to EcoHealth Alliance



Morgan Griffith

Representative

and nothing about subsequent subgrants Wuhan the Institute 9th District Virology. This is unacceptable. He was the head

of the agency that awarded the grants, and the buck should stop with him. At the very least, before his agency got the U.S. involved with the Wuhan Institute of Virology, he should have had a working knowledge of their operations. He disavowed all knowledge of the Institute, even saying if someone said Wuhan before COVID-19, he wouldn't know if they were referring to Wuhan University, the Wuhan Institute of Virology, or another entity in

And when EcoHealth Alliance did not forward required reports for more than a year, someone at NIAID should have been aware and raised Cain.

2. We need a generally accepted definition of gain-of-function (GoF) research for U.S. grant purposes. According to Fauci, NIAID was not funding any GoF research. Under the definition he was using, that may be so. But NIAID is a division of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and on the NIH website at the time the research was being done, they used a different definition of GoF. Under that definition, NIAID was funding GoF research. Both definitions are acceptable in various settings, but this type of research is too serious to not have a generally accepted definition.

3. At a structural level, some scientists referenced in an email to Fauci found aspects of the virus perplexing. They queried how it could happen in nature. When looking at the makeup of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, researcher Mike Farzan took issue with how the furin cleavage site was in the virus. He believed it was difficult to explain how this could happen outside of a lab. While possible, it is highly unlikely to occur in nature. Additionally, Dr. Bob Garry observed the virus had a perfect 12-nucleotide insertion as part of the furin cleavage site and didn't know how this could happen in nature. The furin cleavage site is a large part of what made the virus so contagious. And, interestingly, prior coronaviruses did not contain a furin cleavage site.

4. Fauci said he had an open mind when it came to how the COVID-19 outbreak could have started, whether it was spread via animal transmission at a wet market or a lab leak, but he believes it was due to animal transmission. However, he gave no indication of his open-mindedness to the American people in public statements.

Those who believed COVID-19 started due to a lab leak were universally shunned and their opinions were taken down and/or barred from many social media sites.

# **Some conclusions:**

Based on the evidence I have seen, I believe COVID-19 started due to an accidental lab leak. This is in part because no animal source has ever been found (in the past we've been able to find one). Further, the Chinese government did not look at a large sample of animals in their search, nor was the virus found in animals near the time of the outbreak. If the Chinese thought the virus started in animals, they would have scoured the region looking for the animal source. Their lack of strenuous effort indicates to me the Chinese know the source was a lab leak.

Fauci said we needed to continue to look for the animal source, but also admitted that without Chinese cooperation, we may never be able to determine with scientific certainty which theory

As a long-time practicing attorney, I only need proof that eliminates reasonable doubt, not proof to a scientific certainty. For example, circumstantial evidence and little else was sufficient to put the murderer of Gina Renee Hall (a student at Radford University) in prison. As you will recall, she disappeared and later in 1980, her murderer was convicted in Pulaski County and given a life sentence based substantially on circumstantial evidence.

That being said, the evidence of an accidental lab leak, in my opinion, also eliminates reasonable

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/.

# Deposition | Was Thomas Jefferson a Deist?

Was Thomas Jefferson a deist, as some modern historians and Supreme Court rulings claim? Lets look at some of Jefferson's own words and review his actions while he was an elected official. I believe we will come to a different conclusion than those who would try to trash the religious reputation of our third U.S. President and major writer of the Declaration of Independence.

Charles Thomson wrote the first English translation of the New Testament and the Septuagint (Greek translation from Hebrew) that was published in America in 1808. You may recognize his work as The Thompson Bible. Note this is after the Declaration of Independence, the American Revolution and the writing and ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1789. He was also the first Secretary of Congress (1774 - 1789) and was responsible for preparing the Journals of the Continental Congress.

This background information is important to help us discern the heart of Jefferson. In a conversation with Charles Thompson, Jefferson confessed: "I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus." Jefferson would later create a "red letter" compilation of Jesus' teachings from the New Testatment to be given to the Native Americans to be used as a "digest of Jesus' moral teachings."

# **One Nation Under God**

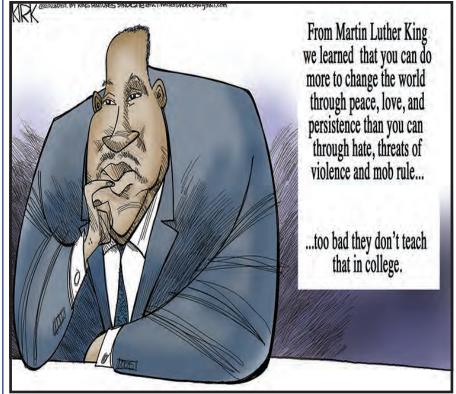
By Danielle Reid

Jefferson attacked the Federalist clergy, praised the Baptists, and then went to church with his Republican pastor friend, the Rev. John Leland. In his diary entry for March 8, 1824, Jefferson wrote: "I have subscribed to the building of an Episcopalian church, \$200; a Presbyterian [ditto], \$60; a Baptist [ditto], \$25"; similar gifts occurred to other churches on May 15, 1805 and January 6, 1807.

During the early establishment of America, each colony was settled by religious sects. For example, Massachusetts was settled by Puritans; Pennsylvania by Quakers; Maryland was settled for English Catholics; and Rhode Island became the haven for Baptists.

With the progression of the Baptist sect into other colonies, their religious views became more alarming to the Anglicans and Protestents. Baptists were against baptizing infants, believed that they should not be forced to financially support the dominent religion of the colony, or pay taxes. Persecution against Baptists included

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# Assembly now in session

The Virginia General Assembly is now in session, and soon the House and Senate will begin considering legislation in earnest. With a new General Assembly comes the potential for new committee assignments; committees of course being the legislative bodies that deal with most of the deliberation on bills before they reach the House floor. Last Wednesday, I was named by the Speaker of the House to the following committees: Courts of Justice, Counties, Cities and Towns, and Labor and Commerce. Labor and Commerce is a new assignment for me, and it considers consequential matters from energy policy to the minimum wage. I'm excited about my assignments, and I'm ready to start the real work of analyzing and debating hundreds of bills in detail.

Legislation that we'll see in the 2024 legislative session has begun to be made publicly viewable, and I'm disappointed to report that the new Democratic majority seems intent on making overreaches like they did in 2020 and 2021. Instead of focusing on solving the real problems that Virginians face, they instead continue down the path of introducing policies and themes that are more at home in Washington, DC than we are accustomed to in Richmond.

While Democrats are busy appeasing the more extreme elements of their base by making energy more expensive, Republicans remain focused on making life more affordable for every Virginian. You and I know that the cost of energy continues to rise, and along with inflation, renewable energy mandates from the state do nothing to relieve the pressure typical Virginia families are feeling. Rather than relax these mandates and accept a realistic approach toward renewables, House Democrats feel emboldened to move toward mandatory "Green New Deal" style

# Delegate **Jason Ballard**

42nd District

policies that will only make life more expensive. That includes their continued insistence on an electric-vehicle mandate - which our infrastructure is not currently equipped to handle.

I'm equally perplexed to see the introduction of legislation that would reduce penalties for gangs involved in organized "smash and grab" style shoplifting, like we have seen in San Fransisco, California. Soft-on-crime policies against brazen criminal acts only emboldens criminals and will undoubtedly hurt our business climate. This used to be considered commonsense, which is something that seems to be getting in shorter supply.

Part of being in the minority party is holding the majority accountable. There will be many instances this session in which Democrats and Republicans work together toward common goals, but that does not mean that Republicans should comprise on our core values. We can be fair while standing firm on policies that make our communities safer, and we should not let special interests ram "green energy" policies through the legislature without fully vetting their practicality and impact on Virginia families. As my committee work begins, I look forward to reviewing all legislation before me with a discerning eye.

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, your concerns are my

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Rich Lowery

> Editor, National Review

# The AWOL Defense **Secretary**

Anyone following how weak and passive the U.S. has been in the face of provocations from our adversaries in the Middle East might conclude that the secretary of defense has gone missing.

And, at least for a few days last week, he literally was.

In an age when it's nearly impossible to go off the grid, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin managed it. He failed to notify the White House and other key players that he was hospitalized in the intensive care unit. This, needless to say, is not an incidental detail about his life -- like, say, that he routinely does his grocery shopping on Saturday afternoons, or is taking the Kansas City Chiefs and giving the points this weekend.

If the principal deputy assistant secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity went missing, presumably only her personal assistant would notice, and the country would be better for it.

The secretary of defense, in contrast, is a rather consequential position in the U.S. government. He is in charge of the largest and most important part of the executive branch and second in the chain of command only to the president of the United States. He is central to any number of scenarios crucial to U.S. national security, including the decision to launch a nuclear strike.

If a U.S. destroyer gets hit in the Red Sea, you don't want U.S. commanders and high U.S. officials wondering where the SecDef is.

