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School Board hears report on schools' academic status

By WILLIAM PAINE
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Pulaski County's five new School Board members gathered late last week for their first meeting of the new year. Following the usual monthly recognition of deserving students, faculty and staff, the board heard an overview of the school system's academic status.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Tara Grant provided the overview. She began by saying that six of the seven schools in Pulaski County were fully accredited with Pulaski County Middle School being "accredited with conditions."

According to Grant, obtaining full accreditation for PCMS will be a major goal for school system in the coming year.

Grant stated that Pulaski County Public School students averaged a 65 percent passing



rate for the reading portion of the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests, and only 53 percent of Pulaski County Public School students were able to pass (SOL) Writing tests.

The goal is to have at least 75 percent of students pass the English reading/writing sections of the SOL tests.

PCPS students average a 60 percent passing rate in both mathematics and History Social Science SOL tests and only a 57 percent passing rate for the

science portion. All three figures represent a slight decrease in proficiency from the previous year. The goal for PCPS is to bring a passing rate of 70 percent in these subject areas.

"I'm pointing this out because, even though we're 96th out of 131 school divisions, which is very uncomfortable for us, we all work very, very hard and so do our teachers," said Grant.

Grant is now working with the Virginia Board of Education and a consortium of 61 public school divisions which formed a Comprehensive Instructional Program to improve student achievement. Part of this process involves using benchmarks to monitor students' progress in core subjects before taking the test.

In addition, as part of Virginia's All In Tutoring initiative, starting this term learning loss teaching

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2023 review, zoning issues highlight BOS meeting

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors began the year with a lengthy meeting, which included several public hearings dedicated to rezoning requests.

The meeting began with Pulaski County Administrator Jonathan Sweet introducing Patricia (Trish) Cox as the county's incoming Finance Director. Current Finance Director Diane Newby is retiring.

Sweet then took the podium and delivered what he called the Year End Report for 2023. The County administrator spent the next 50 minutes of the meeting detailing "the many accomplishments, achievements and objectives that we've met in 2023."

Sweet mentioned every act, support agreement, resolution or presentation taken by the board in the year 2023. Of the myriad accomplishments by the board, Sweet included the advancement of the Hatcher Road Project, the county's efforts to combat opioid addiction, the acquisition and repurposing of the former Dublin and Pulaski Middle Schools, the successful One Bag Challenge program, changing Motor Mile Speedway into Pulaski County Motorsports Park and the All Points Broadband project, which seeks

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William Paine/Patriot Publishing
Diane Newby (left) retires but is helping Patricia Cox transition into her new role as Pulaski County Finance Director.

Retirement brings change to PC Finance Department

By WILLIAM PAINE
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Change is coming to the Pulaski County Finance Department.

Diane Newby, who has held the position of Pulaski County's Finance Director for the past 15 years, has decided to retire and is currently training her replacement Patricia (Trish) Cox.

But first things first. What exactly does a county Finance Director do?

"The Finance Director is essentially responsible for all outgoing payments of all the money that the Treasurer's office collects," Newby explained. "So, we manage how those get divided up in the budget ... which departments get how much money and then we kind of go from there. We manage all the outgoing payments. We manage the accounts payable. We manage

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School bus hits tree, but no serious injuries

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

At 7:08 Tuesday morning a call came into the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office informing them of a traffic accident involving a Pulaski County Public School bus travelling on Julia Simkins Road. No one was seriously injured in the wreck. Pulaski County Public Safety and the Hiwassee Volunteer Fire Department responded to the accident.

According to the accident report, the school bus was driven by Dayna Phillips of Hiwassee and the only passenger on the bus was Mrs. Phillips grandson, who was not injured. The bus was traveling in the Hiwassee

area on the hill immediately to the north of the Hoover Color plant, when one of its back wheels slipped off the road and onto the muddy shoulder. The bus then left the roadway and collided with a tree on the other side of the guardrail before coming to a stop.

Mrs. Phillips was treated for minor injuries but is expected to fully recover from the incident.

Pulaski County School Superintendent Rob Graham had this to say about the accident.

"As difficult and concerning it is to receive a call regarding a bus accident early in the morning, I am grateful for

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payroll and we do a lot of financial analysis to keep up with how all that's working at any given point in time."

The county Finance Director is an appointed position, unlike the county Treasurer, who is elected. How do the two offices work together?

"The Treasurer's office is responsible for all the incoming funds in the county," said Newby. "So, there's a lot of play between the two really. The Treasurer is more responsible for incoming, we're responsible for outgoing but it all has to work together as one big budget. The Treasurer is probably governed by a lot more state code than we are on our side."

Newby was born in Mullins, West Virginia but her family soon moved to Dublin where she spent most of her childhood. Newby attended Radford University and graduated with a degree in accounting.

"Did I always want to be a Finance Director?" Newby responded to my inquiry. "No, I did not. I never had any intention of really working for local government. It just happened that my first job out of out of school was as a staff accountant for the City of Salem."

In 2000, Newby landed a job as Assistant Financial Director for the City of Radford and it was there she met Patricia Cox, who was hired as the Financial Director for the City in 2007.

"Diane and I actually worked together for a year," said Cox. "So, I always tell her she taught me everything I knew about local government."

Cox is a native of Rural Retreat. She attended Clemson University and she too graduated with a degree in accounting. Cox earned her CPA certification a couple of years later.

Cox's tenure as Financial Director for Radford began just as Newby's tenure in the River City was coming to an end.

"Gas prices were going up and I was driving all the way to Radford to be the Assistant

Finance director for the City of Radford," recounted Diane. "And so I was like, 'I've got to find something closer to home' and just kind of fell into this."

So as Cox settled into her second year as Finance Director for Radford, Newby began her first year as Finance Director for the County of Pulaski. As a result, for many years, these two women directed financial operations of these two adjacent localities, though neither initially thought of becoming an integral part of their local government.

"I don't know how I fell into the local government non-profit arena of accounting, but my whole career has been in that sector and I've thoroughly enjoyed it," said Cox. "It's good knowing that you are part of the greater good, you're helping your fellow man and you're helping your community grow. That's what I get out of it anyway."

In 2018, Cox relinquished her role as Radford's Financial Director to become Financial Director for New River Valley Community Services.

When Diane announced her retirement, Trish applied for the Pulaski County Finance Director job and Diane was chosen to be part of the selection committee.

"Only because I was the only person on staff that knew what I did," Diane quipped.

Other members of the selection committee included County Administrator Jonathan Sweet, Assistant Administrator Anthony Akers, County Treasurer Melinda Worrell and Human Resources Director Tammy Nichols. Akers was well familiar with Cox, as he acts as Chairman of the New River Valley Community Services.

"That's the one great thing about being in the local government and nonprofit arena in the New River Valley," said Trish. "It's like no matter who you're actually working for, you're still working with the same people. It just might be in a different capacity. It's just so nice because you build these relationships, and you get to keep on with them."

"It's just so funny, because I've been here two weeks now ... Not a long time," said Cox. "Because it's been five years since I've been in true local government, but it's all coming back. As we're going through things, it's like, oh, yeah, I remember that. Oh, yeah. I remember that."

"It's gonna take me a while to learn the nuances of Pulaski County and remember all the ins and outs, but it's exciting ... It's fun," Cox added. We're getting ready to gear up for budget season and we've been spending the last couple of days going through all of our different revenue streams and it seems like every single one takes us down a different rabbit hole."

Still, things are different now than when Diane started her tenure in 2008.

"We were just working on the calendar for the upcoming budget and I was telling Trish we used to have to meet every Monday evening from January till June and it was from like six o'clock in the evening till 11 o'clock at night," Diane recounted. "Now we've streamlined the process greatly. We have a ways to go but we're getting there."

"What's also unique here is that we not only have the Board of Supervisors meetings, we've got the PSA board meetings and we've got the EDA board meetings," said Cox.

"We're Finance Directors that wear three different hats," Diane affirmed. "It's wonderful to train somebody you already know. It's just makes life easier."

But life isn't always easy for

the county's Finance Director. What's the hardest part of the job?

"Probably just getting all the information from various parties that I need to do the job," Diane responded. "People tend to make a lot of decisions and forget that finance needs to be involved and finance is always after the fact," she added with a chuckle. "I have a little thing I gave Trish that says, 'A Finance Manager cleans up the messes that all the other departments don't even know they made.' And that's because they just tend to forget that finance should be involved in any decisions."

What is the most rewarding part of this job?

"I think the most rewarding thing is just knowing you're helping to manage things that are a part of the community," said Newby. "Along the way, I personally have had a lot of sacrifices in my life. I feel like I essentially missed my daughter growing up because there were so many meetings I've had to attend in the evenings and it's just like, I blinked, and she was ready for college."

"I don't think a lot of people realize the sacrifices you make in local government," Newby continued. "People tend to think that government workers are eight to five and you don't do a lot of work while you're at work. That's definitely not true in the finance arena. It is nonstop. Just about 24/7. It's very, very busy."

Diane chose retirement now because "I needed a little break," but still hasn't decided if she may work part time at some point in the future.

"It's the same for everyone who retires early, 'How do you pay for health insurance?'" Diane asked.

But before deciding that, Diane plans to spend plenty of time catching up on her reading, starting a new exercise regimen and crafting. "I'm not very good at it but I'm going to try."

She may even take another crack at playing a musical instrument. Daughter Kaylee is "very musically inclined and can play multiple instruments."

No doubt this will involve spending more time with her husband, Lee whom she married in 1986. Diane has two children Kaylee (20) and Austin (30). She also has two grandchildren, Camden (14) who attends Narrows High School and Bentley (8), who attends school in Pulaski County.

"I always have felt like I never got any break between the kids and the grandkids," said Diane. "My daughter was six when the first grandchild came along and the first grandchild was six when the second grandchild came along. So, I've had kids at my house for 30 some years now. I have been pretty involved in their lives all along. They're growing up on me now. Pretty soon, they'll all be through school and then I don't know what I'll do."

Cox just celebrated her 28th wedding anniversary to Kenneth Cox. Son Jacob Cox (26) lives in Wyoming and daughter Bailee is just starting her last semester of grad school at UVa.

Newby will continue in the transition process until the end of February, when she will officially begin her retirement. Meanwhile, Cox is embracing her new role as Pulaski County Finance Director.

"Everybody here has been so nice, I can't get over how great everybody is and they're being very patient with me and answering all of my questions," said Cox. "I feel like I'm following in Diane's footsteps again. We've had a long multi-year relationship and I'm just so excited that you're going to retire and hopefully I can carry your torch."