Although much remains unanswered, we know that Austin had an elective procedure at Walter Reed hospital on Dec. 22. Back home, he experienced severe pain and went back to the hospital on Jan. 1 and was put in intensive care.

Somehow even Austin's deputy secretary, who picked up some of his duties, didn't learn of his whereabouts until four days after his hospitalization.

Loose lips may sink ships, but spectacularly dysfunctional lack of communication at the top of the U.S. government is its own problem.

Just as no Harvard freshman could get away with the plagiarism that Claudine Gay engaged in, no Private first class could go AWOL and expect to remain in the military.

The Pentagon says it couldn't notify other VIPs like, you know, the president of the United States, because Austin's chief of staff was also ill. Are we really supposed to believe that no one else at the Pentagon has access to a phone or email?

We are obviously not living through an era of great bipartisanship, so it was notable that the Austin absence resulted in a joint statement from the Republican chairman and the Democratic ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee pointedly asking for more information about the days in question.

The White House, naturally, immediately made clear its "complete trust and confidence in Secretary Austin."

In fairness, once someone has presided over the pullout of Afghanistan without getting fired, it's hard to cashier him for

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# **OBITUARIES**



### BARBARA GAYLE LONG

Barbara Gayle Long, of Pulaski, Virginia, born July 24, 1937, died January 16, 2024. Gayle was preceded in death by her parents, I.D. and Sarah Long. She is survived by her cousins, Kirsten (Dave) Davis, Rob (Wendy) Rea, Curtis (Marian) Rea, and Wayne (Lynn) Dowd. Gayle is also survived by many friends who have long considered her to be part of their families.

Born in South Carolina, Gayle moved with her parents to Pulaski County in 1941. After graduating from Pulaski High School in 1955, she worked in the local mills before going to work in the Pulaski County Commissioner of Revenue's office, where she retired as a deputy commissioner after forty-four years of service. During her lifetime, Gayle enjoyed many years of ballroom and square dancing with local dance groups. She was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Pulaski, where she was active in many aspects of congregational life. Gayle was especially proud of her years of work with the Pulaski County Relay for Life. Gayle will be remembered for her kindness, her generosity, and her great sense of humor.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Pulaski, Virginia, with the Rev. Jessica Darty officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church (2 Fifth St. NW, Pulaski, VA, 24301) or the American Cancer Society.



### SANDRA KAYE SAYERS **STANBERRY**

Sandra Kaye Sayers Stanberry, age 67 of Dublin, passed away at Roanoke Memorial Hospital on Tuesday January 16, 2024. She was the daughter of the late Sandy and Mickey Sayers. She was a member of First Christian Church (DOC) in Pulaski. Sandra was employed by Hercules Inc., Kern's Bakery and American Greetings where she found her love for greeting cards. Sandra was known as the "Card Lady" because she loved to send greeting cards and two-dollar bills to everyone she loved. Sandra loved talking on the telephone, shopping, and buying treasures for all the special people in her life. She enioved her family, especially with her two grandsons.

Sandra is survived by her husband David Stanberry of Dublin, her daughter Monica (Justin) Heath and two grandsons Brayden and Jaxson Heath of Dublin. She is also survived by her sister Sherry (Jim) Casteele of Pulaski and brother Eddie (Tammy) Sayers of Pulaski and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at First Christian Church (DOC) 524 North Jefferson Ave. Pulaski Va., Sunday, January 21, 2024, 3:00 pm. Visitation will be 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Interment will be held privately at Highland Gardens, Dublin. Memory Flowers are appreciated, but for those who wish, may make memorial contributions plants, and birds. in Sandra's memory to First Christian Church, Christian Women's Fellowship, 524 North Jefferson Ave., Pulaski, VA

We would like to recognize Dr. Shan Fairbanks for the care and compassion he has shown her over the past few years. Caregiver, Kay Altes, for the care and friendship given to Sandra. A special thank you to Kathi Surber, home health

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



### VIRGINIA GAIL ROOPE **AKERS**

March 4, 1947-January 11, 2024 Virginia Gail Roope Akers, passed of Dublin, away unexpectedly January 2024. Gail was born in Mercer County, WV March 4, 1947.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert (Bud) Lee Roope; her mother, Hilda Virginia Bolen Roope; infant brother, Patrick; and her love, Roy Gerberich.

She was employed by Pulaski County Public Schools for 20 years.

Gail was an extremely talented craftsperson. created and gifted many of her projects over the years to friends and family. She made everything from Barbie clothes to decorations to paintings to crochet items to jewelry.

She was known for her love of clothes, shoes, jewelry, makeup,

Gail was an advocate, counselor, supportive friend, caring mother, and loving grandmother.

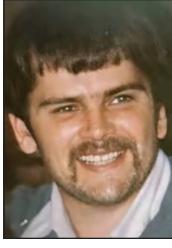
Gail spent her last years at Highland Ridge Rehab and was the "go-to social butterfly." People sought her out for everything from safety pins, crafts, colored pencils or to have her alter and mend clothes.

She is survived by her only daughter, Stacy Akers Trout; her son-in-law, Jeff Trout; and only grandchild, Jessica Jayden 'Wally" Trout, all of Dublin. She is further survived by two special stepdaughters, Sandy Light and Janet Gerberich; special cousins, Brenda and Tim Cochran; other cousins; her beautician, Vicki Morris, that took the time to come to her at Highland Ridge; important friends and neighbors; her dear friends, Roselma Whitaker, Shelby Akers, Majorie Atkins; and her Highland Ridge family.

The family would like to thank all her caregivers and doctors for her care and their for many years. love over the years, with special thanks to Dr. Asher and Jeffrey Thompson. The family would also like to thank everyone for their continued support, love, and prayers.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in Radford with Reverend Don Sizemore officiating.

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



### **DWIGHT HENSEL** FUNK JR.

Dwight Hensel Funk Jr. a proud veteran of the United States Army, went to his heavenly home on January 16, 2024, after battling many health charge of the arrangements.

afflictions.

Dwight was a brave and loyal soldier, as well as a patient and loving Father, Husband, Grandfather and Brother. He married Paula Aileen Dunagan in Pulaski, VA in 1974. They would be celebrating their 50year Anniversary this May. He loved his "Lady" with all of his heart and taught his children the significance of love. His pride and joy was his children and grandchildren. He was so proud of each and every one.

Dwight was born November 02, 1954, to Dwight Hensel Funk and Mary Jane Fain in Pulaski, VA. After serving in the Army, he Graduated from New River Community College in 1981 with his Associates Degree. A natural working man and salesman who loved heavy equipment, he owned his own business, Southwest Equipment,

He is survived by his children Brittany Aileen (Sammy) Songer, Dwight Hensel (Melissa) Funk III, Christina Lee (Ricky) Byrd, and Michelle Marie (Stanley) Smith. A Very Special Brother-in-Law Phillip (Trey), (Victoria) Dunagan. at the Mullins Funeral Home His 14 grandchildren: Landyn, Lilyanna-Aileen, Natalie, Adam, Dakota, Austin, Jimmy, Justin, Matthew, Chelsea, Nicholas, Walter-Alexander, Macy, and Sadie. His Two Sisters, Linda and Kathy, Two Brothers, Mark and Timothy and one-Half Sister, Carla. His special love and Puppy Gracie Aileen.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dwight and Mary Jane. A graveside service will be held in the near future at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, VA. with a special Celebration of His Life. We would like to recognize the Wytheville Veterans Clinic, the Salem Veterans Hospital and Highland Ridge Rehab Staff and Nurses for taking such great care of him in the past few months.

If you would like to honor Dwight, he would have loved to have donations sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www. grubbfuneralhome.com

Grubb Funeral Home is in

# Lowery

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fashion. This fiasco could simply be Austin's own unbelievable personal lapse. But it's hard not to see the controversy in the context of an administration that, when it comes to national security, cares as much about fashionable ideological fixations -- from DEI to the climate -than the essentials involved in maintaining a highly capable war-fighting machine.

And the most important lack of transparency about health is happening before our eyes. It doesn't involve any cabinet official, but the commander-in-chief himself.

We are told that Joe Biden is robust and energetic, when he is increasingly rickety and, seemingly, easily confused. We can be sure if the president gets worse, the White House -- adopting the Austin policy will do everything in its power to hide the ball.

Meanwhile, we've conducted a real-time experiment regarding Biden foreign policy. With a war on in Gaza and Iranian proxies attacking U.S. interests throughout the Middle East, the secretary of defense disappeared, and it didn't matter.

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

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# Pulaski County opens warming shelter

remaining well below freezing, Pulaski County Emergency Management has opened a Warming Shelter. The shelter is located at Central Gym, 143 Third St NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

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temperatures clock beginning at noon on a warm and safe environment to Wednesday, January 17 and will remain open through Sunday, January 21 as needed. Guests planning to stay overnight are asked to check in by 8 pm nightly. Pets are not allowed.

Pulaski County Emergency shelter Manager, Brad Wright, said became available around the "The Warming Shelter provides

anyone who needs a warm place to stay. Guests can stay for a few hours to warm up and shower or overnight as needed."