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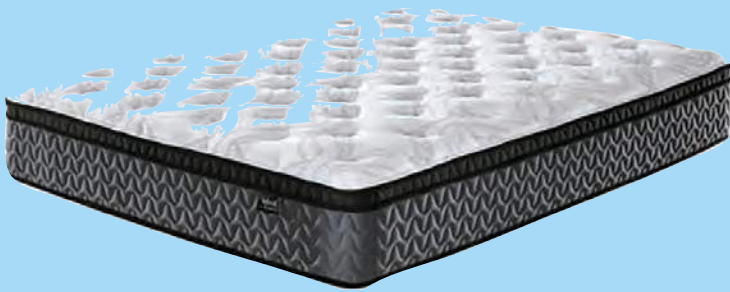
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DONALD “DON” DEMPSEY HELMS
July 17, 1931
January 23, 2024
Donald “Don” Dempsey Helms, 92, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at his home in Pulaski. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne and a retired Iron Worker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Nora Helms; brothers, Ervin, Rudy, Richard, James and Samuel Helms; and sisters, Dorothy Fulks, Maxine Wren, Phyllis Humphries, and Pamela Clay.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 70 years, Lelia Helms; sons, Jeffrey Helms (Laura), Randy Helms (Debbie), Johnny Helms (Tammy), and Larry Helms (Teri); daughters, Beverly Amburgey, and Cindy Carroll (David); 15 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Hilda Helms; and many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024, at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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



RICHARD KEMP
Richard Kemp, age 78 of Hiwassee passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at his home with family. Born April 11, 1945 in Hiwassee, Virginia he was the son of the late Luther William Kemp & Mae Collins Kemp Turman. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Angelia Kemp Baker, grandson, Joshua Jones, sisters, Hazel Jenkins, Shirley Lawson, brothers, Lewis and Barney Kemp.

Richard retired from RAAP after 30 years of service and was a 20-year member of the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Radford.

Wife of 59 years – Joyce Hurst Kemp – Hiwassee

Son – Andy (Tammy) Kemp – Hiwassee

Grandsons – Corey and Logan Kemp

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MARY COMBS HASH
Mary Combs Hash, 99 of the Little Creek Community of Dublin, VA, went home to be with the Lord she faithfully served on Monday, January 22, 2024 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born October 16, 1924 at home on Little Creek, the daughter of the late William & Bertha Haga Combs.

Mary was a lifelong member of French’s Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church. She worked faithfully and diligently beside her husband in the ministry for many years. She was considered a mixture of sweet and sassy. She was loved by many people, and her family considered her both the best mother and the best cook in the world. She was always there whether in time of need or just to give some encouragement and she will be missed greatly by those who loved her.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, William Cameron & Bertha Jane Haga Combs, her husband of 69 years, Rev. John Wesley Hash, her sons, infant, Jonathan Hash and Phillip Hash, her daughter, Lois Woodyard, her son-in-law, Keith Harrell, her grandsons, James Hash, Bobby Woodyard and Brian Harrell, a great-grandson, Shawn Callis, a brother, Herbert Combs and her sisters, Lena Stafford, Virginia Swale and Bernice Combs.

Left to cherish her memory are her son & daughter-in-law, James & Mary Hash; her daughter, Becky Harrell; a special bonus daughter, Susan (Roger) Harrell; her grandchildren, Jay Harrell, Sherry Harrell & Jeff Freeman, Johnny & Meagan Hash, Sheila & Todd Morrison and Dee & Andy Perkins; her great-grandchildren, Ray (Emily) Harrell, Brian (Olivia) Dalton, Josh (Madalyn) Dalton, Logan (Kelly) Callis, Miranda & Bray Cartwright, Killian Hash and Kadence Hash; her great-great-grandchildren, Phiifer Dalton, Riley Callis, Maggie Lawson, Henry Lawson, Railynn Cartwright, Hunter Cartwright, Zoe’ Cartwright and one on the way; her brothers, Victor Combs and Wesley Combs, who resides in Idaho; and many special nieces, nephews, special friends and her church family.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 29, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. at French’s Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church with Rev. Billy Akers and Rev. Mike Reynolds officiating. Burial will follow in the Appalachian Conference Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church on Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

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



THOMAS RHEA PHIPPS
Thomas Rhea Phipps, age 74 of Little Creek community of Pulaski County, died Thursday, January 18, 2024 in Roanoke. He was born on March 23, 1949 in Knoxville, TN, and was the son of the late Rev. Silas S. Phipps and the late Stella Wilder Meyers. His step-mother was the late Betty Sage Phipps.

Mr. Phipps was a retired employee of the Magnox Corp. in Pulaski and was a member of the Millirons United Methodist Church in Little Creek. He also served in the United States Army including a tour in Vietnam. He was stationed at Fort Jackson, SC, Fort Benning, GA and Fort Hood, TX. Mr. Phipps received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Marksman Rifle (M-14).

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Donnie (Huch) Millirons Phipps, and his sister and brother-in-law, Wilma Phipps Millirons and Vance Millirons.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Wanda and Denver Gray of Seymour, Indiana, and his sister and brother-in-law, Irene and Terry Mullins of Tazewell. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday evening January 24, 2024 at Seagle Funeral Home, with Pastor Derek Cowan and the Rev. Linda Hale officiating. Interment was on Thursday January 25, 2024 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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

SADIE BOLTON HILLMAN

Sadie Bolton Hillman, of Pulaski, died Wednesday morning, January 24, 2024 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700

CARL VERNON LETNER, SR.

Carl Vernon Letner, Sr., age 79 of Pulaski County, died Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at his residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700



JUANITA LYNN MCREYNOLDS POWERS
Juanita Lynn McReynolds Powers, age 60, of Dublin passed away on January 14, 2024, in the Highland Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. Juanita was born on June 18, 1963, in Campbellsville, Kentucky to the late Jimmy Roger McReynolds and Betty Lou Sparkman. She is al predeceased by a brother, Johnny McReynolds.