Additional details regarding Warming Shelter can found by contacting Pulaski County Emergency Management at 540-994-2574.

WEATHER

SUNDAY

Sunny, with a high near 31.

Sunny, with a high near 45.

Mostly cloudy, with a high near

# Floyd man dies in Wythe crash

From Va. State Police

Virginia State Police is fatal crash that occurred at 7:43 pm on Jan. 12, 2024, in Wythe pronounced deceased. County.

A 2008 Ford Focus, driven by Jim C. Lemon, 57, of Floyd, Va., went off Turley Farm Road to crash is continuing.

the left, overturned, and landed upside down in Cove Creek.

Lemon, who was not wearing investigating a one-vehicle a seat belt, was taken to an area hospital where he was

Lemon was the only person in the vehicle.

The investigation into the

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time, confiscation of against Baptists during the

property, beatings and exile. The "Desiring God" website

chronicles how James Madison and Jefferson saw the era's worst outbreak of persecution

1760'-1770's. "More than 30 Baptist pastors were jailed for illegal preaching in the colony. Many more Baptists suffered violence and intimidation. Itinerant Baptist preacher James Ireland was among those arrested, but even pail time would not shut him up. His friends and supporters came to listen to him preach through the cell grate."

Because of this experience, years later, as President, Jefferson would write a letter in response to the concerns of the Danbury Baptists, assuring them that the federal government would not support this type of persecution.

Modern history ignores Benjamin Rush, but he was an important contributor to early American life. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, opposed slavery, advocated free public schools, and encouraged improved education women. He used the Bible in his system of education and included classes for women teaching them the principles of negotiation. He is also noted as America's Father of Medicine.

Undoubtedly, Rush and Jefferson would have had discussions during the writing of the Declaration, and possibly other times, regarding religion. Did Jefferson perceive the "corruptions of Christianity" in his time, just as Jesus Himself saw the corruptions of the religious leaders in His time; and spoke out about it? In a conversation with Dr. Benjamin Rush, Jefferson stated: "To the corruptions of Christianity I am indeed opposed; but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus Himself. I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished any one to be; sincerely attached to His doctrines in preference to all others."



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- Be a positive role model and display maturity for the position (based on the judgment of 4-H Extension Staff).
- Attend a minimum of 24 hours of training prior to the camping experience in which he/she plans to serve.

# 4-H Teen Counselors

Find the application here: http://tinyurl.com/teen-2024 Must be 14 years of age or older by January 1 of 2024 (should be older based on experience and maturity, but 14 years of age is the absolute minimum age)

# Responsible for:

- Supervising children during the entire 4-H camp session by
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- Showing a genuine concern for children by communicating, advising, assisting and establishing a warm, friendly relationship with them.



# **4-H Teen Counselors** in Training

Find the application here: http://tinyurl.com/CIT-2024 Assisting 4-H camp teen counselors with their responsibilities.

# Responsible for:

Must be 13 years of age or older by January 1 of 2024

- Attending and participating in classes, programs and activities
- designed to provide 4-H camp counselor training.



Find the application here: http://tinyurl.com/adult-2024

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# Council

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yet the costs continue to go up. The ridership has shrunk. The organization has not shrunk at all."

Following the vote, Pulaski Zoning Administrator Summer Bork asked the council to approve a change in zoning definition for the property adjacent to LewisGale Hospital Pulaski at 2460 Lee Highway.

The town rezoned the property in mid-2023 by giving it the designation of a Substance Abuse Disorder Service. After consulting with the Town Attorney, it was determined that the property be designated a Substance Abuse Disorder Clinic, so as to better describe services provided.

proposed change This in zoning definition was accompanied by a public hearing, but no one spoke for or against the change and the new zoning definition was adopted unanimously by council.

The council then voted to appropriate funds from the town's investment account to pay for the bonuses given to town employees at the start of 2024. Additionally, the council approved the funding of change orders for Phase one of the Calfee Michael Reis abstaining.

The council was then asked to change the name of the Industrial Development Authority of the Town of Pulaski to the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Pulaski.

"It's a more appropriate terminology for the function of your current IDA," said Town Manager Darlene Burcham.

"In today's world, talking about economic development, gives it a totally different feel, because it can be anything that promotes economic development in your community and so we're recommending that this name change occur."

The council unanimously approved of this name change.

Burcham finished the meeting by praising the public works department for their efforts in and added that the council should consider replacing or renovating the town's Public Works facility.

This was Burcham's last official meeting as Town Manager, as Todd Day will start his term as Town Manager in February. Burcham has agreed to stay on for the first month of Day's tenure to help in the transition.

"I also want to thank Ms. Burcham for the three years you've given us," said Mayor Shannon Collins at meetings

"Three and a half," countered School Project, with councilman Burcham with a chuckle. "But who's counting?'

"It's not been easy, I'm sure at all because we were in a mess, but we do appreciate you helping us get our town back in order," Collins continued. "I hope that you'll be here for some of the meetings next month to help get started and stuff, but I just wanted to tell you that we appreciate you."

Town Attorney Spencer Rygas will also likely end his tenure as a town employee in the near future, as the closed session before the council meeting included "prospective candidates for employment for Town Attorney," among other positions.

Rygas was recently elected as the Circuit Clerk of Court for Pulaski County.

After the meeting, Mayor keeping the streets free from ice Collins commented on the town's recent \$1.2 million purchase of 155 acres of undeveloped land within the town limits.

> "I think it's a good move, I really do," said Collins. "We just have to get figured out what we're going to do with it and how to do it. There's going to be naysayers, but it's an opportunity. It's sat there and not been used for so long and I think it's a good opportunity for Pulaski."

> February's meeting of the Pulaski Town Council has been re-scheduled from February 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday February 8, so that council members can attend a county hosted meeting in Richmond.

# Psychedelics for Our Military

The \$883.7 billion National Defense Authorization Act for 2024 makes for some interesting reading, not only for what it left out, but what it included. What you won't find is the medical cannabis pilot program for veterans promoted by many, but you will find a treatment program using psychedelics for veterans and active duty with traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Specifically, it calls for clinical trials with the Department of Defense to create a system wherein they can spend up to \$10 million on psychedelics research. It only gives them 180 days to get started. Covered conditions, besides TBI and PTSD, include depression and insomnia.

Some of the drugs to be used are psychedelic drugs psilocybin (magic mushrooms), MDMA (ecstacy) and 5-MeO-DMT (from toad glands).

There are some reported from successes using psychedelics. The Food and Drug Administration said in 2017 that they'd had positive results using LSD and the magic mushrooms. The amounts



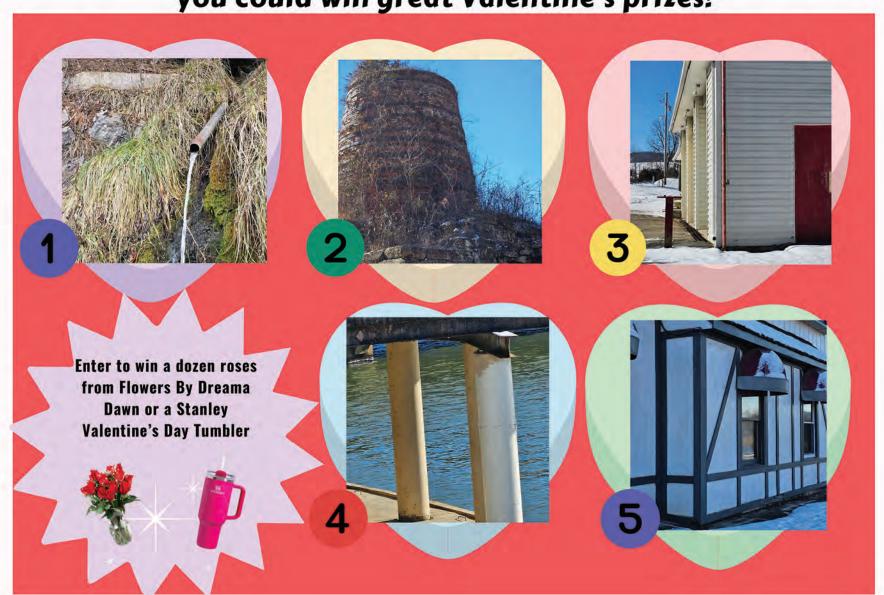
by Freddy Groves

given are small and are called "microdoses." A short report with a lengthy list of citations in the Marine Corps Gazette in 2019 describes the use of LSD, mushrooms and more to attempt to gain an edge in efficiency and productivity when it comes to attention to detail, mental processing and reasoning. The report points to the way LSD changes the brain's method of problem solving. Maybe this explains why it might be useful in helping veterans who suffer from PTSD. By creating new ways to think about things?

Yet another study, documented in the Lancet Psychiatry journal, found that the magic mushrooms reduced PTSD symptoms. The trial combined three doses of the mushrooms with psychotherapy. After Phase 2 of the trial, 56% of participants no longer had PTSD when checked 12 months later, after having suffered for many



Where in Pulaski County were these photos taken? This week and next week we will be publishing IO photos from around the county. If you can name what and where each photo was taken you could win great Valentine's prizes!