Juanita was a remarkable young lady who loved her family and enjoyed spending as much time as possible with them on the shores and campgrounds of Gatewood Town Park and Reservoir.

Lynn is survived by a husband of 22 years, Russell Powers of Dublin who will miss her greatly and cherish the time they had together before and during her illness.

Also missing Lynn, will be her mother, Betty Lou Sparkman and daughters, Sophia Lynn Smith of Hickory North Carolina, and Amber Michelle Weibe of Newton, North Carolina.

Lynn is also survived by brothers, Jimmy Roger McReynolds, Jr. of West Virginia and Bobby McReynolds of Tazewell, Virginia as well as her two canine companions, Dezarae and Lucky who also loved her unconditionally.

A celebration of Lynn’s life will be announced at a later date. The family requests that donations be made to Donate Life at www.donatelife.net in Lynn’s memory.

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

CLAYTON JOSEPH PATNODE

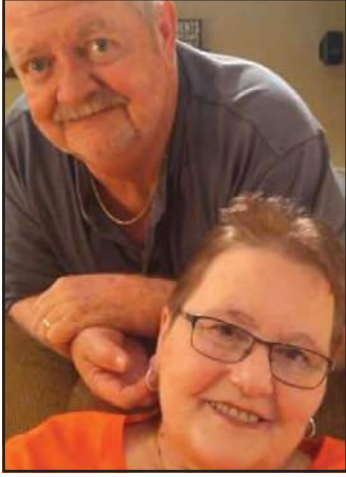
Clayton Joseph Patnode, 52, formerly of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and most recently from Pulaski passed away suddenly on December 6, 2023. Clayton was born on August 6, 1971, to Donald Lewis Patnode, Jr. and Sharon Ann Patnode. He is predeceased by a sister, Kimberly Barlow.

Clayton was born with serious vision defects that eventually left him blind. Even with this condition, he still took pride in going to work every day and being an asset to the factory or industry he worked for. His inspiration will be missed by many.

Left to cherish the legacy of Clayton, will be his parents, Donald and Sharon Patnode of Pulaski and a stepbrother, Peter Barczynski of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Clayton had 2 cats that he

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ANNIE LOU CRAIG HARRIS

Annie Lou Craig Harris, age 64 of Dublin passed away Thursday, January 18, 2024 at her home in Dublin. Born February 1, 1959 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Robert E. Craig and Virginia Craig. She was also preceded in death by her sister Barbara Jean Curl.

She was a past employee of Walmart with 14 years of service.

Annie is survived by her Husband of 46 years – Martin Timothy Harris – Dublin

Daughters – Sarah (Wes) Taylor – Pulaski, Ashley Harris (Kevin Fitzgerald) – Dublin

Grandchildren – Peyton Taylor, Sadie Taylor, Morgan Wright, Riley Wright and Reagan Wright

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

To sign Annie’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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



REVEREND EARNEST CLYDE FULCHER

The Reverend Earnest Clyde Fulcher entered peacefully into the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday evening, January 17, 2024, at the age of 97 years.

He enrolled in the US Navy on September 1, 1942, and served in the Mediterranean Arena in North Africa, Italy, and participated in Operation Overlord on D-Day. He received the American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign medal with 2 Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged on March 4th, 1946. After the war he worked on the Southern Pacific Railroad in Washington, played in Bluegrass bands with Rex and Eleanor Parker and Curly Sizemore and the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers, then became a coal miner in West Virginia.

He met and married his wife of 68 years in 1950. He was ordained in the Pentecostal church and they worked faithfully in ministry for years as a ministry team. He and his wife traveled extensively in southwest Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee conducting tent revivals throughout the 1950’s. Many lives were touched and changed through his evangelistic ministry, radio ministry (1950’s-1980’s), his singing and music. They pastored several churches in West Virginia and Virginia before building Christian Fellowship Tabernacle in 1962 in Christiansburg where he pastored until 2020. They traveled world-wide in ministry to Pakistan, South America, New Zealand, Africa, Europe, Canada, and the Caribbean with a favorite destination being annual trips to Israel for many years as a tour host.

Rev. Fulcher had a deep love of the Bible and the Message of this last day. His life of service laid countless treasures in heaven where they now rejoice

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together with those gone before.

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He is survived by his one son, Dr. E.C. Fulcher, Jr. of Abingdon, Maryland; and one daughter, Marva Rebekah Coffey and husband, Rev. Barry Coffey of Riner, VA. He is also lovingly remembered by his grandchildren: Anna Maria Fulcher Callahan (Chris), Deborah Sinsky (Robert), Lydia Dominguez (Jose), Andrew Coffey (Rebekah), Peter Coffey (Rachel), Stephen Coffey (Sarah) and Lukas Coffey (Hailey). He has been blessed with 11 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. He will also be greatly missed by the church family which he dearly loved at Christian Fellowship Tabernacle.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Marvareen (Porter) of 68 years and beloved granddaughter, Jessica (Fulcher) Harris. Special thanks to caregivers who loved him and made his last years on earth one of comfort and caring: Kimberly, Debbie, Amy, Sheena and dear friend, Lowell. Also, thanks to Amedisys Home Health, Intrepid Home Health and Virginia Veteran's Association Home Care.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Horne Funeral Services, 1300 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg, VA 24073. A Graduation Celebration was held at Christian Fellowship Tabernacle on Monday, January 22nd with Reverend Barry Coffey and Rev. Stephen Coffey officiating. Interment followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg, VA.