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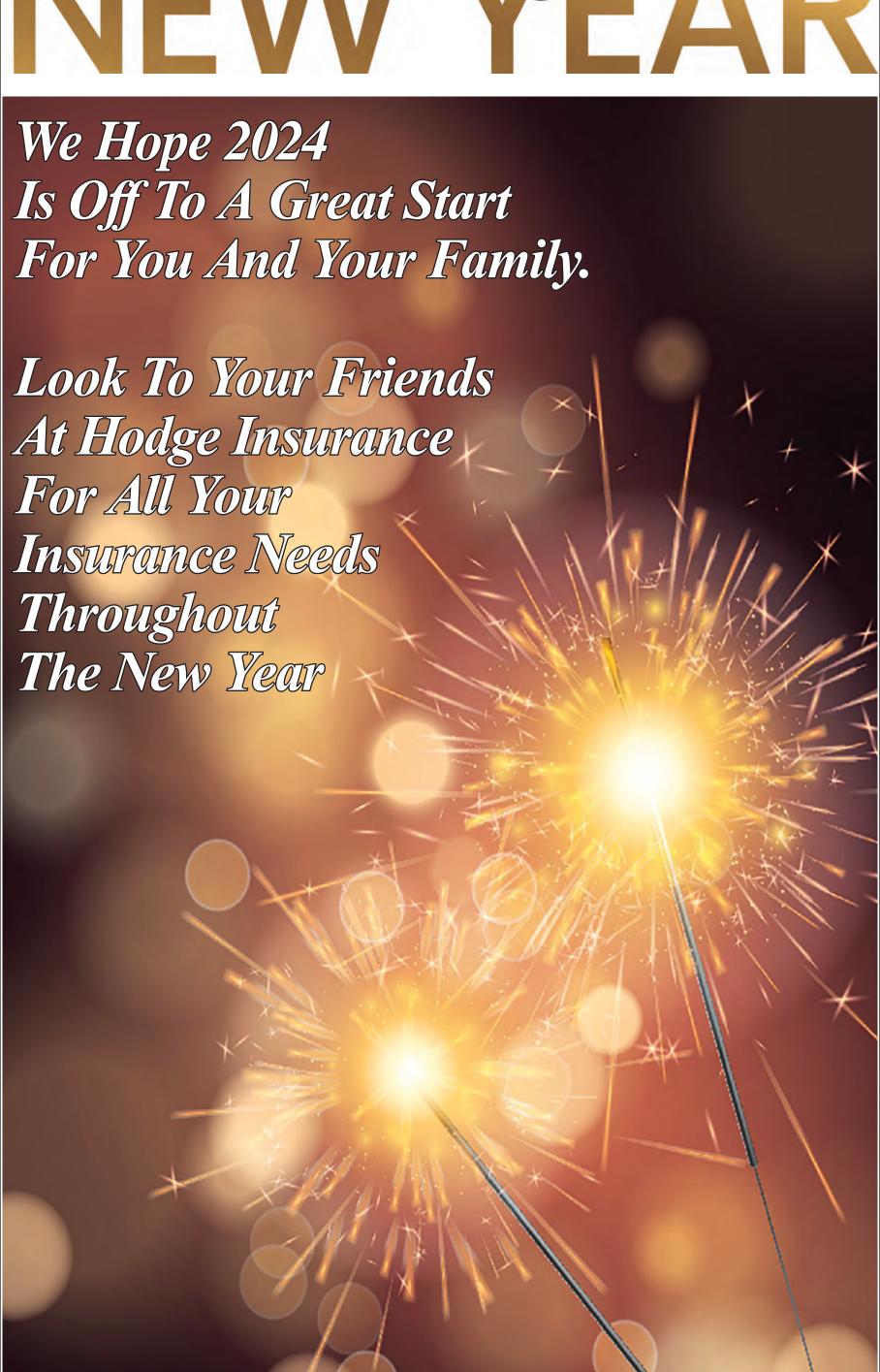
The remaining 5 photos will be published on Jan. 26th.

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# **SPORTS**

# Pulaski County boys drop two Beekman,



Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing Cougar junior Chandler Hollins scored 10 points in Pulaski County's loss to Salem as he and Lane Nester were the only Cougars in double figures for the game.

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# CougarsfalltoBlueDemons in Chance Harman Classic lead UVa

**By RODNEY YOUNG Patriot Publishing** 

FLOYD - It was another game in which the Cougars didn't finish. They started strong, but in the end they lost a tough game to Christiansburg, 57-50, in the Chance Harman Classic played last weekend at Floyd County High School.

The Cougars' poor shooting caught up with them, again, this time at the end of the final quarter. They missed eight of their last nine shots and their only made basket came from sophomore Justus Hash on a layup in the last two and a half minutes.

Pulaski County jumped out to a 16-6 advantage after the opening period.

Christiansburg would then score 20 points in the second quarter to the Cougars' 10 as the two teams went into intermission all tied up at 26.

The Cougars (4-11, 0-6) would take a one-point 42-41 lead going into the final quarter.

"We just missed shots and we had some really good looks. The ball just wouldn't go down for us," said Cougar head coach Anthony Akers.

The Cougars got 15 points apiece from Hash and senior Lane Nester. Senior Marcus Reed scored all eight of his points in the opening quarter.

Christiansburg placed Mason King and Kaleb Robinson in double- figures. King had 16 and Robinson 15. Ian Velickovic and Jayden Harman both chipped in with seven points apiece.

Pulaski County played much harder and played well for most of the game. The ball just didn't drop for them when it needed to. They hit just eight of 18 foul shots as their shooting woes, for the most part, continued – especially at the end of the game.

Pul. Co. - 16 10 16 8 - 50 C-burg - 6 20 15 16-57

Scoring - Pul. Co. - Nester 15, Hash 15, Reed 8, O'Dell 4, Hollins 4, Harlow 4, C-burg - Robinson 15, King 16, Velickovic 7, Harman 7, Cotto 6, Bush 4, Edwards 2

3-PT. Goals - Pul. Co. - 4 ( Hash 3, Nester), C-burg - 3 (King 2, Velickovic) Total FG's - Pul. Co. - 19, C-burg - 21

FT's - Pul. Co. - 8-18, C-burg - 8-16

Fouls - Pul. Co. - 18, C-burg - 14

Fouled Out-None Technicals - None

# Salem jumps out to 25-0 lead, rout PCHS

By RODNEY YOUNG **Patriot Publishing** 

incredible 25-0 start and went on to trounce the Cougars Friday

night, 76-42 in the Cougar Den. The Cougars missed their

break the Spartans' momentum, but the visitors from Salem led 25-8 at the end of quarter. They went into intermission up 39 -13 as the Cougars missed their last seven shots to end the first half.

The second half saw Pulaski County's shooting continue as they missed their first five shots to start the third quarter meaning they had missed 12 consecutive shots by that point.

Salem seemed to score any time they wanted as they hit layups and five footers. They stretched their halftime advantage to a commanding 64-30 score at the end of the third.

The fourth quarter saw a running clock and the Cougars played Salem even in the fourth scoring 12 points each.

"We missed shots, had turnovers, and they (Salem) got easy shots," said Cougar head coach Anthony Akers.

All 11 players for Salem scored. Cam Boles led them

one, but two timeouts to try to with 17 points and Lucas Yerton had 13, while Marvin Fields chipped in with 11 points.

> Pulaski County (4-10) got 17 points from senior Lane Nester, and junior Chandler Hollins had 10. They were the only two Cougars to score in double

Pul. Co. - 8 5 17 12 -42 Salem - 25 14 25 12 - 76

Scoring - Pul. Co. - Nester 17, Hollins 10, O'Dell 2, Harlow 3, Hash 4, Lawrence 4, Anderson 2, Salem - Boles 17, Moyer 7, Yerton 13. Fields 11. Coe 8, Fox 6, Paddyfote 5, Dallas 2, Carver 3, Clemens 3, Brown 1

3 PT. Goals - Pul. Co. - 5 (Hollins 2, Nester 2, Harlow), Salem - 5 (Yerton 3, Clemens, Paddyfote)

Total FG's - Pul. Co. - 15, Salem - 21 FT's - Pul. Co. - 7 - 10, Salem - 9-14

Fouls - Pul. Co. - 14, Salem - 9

Fouled Out- None

Technicals - None

first eight shots and had four DUBLIN – A very slow start turnovers in their first 12 by the Pulaski County Cougars possessions. They finally got on was too much to overcome, the scoreboard with 2:12 left in and Salem jumped out to an the quarter as Justus Hash hit a jumper.

The Cougars had used not

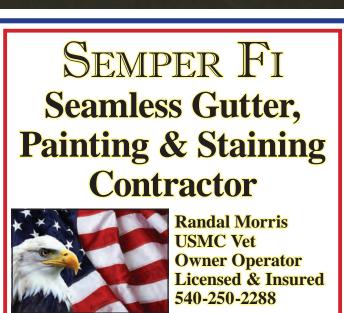


Pulaski County sophomore Hash led the Cougars in scoring against Christiansburg with 15 points, and added four against Salem.

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# Minor past VT

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Reece Beckman and Jordan Minor scored 16 points each, Virginia scored six big points in the final minute, and the Cavaliers held off Virginia Tech 65-57 on Wednesday night.

After shooting 27% from the field in the first half, Virginia Tech shot 45% over the first 15 minutes of the second half to keep pace with Virginia (12-5, 3-3 ACC). The Cavaliers led by seven with 5 minutes to go but layups by Dante Harris and Blake Buchanan helped push the lead to 54-43 with 3:42 remaining.

Beekman hit a pullup jumper for a 60-50 lead with 1:10 remaining before Tyler Nickel hit two free throws and Sean Pedulla drained a 3-pointer to get the Hokies within five with a minute to go.

After a timeout, Beekman drew a non-shooting foul and hit both ends of the one-and-one for a seven-point Virginia lead. Ryan Dunn blocked a layup by Pedulla, Beekman rebounded and threw a long outlet to Andrew Rohde, whose tip pass was the perfect feed to Dunn for a lefty layup and a nine-point lead with 35 seconds left.

Pedulla had 18 points, six rebounds and five assists for the Hokies (10-7, 2-4) but committed seven turnovers. Hunter Cattoor added 12 points and Robbie Beran had 10.

Virginia, the national leader in fewest turnovers (8.1 per game), had only three giveaways in the first half, compared to 10 by Virginia Tech. The Hokies made only 6 of 22 shots but had an assist on each made basket.

Virginia trailed 11-10 before

Jacob Groves hit two 3-pointers and Beekman hit another in a 13-2 run that put the Cavaliers up by 10 with 5 minutes left in the first half. Beekman scored 10 points in the half and the Cavaliers led 25-18 at the break. The Cavaliers finished with

seven turnovers and the 57 allowed essentially points matched their season average of 57.7 points allowed per game.

Pedulla, this week's ACC player of the week, had averaged 30.3 ppg in his last three games.

Virginia travels to Atlanta to play Georgia Tech on Saturday. Virginia Tech will play at North Carolina State on Saturday.

# **Gardner-Webb** takes down **Radford**

RADFORD, Va. (AP) -Caleb Robinson had 21 points in Gardner-Webb's 74-68 victory over Radford on Wednesday night.

Robinson added six rebounds for the Runnin' Bulldogs (7-12, 2-2 Big South Conference). DQ Nicholas finished 4 of 5 from 3-point range to add 12 points. Julien Soumaoro was 4 of 10 shooting (1 for 4 from 3-point range) to finish with nine points.

The Highlanders (11-8, 1-3) were led in scoring by Bryan Antoine, who finished with 21 points and three steals. Chandler Turner added 12 points for Radford. Justin Archer also had 10 points.







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### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 5806 Pifer Dr, Dublin, VA 24084

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$98,163.00 dated November 9, 2011 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Pulaski County on November 9, 2011 as Instrument Number: 110003481, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, 45 3rd St NW, Pulaski, VA 24301 on February 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

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- 1. Rezone Application submitted by Jim Hager, rezone of Tax Map 056-001-0000-059A, from Industrial (I) to Conservation (C) located Shaedawn Park. Draper District
- 2. 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
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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

NOTICE

PETITION OF T. L. O. to adopt A. M. P. O. and P. G.-L. O., infants over

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2023-A-37 (B)

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority located at 7797 Mason Street, Radford, Virginia lists the following local industry in SIGNIFICANT NONCOMPLIANCE with the requirements of 40 CFR part 403 (General Pretreatment Regulations) for the period covering January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

**Electroplate-Rite Corporation** Industry:

Address:

5529 Lee Highway Dublin, VA 24084

# Violation:

Significant Noncompliance with the Code of Federal Regulations 403.8 (f)(2)(vii) and the local Enforcement Response Plan. The industry was in Technical Review Criteria (TRC) violation by discharging wastewater containing more than 0.70 mg/L of Cyanide for greater than thirty-three (33) percent of the daily maximum limit of their permit during the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

# **Actions Taken:**

Notice of Violations were issued on February 22, 2023, March 21, 2023, June 20, 2023 and July 18, 2023. Two (2) Administrative Orders pertaining to the exceedance of Cyanide and other permit parameters were also issued on March 15, 2023 and July 20, 2023 requiring additional sampling, corrective action plans and potential fines for non-compliance.

The industry implemented corrective measures to return to consistent program compliance.

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Hecate Energy, LLC proposes to construct a 138kV overhead generation tie (gen-tie) line approximately 6.2 miles in length in Pulaski County, Virginia, to connect the Pulaski I Solar facility to the electric grid. The project intersects State Route 100 in the northwest and U.S route 11 in the southeast near the Town of Dublin. The gen-tie line will be within a 100' wide easement that will span 16 parcels of land. The easements have been negotiated or are currently under negotiations with the property owners. The total easement area for the project is approximately 81 acres. The proposed gen-tie will utilize approximately 79 wood and weathering steel structures.

The proposed gen-tie line will be assessed for approval by the State Corporation Commission (SCC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN). The purpose of this public participation is to (i) acquaint the public with technical aspects of the proposed project, (ii) identify issues of concern, (iii) facilitate communication, and (iv) establish a dialogue between the owner or operator and persons who may be affected by the project.

Questions and comments may also be sent to the following:

**Pulaski Solar Facility** c/o Hecate Energy LLC 621 W. Randolph St Chicago, IL 60661 Preston Schultz, Vice President Project Development PulaskiSolar@HecateEnergy.com

877-791-0860 http://www.pulaskisolar.com/contact-us/

A Public meeting will be held on February 6, 2024 from

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the following location:

Pulaski, VA 24301

St. Edwards Catholic Church Fellowship Hall 700 N. Washington Street

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

the age of thirteen years,

Petitioner,

To: Andrea Ann Kessler, parent

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 fall 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, 2004



Prepared by:

IN RE:

/s/ Thomas K. Fast Thomas K. Fast (WVSB#6312) Fast Law Office L.C. PO Box 420 Fayetteville, WV 25840 Phone: 304-574-0777 Facsimile: 304-574-0623 Counsel for Petitioner

# Big Fish Mount Winner Announced

Pictured is the winner of the Big Fish Mount from the Pulaski County Kids Fishing Day held last spring, on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Camp Powhatan. The picture features committee prize coordinator Dan Olayvar and Virginia DWR Conservation Police Officer Ron Wood presenting the prize winner, Travis Smith of Snowville, with his mount, which is donated each year by Outer Limits Taxidermy. The trout weighed 3.5 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Submitted by Anthony Akers



# Peters takes over as Commanders GM

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — dove into headfirst as soon things will be important, but Adam Peters is already at as I was hired," Peters said ultimately (we are looking for) work trying to find the next Tuesday at his introductory a partner where the three of us Commanders Washington coach, the first task for the team's new general manager in what he believes is "not a total rebuild."

controlling owner Josh Harris is expected to hire a replacement for Ron Rivera within the few weeks. Detroit Lions offensive coordinator Ben Johnson and defensive coordinator Aaron Glenn and Baltimore Ravens assistant coach Mike Macdonald are among the likeliest candidates.

'This is something we increasingly. All of those

news conference, adding that he's looking for a good communicator who can be honest, direct and upfront.

'We're looking for the best A group led by Peters and leader for this team. We have set criteria that we're going to be aligned in that vision."

> Harris, who isolated Peters as the right fit to run Washington's football operations, cited the need for football intelligence and a coach who can attract a

"I think IQ matters," Harris said. "I think it matters

a partner where the three of us can be aligned."

The ability to hire a new coach and mold an entire front office attracted Peters, 44, to the Commanders after seven years with the San Francisco 49ers. Armed with a five-year deal, he'll be able to put his stamp on the organization, from the decision of who plays quarterback to what to do with the second pick in the draft.

Asked about all those things, Peters kept coming back to the same premise: "We still have to hire the head coach.'



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# Back In The Day

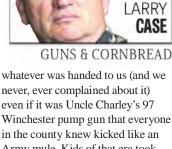
I guess I should start with a quick disclaimer. This entry may very well smack of unadulterated nostalgia or some older guy pining for back in the day and how it used to be. Well if it is, so be it, if that is not what you wanted to read today flip the page or scroll down and read about something else while you have your Cheerios. At the risk of being called Captain Obvious, in case you haven't noticed things ain't what they used

Loyal readers out there (I think I have six) know that when I talk about how much things have changed I am usually relating this to situations in the firearms and hunting world. Sorry, it is just how I think about things. To say that the climate has changed about guns and hunting would be reverting back to Capt. Obvious, the general public for whatever reason just does not think about such things as we once did. More is the pity.