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loved dearly, Sweet Pea and Shaggy, plus a loving and devoted dog, Sugar. All of which continue to miss him greatly.

Services will be planned at a later date in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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

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Sister – Wilma Dalton – Dublin

Many nieces and nephews

Funeral services was held Monday, January 22, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Chaplain Robbie Vance officiating. Interment followed at the Trail Family Cemetery, Hiwassee.

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

Thanks to Medi-Home Hospice for their loving care, especially Zeb and Bailey.

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

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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. His 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 sticker read, "The more I am around people, the more I love my cats."

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.

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**AUTUMN NICOLE
"NIKKI" KOERT
DRAPER**

Autumn Nicole "Nikki" Koert Draper, age 38 of Pearisburg passed away Friday, January 12, 2024. Born October 4, 1985 in Radford, she was the daughter of Michael Edwin Koert & Katherine Francine Robertson. She was preceded in death by a grandfather, John Jerry Robertson and Aunt, Angela Lee Jarrells.

Nikki loved life and meant so much to so many people, she will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her Mother – Katherine Francine Robertson – Pearisburg

Father – Michael Edwin (Teresa) Koert – Draper

Children – Richard Vivian "Trey" Landreth, III – Draper, Katelyn Danielle Draper – Dublin, Amelia Nicole Koert –

DENVER B. MCMILLAN

Denver B. McMillan passed on to his eternal home on January 14, 2023, in Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico.

He was born September 9, 1941, in Gunton Park, Wythe County, Virginia, son of Retta Plumer Jones and Harley Otis McMillan. He grew up in and lived in Pulaski, VA until his retirement. From an early age he began working—first as a "Southwest Times" newspaper carrier and as dishwasher at the Maple Shade Inn. Soon he was promoted to night clerk and telegraph operator at Hotel Pulaski where he

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Stepdaughter – Desiri Lea Draper

Brother – Michael Brandon Koert & Sierra Saunders – Pulaski

Sister – Katherine Mikaela Koert-Pearisburg

Maternal Grandmother –



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Stepdaughter – Desiri Lea Draper

Brother – Michael Brandon Koert & Sierra Saunders – Pulaski

Sister – Katherine Mikaela Koert-Pearisburg

Maternal Grandmother –

met many travelers with great stories. He worked at Jefferson Yarn Mills for many years; at Cavalier Supply Company; for VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries as a creel check at Claytor Lake. He retired from Wolverine Manufacturing Industries in Christiansburg, VA. He served 23 years in Virginia Army National Guard 1 Bn 116 Inf, 29 Inf Div (Light) also known as the Stonewall Brigade.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: infant Bruce, Norman, Ted and Clyde

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Nancy Elizabeth Robertson-Dublin

Nieces and Nephews – Kathrynne Clover Koert, Hazel Koert, Nataliegh Hatmaker, Jordyn Koert and Madison Koert

Uncles – John Jerry Robertson, Jr., Leslie Robertson

Aunt – Emily Stone

Cousin – Roger Robertson – Pearisburg

Husband – Terry Lee Draper

Many other extended family members and friends

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Radford Chapel (Pendleton Street, Radford.

To sign Autumn's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com – Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



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EDITORIAL

Border: Things only getting worse

Nearly one year ago, myself and other members of the Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee's Oversight Subcommittee and Health Subcommittee traveled to McAllen, Texas, to hold a joint field hearing, which I chaired, on the state of our southern border. We heard from witnesses who had real-life experience dealing with the consequences of the Biden Administration's poor border policies.

A year on (and three years since the start



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

of the Biden Administration) not much has changed. In fact, things have only gotten worse.

C u s t o m s and Border

Protection (CBP) reported an astounding 2.47 million encounters at the southwest border for fiscal year (FY) 2023. In comparison, CBP reported roughly 450,000 encounters for FY 2020.

Incredibly, November 2023 (the latest month for which we have data) has been reported as the worst November on record, according to CBP, with 242,418 encounters at the southwest border alone.

Further, the Biden Administration's border policies are so inadequate, based on information from the CBP, we are even having issues now with our northern border. Encounters there by the CBP have increased by 160% since November 2021.

I recently held a hearing in the Oversight Subcommittee of the E&C Committee to reexamine the health, safety, and educational effects of the border crisis.

Fentanyl continues to flood over our southern border, causing tens of thousands of deaths every year. On one day alone, border patrol seized 304 pounds of fentanyl in between ports of entry at our southern border.

We've seen a rise in child labor trafficking, due in large part to the exploitation of unaccompanied minors in our country. I have long called for reforms in how unaccompanied minors are looked after by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), especially after the New York Times reported that 85,000 children went missing in HHS' care.

Our nation's schools are also experiencing challenges. Many schools are facing strained resources as cities struggle to meet the educational needs of the illegal immigrants entering our country, on top of our nation's own children.

Recently, in New York City, students at one school were told they had to learn remotely, like they did during COVID, because officials moved illegal immigrants into the school due to inclement weather.

Why should our children be negatively affected by poor Biden border policies?

Some Members of Congress recently visited a hospital in Eagle Pass, Texas, which is currently providing care for illegal immigrants. According to one of my colleagues, they learned that out of that particular hospital's five ambulances, one ambulance is solely dedicated to transporting illegal immigrants from the border. Additionally, at the hospital, illegal immigrants are prioritized over American citizens due to acuity concerns.

Another hospital in Denver, Colorado, reported that they have not been compensated for \$136 million in care due in part to 8,000 illegal immigrants in the city making 20,000 visits to the health system in 2023.

And still, the Administration does all it can to shift the blame away from their failed policies. "Border Czar" Kamala Harris recently did an interview in which she blamed Republicans for the border crisis, stating that since it's an election year Republicans are weaponizing the border situation. Meanwhile it is House Republicans who have passed a comprehensive border bill, which Democrats in the Senate refuse to take up.

Additionally, Republicans here in the House have begun impeachment proceedings against Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, for his inaction over the border crisis.

Need we remind the Biden Administration that we did not have this historic flood of illegal immigrants during the Trump Administration. Remember there were 450,000 encounters at the southwest border for FY 2020 vs. 2.47 million for FY 2023. That is nearly a 450% increase at the southwest border.

Americans are fed up. Unfortunately, it seems that no matter how bad things get, nothing can get the Biden Administration to act with regard to the border.

Radford Testimony

As a side note, Radford University student Meredith Page recently testified before the Innovation, Data, and Commerce Subcommittee of the E&C Committee at a hearing about protecting student athletes' dealmaking rights. She is on the NCAA's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and did a great job testifying. I was glad to be able to ask her a few questions about college athletics, the importance of protecting athletes, and her excellent experience at Radford University.

Normalization of Debt: How It Happened, Why It's Keeping You Broke

Here are some not-so-fun facts for you to noodle on: Almost 8 in 10 Americans live paycheck to paycheck.1 And according to a study by Ramsey Solutions, just over half of Americans have had difficulty paying their bills in the past three months, and 1 in 3 have no savings to speak of.

Now, I don't know about you, but all of this gets me thinking: If we live in the most advanced society in history, why does it seem like we have less time and less money than ever before? Well, I have a theory about what's causing this mess. And spoiler alert: The financial advice you've trusted your whole life is the main culprit.

You see, a lot of us weren't really taught financial literacy in school or at home. Our main teacher was cultural messaging mixed with a whole lot of monkey see, monkey do. And what did we learn from our parents and ads from credit card companies? That we need other people's money to achieve what we want in life.

So, when it came time for college, we took on boatloads of student loans as an "investment" in the future—never mind the coming decades of debt and stress. Then we were told a good credit score was crucial for financial success as an adult, so we opened a credit card or two . . . or 10.

Guest Column

By George Kamel

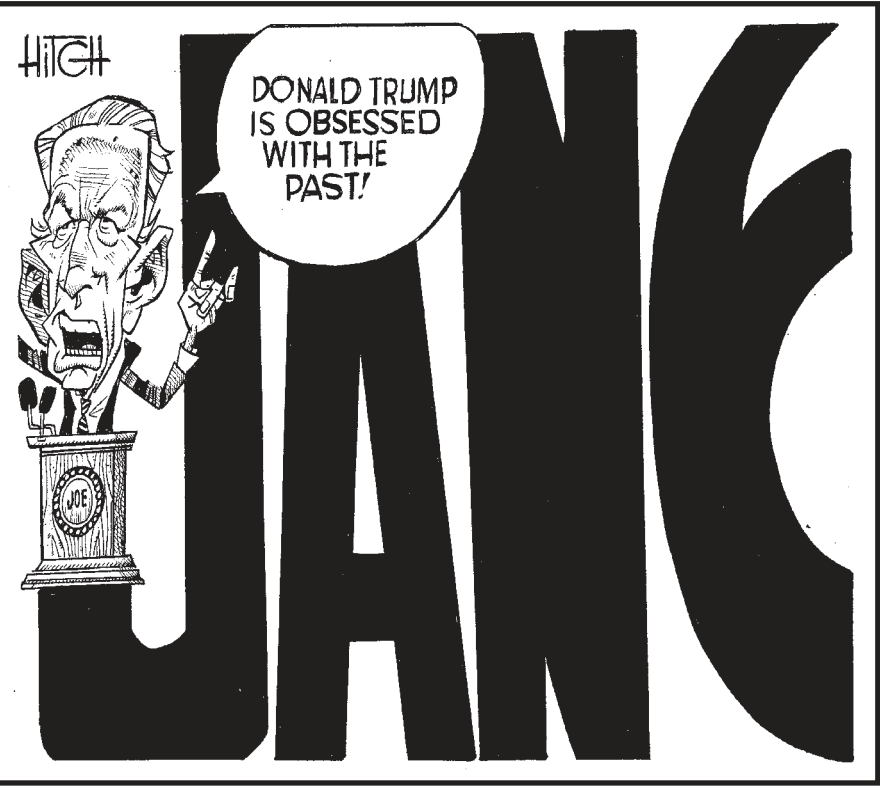
Pretty soon, we "needed" nicer wheels and tacked on a car loan to the tab. And at Thanksgiving, Uncle Terry wouldn't let up about how renting is "throwing away" money, so we decided to get a mortgage for Christmas. Why not?

This is how debt becomes normal in our lives and eventually begins to rob us of financial margin and ultimately freedom. And to make matters worse, the financial systems we trusted benefit from our money struggles—meaning they're more than happy to keep us dependent on debt and asking for more.

Take the credit score, for example. Most of us have been led to believe that a good credit score is a sign you're doing well financially. But in reality, a high credit score just means you're crushing it with debt management, not money management. Think about this:

- Why do we want a credit score? To go into debt.
- Why do we want to go into debt? For a higher credit score.