Under full disclosure here I have been thinking about this topic for some time and probably what got me to sit down and write about this came from a gun writer friend of mine in Illinois, Randy Wakeman. Mr. Wakeman has been toiling in the salt mines of gun writing for many years and is familiar to many of you writing on the well-known Chuck Hawks firearms site (www. chuckhawks.com). Randy writes about a little of everything in the gun world but he may be better known for his expertise in the realm of shotguns. When Wakeman starts talking about some aspect of a scattergun, like E. F. Hutton, the rest of us stop and listen. Randy and I have been in the same hunting camp and lodge a few times for pheasants and ducks, but to give him his due he has forgotten more about shooting Ringneck Pheasants than I will ever know. We just come from different parts of the world. But I still enjoy chatting with him and hearing what he has to say about different shotguns as he has a wealth of information on smoothbores. (We are also both fans of the actor Strother Martin, but that is for

another day) In Mr. Wakeman's latest entry he waxes reflective and talks about the old days as a boy growing in the Illinois pheasant cover. He was even bold enough to title this article "Killing a Wild Pheasant with a Shotgun". In this day and age many gun and hunting writers tend to take the easy road and not use the K-I-L-L word. Years ago the word "harvest" came into vouge when you didn't want to use that ol' kill word. We might want to remember that hunting is in fact a blood sport and it does involve the killing of animals. You can try to put all the lipstick on that you want, but it is what it is. If you feel like you need to apologize for that, maybe you shouldn't be hunting, but again, I digress.

Living through and enduring a string of ill fitting and bad shooting shotguns is something many of us have had to go through as young shooters and Mr. Wakeman talks about this in his article. As I have written about before I would bet that not one shooter in ten knows what it is like to shoot a properly fitted shotgun. As kids "back in the day" we usually were expected to shoot



never, ever complained about it) even if it was Uncle Charley's 97 Winchester pump gun that everyone in the county knew kicked like an Army mule. Kids of that era took this as part of the deal for being allowed to follow Dad and Uncle Charley into the field, we wouldn't dare complain about a gun that was too heavy, too long, didn't fit us and when we shot it generally blurred your vision for a few minutes. We wanted to be out there that bad.

Now I am really going to cause some gun haters head to spin around when I say that Mr. Wakeman also addresses what was a common occurrence when we were young, and that is we actually took guns to school. That's right, it was very common if you were in high school to have a shotgun or rifle in your truck or car in the school parking lot. It was commonly done, nobody cared, and there never was problem with it that I ever heard of. Often a teacher or the principal would come out to your truck and have a look at your prized 870 shotgun or a Savage rifle. You may have been going hunting before and after school and it made sense to have your shotgun in the vehicle so that you were ready to go. Randy Wakeman reveals in his article how he took his shotgun on the school bus (before he was old enough to drive) and stored it in the office then the bus driver would let him off before he got home so he could walk the fields in hopes of getting a fat rooster pheasant for dinner. Nobody thought it odd, nobody complained, no problems with school shootings or anything

Things ain't what they used to be and never will be again.

> **Larry Case** www.gunsandcornbread.com

# Former NFL QB, Snead dies at age 84

(AP) Norm Snead, an NFL quarterback for 16 seasons in the 1960s and '70s who was a fourtime Pro Bowl selection, has died. He was 84.

Snead died Sunday in Naples, Florida, his brother, Danny, told The Associated Press on Monday. A cause of death was not provided.

Snead was the second overall pick in the 1961 NFL draft, selected by Washington, and he also was taken 33rd by the Buffalo Bills in the American Football League draft that year. He chose Washington and played there for three seasons, with two Pro Bowl appearances, before being traded to the Philadelphia Eagles for Sonny Jurgensen and Claude Crabb.

Jurgensen, who was with Philadelphia when the Eagles won the league championship in 1960, became the face of the franchise for Washington.



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# Honor Guard members recognized

By DANIELLE REID Patriot Publishing

On Thursday, 11th, twenty members of the Dublin American Legion Post #58 Funeral Honors Guard detail received Certificates of Appreciation, signed by 9th District Congressman Morgan Griffith. The awards were in appreciation for their many years of service providing honor guard ceremonies to the veterans of southwest VA.

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

Each certificate states: "This Certificate of Appreciation is hereby presented to (Honor Guard member's name) for the generous and charitable service that he has provided to the American Legion Post #58 Honor Guard, veterans of the community, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the country as a whole." It is signed by the Hon. H. Morgan Griffith, Member of Congress.



Emil Moldovan, Commander of American Legion Post #58 Military Funeral Honors Guard, commented, "We consider it a privilege and honor to do this detail. My team is fabulous in responding quickly to the families' requests. They are fantastic people who care about the military families and want to show our appreciation for their service in life, and our honor in death, for when their service is over.

I can honestly say that the people in this area of southwest Virginia are the most caring, nicest people. We live in a wonderful community."

For information about the American Legion Post #58 Funeral Honors Guard, please contact Emil Moldovan at 540.674.0684

# Louise Howell Reed turns 102!

Louise Howell Reed was born Jan. 17, 1922 to William "Bill" Howell and Fannie Howell in Dry Branch, Va. where she lived all her life.

Louise was married to Donald "Mutt" Reed for 53 years, until his death in 1995. They had five children – Kenneth (Butch) Reed, Susie Reed Busby, Billy Reed, Peggy Reed Barber, and Jerry Reed.

She also has a number of children and grandchildren. Her son, Terry, remains her caretaker and encourager.

Louise spent a joyful life being a homemaker and mother, working briefly at a local sewing factory, and always enjoying her life in the mountains and solitude of Dry Branch Hollow.

At 102, she has a quick wit that has remained a part of her "good health and feels just fine." personality all her life. She



shares that she "can't get to church, but she knows God, who keeps her going and has been good to her."

Despite hearing problems, and a welcoming kindness and reduced mobility, she is in

-Submitted by Lindy Mann

# Farmer made Honorary Member by Count Pulaski Chapter DAR

The Count Pulaski Chapter of membership applications. the Daughters of the American Revolution has declared Elinor W.

Farmer their Honorary Member. The resolution states that Elinor has been a member for 34 years and has kept the chapter alive by giving advice, serving on committees, holding various officer positions and her contributions at each meeting are

Elinor is well respected in all districts, state, and national DAR meetings. Her genealogical research skills are the best, having completed many DAR

Elinor is a very special DAR lady. She rode in the 2023 Dublin Christmas parade, riding in our Count Pulaski Chapter DAR decorated VW convertible.

Count Pulaski Chapter DAR meets monthly on the first Monday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum.

Membership is open to any Woman 18 years or older and has had a Patriot who served in the Revolutionary War.

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This certificate of appreciation is hereby presented to Emil Moldovan for the generous and charitable service that he has provided to the American Legion Post #58 Honor Guard, veterans of the community, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the country as a whole. Signed on this the 15th day of December in the year 2023 Hon. H. Morgan Griffith Member of Congress



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# Go Forth Believe!

Jesus had returned to Cana in Galilee where He had turned water into wine. A royal officer whose son was sick approached Jesus. He begged Jesus to come and heal his son who was near death.

"'Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders,' Jesus told him, 'You will never believe.' The royal officer said, 'Sir, come down before my child dies.' Jesus replied, 'You may go, Your son will live.' The man took Jesus at His Word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, 'The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour.' Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, 'Your son will live.' So, he and all his household believed," John 4: 48-53

This is a story to inspire our faith! When Jesus said, "Go," the officer immediately headed home because he believed!

Can we believe our prodigal children will return home?

"Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it." Proverbs

Can we believe that God knows and cares about our relationships and will work all things for our

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

Can we believe bodily healing can occur?

'The Lord will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness." Psalm 41:3 Can we believe God will

provide for all our needs?

'And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus," Philippians 4:19

Have the faith of the royal officer! We have a God that can do the impossible! Our God is in complete control of our destiny. Humble yourselves, surrender your lives, and seek His ways!

Throughout the Bible, the Israelites remembered wonderous deeds God had performed in their lives. Think back at all the near disasters in your life and how He rescued you! Remember the healing that took place in your body, and how you were spared when everyone around fell sick to an illness? Do you remember the time when you didn't know how you would pay your bills, and somehow money was found or a check came through on your behalf!?

We don't have to see a miracle. Most of us are a miracle of His unconditional love.

Go forth in 2024 knowing He is true to His Word! Pray the promises of God for "God is not a man that He should lie or a son of man that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?" Numbers 23:19

This is the year to believe and watch your life turn around.

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 There is no meeting by coincidence, and there are incredible opportunities for us to share and grow as we journey through life.

# Church Directory

### **Draper Valley Baptist Church**

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

### **Grace Baptist Church** 552 E. Main Street

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

### **Open Door Baptist Church**

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

### **Draper Methodist Church**

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

**Christ Episcopal Church** 144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski

P.O. Box 975 Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday Phone: 980-2413 Email: christ24301@gmail.com

# Jordan Chapel Methodist

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

### Cecil's Chapel Church

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

# Valley Harvest Ministries

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

# **Dublin Baptist Church**

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

# Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

# First United Methodist Church

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

# **Belspring Baptist Church**

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

### **Delton Church of God** of Prophecy

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

# Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin Joe Ratcliff, Pastor Service Times: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m. (540) 674-9220 Website: www.heritagechurch.net Facebook.com/

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### First Missionary Baptist Church 7318 Manns Drive

Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524 (540) 639-5331 email: fmbc1872@verizon.net Associate Minister: Rev. Annette Cheek Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis Sundays: Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA) 2755 Old Baltimore Road,

Draper, VA 24324 Senior Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Phone - 540-994-9015 e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org website - www.dvpca.org Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)

### **Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA**

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

### **Trinity United Methodist**

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

### **Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy** 1021 Macgill Street

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

# **Faith Bible Church**

110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301 Pastor: Jim Linkous Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox 540-980-5433 www.facebook/faithbiblechurch Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m. Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m. Children's & Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.

### **Grace Episcopal Church** 210 Fourth Street, Radford

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### **Mountain View United Methodist Church**

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

# **New Hope Chapel**

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

### **Trinity Baptist Church** 4008 Robinson Tract Road

Pulaski, VA 24301 Telephone: 980-8186 Pastor Johnny Howlett Sunday Worship - 10 a.m. Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m. Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

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

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Preaching: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m. FUNDAMENTAL

### First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO) 409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084

P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084 first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com Pastor: Mary Ann Armbrister

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

# **Dublin Christian Church**

5605 Dunlap Road

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

### **Snowville Christian Church** (DOC - Disciples of Christ)

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

### **Dublin United Methodist Church** P.O. Box 577 424 East Main Street

Dublin, VA 24084

Pastor: Rev. Don Shelor

540.674.5128 email: dublinumc@gmail.com Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School: 10:00 am Max Creek Baptist Church 3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324

www.maxcreek.org www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman Youth Minister: Charlie Prince

**Sunday Services** Sunday School: 10 a.m. Morning Worship: 11 a.m. Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

# Pulaski Church of God

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

### Randolph Avenue **United Methodist Church**

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

# Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.

4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301 www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/ Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor, (540) 250-2974 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Monday Bible Study 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

### First Baptist Church 220 Magazine Street

Pulaski, VA 24301 540-980-3336 Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com Pastor: Rev, Douglas Patterson Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

### **Dora Highway Baptist Church** 321 Dora Highway

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

### **Family Worship Center** First Pentecostal Holiness 955 Memorial Drive, Pulaski

980-7287 www.fwcpulaski.church Jeff Willhoite, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 am Sunday Worship 10:45 am KidsZone 10:45 am Alpha & Omega Pentecostal Spanish service 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

### Pulaski First Church of the Brethren 1749 Newbern Road

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

### **New Hope Church** 3050 Lee Highway Pulaski, VA 24301

Services: Sunday's 1st Service - 9:15 a.m. Sunday's 2nd Service - 11 a.m. Wednesdays - 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. For: Kids, Teens, Adults Lead Pastor: Rev. Randy Lawrence Jr. Church Phone: 540-980-5506

### **Aldersgate United Methodist**

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

### **Hilltop Pentecostal Holiness Church**

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

### First Christian Church of Pulaski

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

### Community Christian Church 5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084

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

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



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# **Pathway to Heaven Worship Center**

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

### St. Edwards Catholic Church

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

### Warriors for Christ II

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

### **New Dublin Presbyterian Church**

5331 New Dublin Church Road
Dublin, VA 24084
Interim Pastor: Tupper Garden
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Phone: 540-674-6147
www.newdublin.org

### Newbern Methodist Church

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

# Visit The Church Of Your Choice This Week

# A Bad Trade

People like to trade. My grandfather was a horse trader. My father loved to trade cars. His friends would tease him saying, you trade cars every time the gas tank gets low. He didn't trade that often, but he did trade cars every year or two. I suppose some of the trades my grandfather and my dad made were good ones, and some of them were bad ones.

Spiritually the same thing is true. I remember hearing a song years ago about a man who supposedly sold his soul to the devil for the ability to be a great musician. If he really did that, it was a bad trade. In Mark 8:36, Jesus asked, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" In the Bible is the account of the devil trying to make a trade with Jesus. The devil took Jesus up on a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the work and said, I will give you all these things if You will fall down and worship me. Jesus' answer to this attempted trade was, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." When the devil tries to make a trade with you, your best answer would be, get away from me devil, in Jesus' name. Don't argue with him, just rebuke him in Jesus' name.

While he was panicking, Esau made a bad trade with his brother Jacob. He thought he was dying of hunger and he was willing to trade his birthright for a bowl of stew. His birthright was his legal right to a double portion inheritance from his father. Likewise, if you have been born again by accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you have a birthright. Your

# MICHAEL COLLINS

birthright is eternal life in heaven with Jesus. Heaven is a blessed place. There is nothing like it anywhere. So, don't let the devil get you in a panic and try to get you to make a bad trade for your soul.

An old gentleman who attended a church I pastored would sing a song about Jonah being swallowed by a whale, which ended with these words, "Be sure one doesn't swallow you." Any trade with the devil is like being swallowed by a whale. There is nothing that you possess that is more important or valuable than your soul. Don't trade your soul to the devil, invest it in Jesus. There is no safer place for your soul than in the hands of Jesus. Jesus said in John 14:2, 3, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may

# Survey: Half of pastors consider quitting

By PETER SMITH Associated Press

Post-pandemic burnout is at worrying levels among Christian clergy in the U.S., prompting many to think about abandoning their jobs, according to a new nationwide survey.

More than 4 in 10 of clergy surveyed in fall 2023 had seriously considered leaving their congregations at least once since 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, and more than half had thought seriously of leaving the ministry, according to the survey released Thursday by the Hartford Institute for Religion Research.

About a tenth of clergy report having had these thoughts often, according to the survey, conducted as part of the institute's research project, Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations.

The high rates of ministers considering quitting reflects the "collective trauma" that both clergy and congregants have experienced since 2020, said institute director Scott Thumma, principal investigator for the project

for the project.

"Everybody has experienced grief and trauma and change," he said. Many clergy members, in open-ended responses to their survey, cited dwindling attendance, declining rates of volunteering and members'

resistance to further change.
"I am exhausted," said one

# See PASTORS, page B10 BIBLE TRIVIA

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

2. By Roman reckoning, about what time of day did Jesus meet the woman at the well at Samaria? Sunrise, Noon, Sunset, Midnight

3. Which other servant of Pharaoh besides the butler was imprisoned along with Joseph? Baker, Tentmaker, Workman, Seamstress
4. What archangel argued

with the devil in a dispute over the body of Moses? Abaddon, Michael, Gabriel, Chephirah 5. In Galatians 5, what is the

first fruit of the Spirit? Faith, Love, Peace, Goodness
6. As mentioned 12 times

in the Bible (KJV), what is a hyssop? Bird, Beggar, Plant, Robe ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Noon,

6) Plant
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3) Baker, 4) Michael, 5) Love,

# BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 30:11-12

You <u>turned</u> my <u>wailing</u> into <u>dancing</u>; you <u>removed</u> my <u>sackcloth</u> and <u>clothed</u> me with <u>joy</u>, <u>that</u> my <u>heart</u> <u>may sing</u> your <u>praises</u> and <u>not</u> be <u>silent</u>. <u>LORD</u> my <u>God</u>, I will praise <u>you forever</u>.

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# IS MY PEFUGE TAND MY T FORTRESS PSALM 91:2

# THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

**№** JAMES 1:19, 20 **№** 

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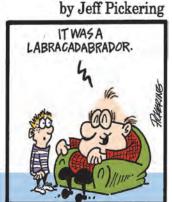
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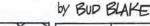


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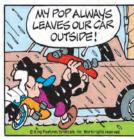










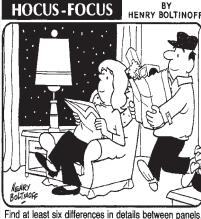




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is missing from plant. 4. Sleeve is longer. 5. Foot is smaller. Differences: 1. Lampshade is wider. 2. Curtain is shorter. 3. Leaf

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THIS NEW IPAD IS GREAT. IT TAKES CARE OF

LIGHTS, TEMP, LOCKS .... I WISH I COULD DO

SOMETHING TO HELP YOU WITH LAUNDRY.





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: D equals G

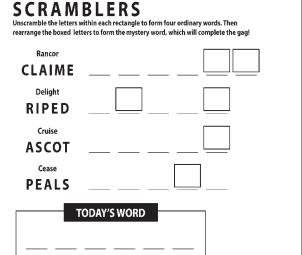
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NUK INBJOE EN UYAE NAA ESO DINCPK. YE'F PNE ESICFE-LNIESH.