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Busy first week

The first full week of the 2024 General Assembly Session was a busy one in Richmond, and several of my bills received their initial committee hearings. Republicans are now in the minority in both the Virginia House and Senate, and that has made it increasingly difficult for members of our party to shepherd legislation through a politically polarized legislature. While my legislation to increase the footprint of Virginia's Tobacco Commission to include the New River Valley ultimately failed to advance in subcommittee, I am undeterred in my resolve to fight for our region.

I was happy to receive many visitors to the Capitol from the 42nd District this past week! Representatives from our local American Legion Post, New River Valley Community College, and even Virginia Tech's head football coach came to Richmond to participate in our legislative process. I always enjoy seeing familiar faces from the 42nd District while I'm in Richmond.

There are a couple of topics I would like to cover this week, and while they are unrelated to each other, I find them interesting nonetheless. The first is the 238th anniversary of Virginia's Statute of Religious Freedom, which was written by Thomas Jefferson this week in 1786. This is one of the foundational documents not only for Virginia, but also for the United States, and it was a partial inspiration for the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Simply put, the statute holds that no one can be compelled by law to practice a particular faith, or any faith for that matter. It also recognizes that some future General Assembly may change or repeal the statute, but doing so would be a violation of our natural rights. As we recognize National Religious Freedom Day, we reaffirm our commitment to the principle that all Virginians are free to pursue faith

Delegate Jason Ballard 42nd District

as we see fit.

On a separate note, I've been receiving many emails from constituents regarding Virginia Democrats' attempts to roll back 2nd Amendment protections. Like you, I'm very concerned that much of this legislation does nothing to solve the underlying reasons for gun violence and instead targets law-abiding owners of firearms. According to Virginia state police statistics, rifles – of any sort – make up less than 5% of all homicides in Virginia. And yet, the General Assembly continues to debate legislation that would effectively ban some of the most popular models of sporting rifles. We should instead be focusing on real solutions, such as those provided in Operation Ceasefire that resolve issues of gun violence on a community-by-community basis.

Coming up next week will be even more bill presentations, and with that, longer committee meetings. If you'd like to share your thoughts with me on any particular legislation, I'd encourage you to send me an email at DelJBallard@house.virginia.gov!

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House.Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter @ JasonBallardVA or like my Facebook

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

What Dems will not do to protect freedom

Joe Biden went to Valley Forge to give a big speech telling us how much he cares about defending democracy against the threat represented by Donald Trump. How much does President Biden care? Enough to give a speech defending democracy, one of what's sure to be many if Trump is his opponent.

Biden's alarm about the precariousness of the American system, though, will never translate into actions he wouldn't otherwise want to take.

To wit, if Joe Biden were, as a matter of the principle, devoted to defending democracy at all costs, the first thing he would do would be to step aside for some younger, more capable, less radioactive Democrat with a much better chance of beating Trump.

Biden taking this step would be politically electric, underlining how seriously he takes Trump's challenge to the republic and perhaps proving to some skeptics that his rhetoric about defending democracy is more than simply rhetoric.

Biden made much in his hackneyed speech -- it probably could have been written by a precocious eighth-grader in an AP government class -- of a painting in the U.S. Capitol of George Washington resigning his commission.

Biden correctly calls it a sublime act, because Washington, who could have been tempted to leverage his position after the Revolution for personal and political gain, gives up power in the service of his ideals instead. Biden makes the contrast between the statesmanship depicted in the painting and Jan. 6, which is fair enough.

It probably doesn't even occur to him, though, that if a supremely talented military and political leader in his prime could step aside for the good of the whole, it should be much easier for a hack politician who is increasingly rickety and unpopular to make a selfless sacrifice for his party and, as he sees it, his country.

No? No. Of course not.

Biden's defense of democracy has to end with him in the White House again, not some other Democrat who might vanquish Trump easily. (Granted, Kamala Harris would complicate a Biden-stepping-aside scenario, but if the republic is at risk, perhaps Democrats could also be honest about how dreadful Harris is and nominate someone else -- although now we are really entering the realm of fantasy.)

OK, so Biden isn't voluntarily going anywhere. But if the stakes this November are so world-historical, surely the defense of democracy should include some moderation on progressive causes that are easy political targets for Trump.

Consider the chaos at the border, which, if Trump makes it back to the White House, will be one of the major reasons. Would saving the republic make it worth going beyond whatever border deal might be in the offing with congressional Republicans and admitting that the Trump policies worked and should be restored immediately? Or is allowing millions of illegal immigrants into the country more important than increasing the odds that democracy itself survives beyond

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Debt

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- Why do we want a higher credit score? To have more access to debt.
- Why do we want more access to debt? For a higher credit score.

The only way to achieve and maintain a high credit score is to go into debt, stay in debt, and continually pay your debt accounts “perfectly,” without adding too much debt or paying too much off too soon.

Are you getting the theme here? It’s all about debt. The credit score is just an ingenious way for lenders to profit by luring you deeper into debt while convincing you you’re doing great with money. In fact, according to a FinHealth Spend Report, in 2020 alone, credit card companies made \$106 billion off interest. Starting to make sense why they want you hooked on your plastic and obsessed with your credit score?

So, if what we’ve been taught about money is a load of—pardon my French—bologna, then what should we be doing with money? Well, after falling for all the traps, I finally figured out that financial success is about what you have in the bank, not what you owe to the bank. And that when you’re ready to take control of your money and get rid of debt

for good, you’ll find margin, peace and joy. I know paying off debt can feel impossible, but data shows that most people can do it in under two years using the proven method I personally used to get out of debt—the debt snowball.