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# "Why, no, I didn't tell a soul. I didn't know





# King Crossword

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# Streaming Songs

- 1. Flowers Miley Cyrus
- 2. Kill Bill SZA
- 3. As It Was Harry Styles

- 7. Creepin' (with The Weeknd &
- 8. Calm Down (with Selena
- 9. Shakira: Bzrp Music Sessions,
- 10. Anti-Hero Taylor Swift

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# in 2023

- 4. Seven (feat. Latto) Jungkook
- 5. Ella Baila Sola Eslabon Armado, Peso Pluma
- Cruel Summer Taylor Swift
- 21 Savage) Metro Boomin
- Gomez) Rema
- Vol. 53 Bizarrap, Shakira

Source: Spotify

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**WORD LADDERS** 

Can you go from ARMED to PILES in 6 words?

Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

**ARMED** 

**PILES** 

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

— King Crossword —

# 1. MOVIES: What state is the setting

for the 1990s movie "Twister"?

- 2. GEOGRAPHY: Lake Okeechobee is in which U.S. state?
- 3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president adopted the expression, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"?
- 4. MUSIC: Actor/singer Jared Leto also is the front man for which rock music band? 5. HISTORY: The U.S. Civil War end-
- ed in 1865 when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union forces in which Virginia town?
- 6. SCIENCE: Which element has the symbol Pb? 7. GAMES: What is the destination in the board game Candy Land?
- TELEVISON: Who was the long-running host of "American Bandstand"?
- 9. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Alaska? 10. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the autobiographical work "I Know
- Why the Caged Bird Sings"? © 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

10. Maya Angelou. 9. Juneau. 8. Dick Clark. 7. Candy Castle. 5. Appomattox. 4. Thirty Seconds to Mars. 3. Theodore Roosevelt.

2. Florida.

Answers

I. Oklahoma.

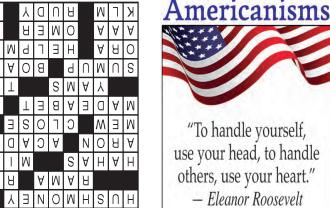
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Today's Word 3. Coast; 4. Lapse 1. Malice 2. Pride;

SCRAMBLERS

TIMES, TILES, PILES ARMED, AIMED, TIMED, Answer

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

**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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IT SEEMS HE'S BEEN OFF ON A HUNTING TRIP ...





WICKED AZURA...

ICY QUEEN FRIA

AND HER UN-SEASONED STEAK

OF A CONSORT PRINCE RONAL...





I WASN'T-

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THE SAME

THEY'VE ALL BEEN INVITED TO A **WEDDING**, YOU SEE.



# Here's a Tip!

\* Here's a fun afternoon of Check with your local grocery store or big box store to see if it has uncrushed cardboard boxes. Get several to create a cardboard city in your living room or child's bedroom. They can be decorated to look like anything, or cut, trimmed and pillows and blankets for a cozy sleepover. When you're done, in Florida

\* Sources who know say that kernels. Keep them in the play just waiting to happen: if you drop a marble (clean glass) in your tea kettle, it will prevent it from scaling.

> \* Like to use paper towels to dry your clean hands? Set them aside to dry, then you can use them for cleaning with glass cleaner or other solutions.

\* Use a shower curtain cut taped into most any shape. Kids or folded in half under baby's even like to stock them with highchair to make cleaning up the floor easier.

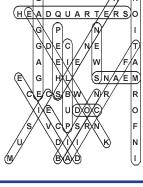
\* Air-popped popcorn is break them down and recycle better for you and healthier. If until the next adventure. -- J.J. you have an air popper, you'll Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia also have a jar of popcorn Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

refrigerator or even the freezer. You can use them straight from the fridge, and the bonus is that you'll have less unpopped kernels and bigger, fluffier popcorn. -- E.M. in Wisconsin

Stuck at school with a sticky zipper? Just rub it with a pencil lead and zip back and forth a few times. It totally works. -- W.K., a middleschool student, in Georgia

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# **CryptoQuote** answer

All action results from thought, so it is thoughts that matter. Sai Baba

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**Answer** 

Weekly SUDOKU

# Top Ten in Movies

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2. Night Swim (PG-13) Wyatt Russell, Kerry Condon

3. Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom

(PG-13) Jason Momoa. Patrick Wilson

4. Migration (PG) Kumail Nanjiani, Elizabeth Banks

5. Anvone But You (R) Sydney Sweeney, Glen Powell

6. The Boys in the Boat (PG-13) Joel Edgerton, Callum Turner

7. The Color Purple (PG-13) Fantasia Barrino, Taraji P. Henson

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(R) Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo

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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

# by Linda Thistle

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# **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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# ULASKI COUNTY PULSE

## 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.

# **Jan. 26**

**Supper** 

Woodlawn P.H. Church 3874 meet every Monday night at

Oak Grove Rd. I-77 exit 19 (turn Right) Jan. 26 starting at 5pm Donations Accepted For Our Youth Program

Pastor Congregation invite you & disappointed!

## 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 America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066.

### Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group The Annual Coy Hill Pancake (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics)

8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian life's hurts, habits, and hang-Church of America located at ups. Group Meeting at 6:15pm 975 Memorial Drive. Contact every Thursday at Valley number 540-818-0621.

### & Lifestyles Changes

If you are currently trying to your family - You won't be lose weight, we may have what you need. Contact Bill Brewer at 540-813-1605.

### Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-

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 centered 12-step program church is located a half-mile where people gain freedom, past the New River Valley healing and accountability for Airport on Route 100 North of

Dublin.

# Send Your **Pulse Items To:**

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# An Emergency Fund Isn't About Instant Gratification

### Dear Dave,

We've all our debts paid off, except for our home, and our fully funded emergency fund of six months of expenses is in place. In talking to people, it seems there are lots of different opinions as to what constitutes an emergency. What guidelines do you suggest when deciding whether to use our emergency

## Ingrid

Dear Ingrid, There are three things to ask yourself when you're tempted to dip into your emergency fund. One, is it unexpected? Things like Christmas, birthdays and even certain bills come around at the same time every year. If you're not already budgeting for these things, it's time to start. Otherwise, you might use your emergency fund for something that's just the result of poor planning.

Number two, is it absolutely necessary? Most of us think we know the difference between needs and wants, but sometimes



**Dave Ramsey** 

your car goes completely kaput, and you need transportation, use your emergency fund to something affordable and reliable you can pay cash for. But don't dip into your emergency fund just to upgrade your good car for one with a million bells and whistles. That's a want, not a need.

And three, is it urgent? Sometimes, you have act like a grown-up. Every idea that pops into your mind isn't unexpected, necessary urgent. You can live that way if you want, but the result will be a quickly depleted emergency fund. Then, what're you going to do when a real emergency comes along?

Practice the art of patience. the line gets a little blurry. If Avoid impulse buys. Urgent

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things include stuff like a broken air conditioner in the middle of summer, a busted transmission or sudden. unexpected medical expenses. A big sale at Wal Mart? No. Concert tickets? Definitely not. That great new pair of shoes you just saw in a store window? Give me a break!

Your emergency fund is about long-term security, not instant gratification. Don't use it on a whim. But don't be afraid to use it when you really

—Dave

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

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

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# **Pastors**

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pastor quoted by the report. churches and those who work "People have moved away from the area and new folks are fewer, and farther, and slower to engage. Our regular volunteers are tired and overwhelmed."

Some of these struggles are trends that long predated the pandemic. Median in-person attendance has steadily declined since the start of the century, the report said, and with fewer age of congregants is rising. After a pandemic-era spike in innovation, congregants are less willing to change, the survey

The reasons for clergy burnout are complex, and need to be understood in larger contexts, Thumma said.

"Oftentimes the focus of attention is just on the congregation, when in fact we should also be thinking about these bigger-picture things," he said. A pastor and congregants, for example, might be frustrated with each other when the larger context is that they're in a struggling rural town that's losing population, he said: "That has an effect on volunteering. It has an effect on aging. It has an effect on what kind of possibility you have to grow."

About a third of clergy respondents were considering both leaving their congregation and the ministry altogether, with nearly another third considering one or the other.

Most clergy reported conflict in their congregations, but those considering leaving their churches reported it at even higher levels and also were less likely to feel close to their congregants.

Those thinking of quitting the ministry entirely were more likely to be pastors of smaller solo, compared with those on larger staffs and at larger churches.

Mainline Protestant clergy were the most likely to think of quitting, followed by evangelical Protestants, while Catholic and Orthodox priests were the least likely to consider leaving.

The percentages of clergy having thoughts of quitting are younger participants, the typical higher than in two previous surveys conducted by the institute in 2021 and spring 2023, though it's difficult to directly compare those numbers because the earlier surveys were measuring shorter time periods since 2020.

The news isn't all grim. Most clergy report good mental and physical health — though somewhat less so if they're thinking of leaving their congregations or ministry and clergy were more likely to have increased than decreased various spiritual practices since the pandemic began.

The results are based on a survey in the fall of 2023 of about 1,700 Christian clergy members from more than 40 denominations, including Protestant, Catholic Orthodox bodies.

The survey echoes similar post-pandemic research. A 2023 Pew Research Center found a decrease in those who reported at least monthly in-person worship attendance, with Black Protestant churches affected the

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