Hear me say this: You’ll never win with money if you hang on to your debt. So, do you want to keep letting debt rob you of freedom and wealth? Or will you do the hard work to take control of the money that’s rightfully yours? If you’re still on the fence, here’s one last question: What could you do if you didn’t have any debt payments?

Answer: Anything you want!

** George Kamel is a Ramsey Personality and personal finance expert. Following Ramsey’s proven money plan, George went from negative net worth to a millionaire in under 10 years. Since 2013, he has served on the Ramsey team, speaking across the country, hosting top-ranked Ramsey Network podcasts, like The Fine Print and Borrowed Future, and frequently co-hosting The Ramsey Show. His goal is to help people spend less, save more, and avoid money traps so they can live a life with more margin, options and freedom. Follow George on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube, or online at georgekamel.com.*

Parks & Rec gives update on pool house rebuilding

Pulaski County Parks & Recreation Department

The rebuild of the Randolph Park pool house, and the opening of the Evelyn Alexander Waterpark, have been on the forefront of the Pulaski County agenda in the second half of 2023. This important community asset is a staple of summer for many families of Pulaski County and surrounding region.

During this time, our Board of Supervisors, County Administrators, and legal teams have worked closely with insurance adjusters, architectural and engineering firms, and contractors to advance our insurance claim and begin planning the rebuild of the facility. As expected, this process has been both cumbersome and time extensive, but we have not lost focus.

The Evelyn Alexander Waterpark, located at Randolph Park in Dublin, will unfortunately not open or be



operational in any capacity for the 2024 summer season. This decision is primarily driven by the active construction expected to be occurring on the premises and the importance of safety for our visitors.

During this time, the pool house rebuild will be initiated and we take advantage of the shutdown to make important upgrades to the 240,000-gallon community pool. A request for proposals will be released in the coming weeks to procure a company to complete a comprehensive replaster of the pool’s interior. This will both repair existing cracks and

ensure longevity of the pool for many years to come.

Randolph Park remains open for general recreation and our 2024 Summer Camps will continue as planned. We look forward to providing additional plans of how we will continue to ensure a wonderful and enriched summer experience for our campers with the continued support of our community.

Questions should be directed to Pulaski County Parks and Recreation by calling 540.994.2587 or emailing sdunnigan@pulaskicounty.org

NRCC offers short-term welding programs

Registration is now open for two new short-term welding training programs at New River Community College, Flux-Cored Arc Welding (FCAW) and Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW).

Both programs are non-credit, and each is a three-week, six-session program. Students may enroll in the welding classes together or individually. All classes will be taught by NRCC Associate Professor of Welding

and Cleburne Boulevard.

Council unanimously approved the resolution.

Staff reported to Council on the ongoing water meter replacement project and street light requests.

Utility Superintendent Darin Cullip told Council that the radio-read meter replacement was underway with approximately 200 meters installed. He said that the work continued despite the recent bad weather and with better weather coming up, the project should go faster.

Kirkner added that the same contractor installing the meters was also photographing the lines for the Lead-Copper utility line inventory. He said that 45 to 48 percent of the lines viewed would not have to be done again since the needed information was obtained.

In response to a question on lead in the system, Kirkner said there were lead “goosenecks” present in the lines, but there was a plan to deal with those. Areas had been identified where they might be based on the date of construction in those areas. Funding was available to deal with any lines needing remediation.

Concerning requests for streetlights, Kirkner said that options for paying for the installation of a streetlight included: the property owner bearing the entire cost; the Town and property owner splitting the cost; or the Town bearing the entire cost.

Kirkner recommended that the Town retain the authority to decide if a streetlight would or would not be installed. He suggested that other communities be surveyed as to how they handled streetlight requests especially with respect to the power company.

At Kirkner’s request, Council tabled the issue so information from other communities could be gathered.

Council then heard from staff about upcoming hearings and meetings.

Kirkner told Council that

Josh Graham, CWI, CWE, on NRCC’s campus in Dublin.

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the Town had received an additional \$129,000 from VDOT for lane mileage funds. He explained since this amount represented more than 1 percent of the Town’s budget, a duly noticed public hearing for a budget amendment was required before the funds could be put into the Town’s budget.

Another public hearing would be needed concerning the change in auto decals since the Town proposed to do away with vehicle decals while adding the decal fee to the personal property tax.

Kirkner said notices would be published so Council could conduct both public hearings at its February meeting.

Vice-Mayor Steve Crigger requested a work session to update councilmembers on the status of the water rate study, the Capital Improvement Plan, and a structured five-year plan for water line replacement along with other projects and issues.

After discussion, Council scheduled a work session for Thursday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m.

In the budget report, as of December 31st, Kirkner said that General Fund revenues were 47 percent which he felt was good at this particular time, since larger expenditures came at the end of the fiscal year. General Fund expenditures were 48 percent which was below budget estimates.

The Enterprise Fund maintained a favorable balance with revenues at 55 percent and expenditures at 50 percent.

Kirkner noted that the overall performance of the budget was very close to revenues and expenditures projected for this fiscal year.

Council approved annual personnel appointments for the Department Heads, the Town Attorney, the Town’s auditing firm; and officers of the Fire Department.

Council next recognized employees for their recent work for the Town. Corporal Ethan Akers was recognized for his outstanding job as Acting Chief during a recent flu outbreak which sidelined the department’s higher ranking officers. Treasurer Rebecca Wright was recognized for her recent work in preparing several administrative and fiscal reports for the Manager’s Office.

Council’s next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dublin Town Center.

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2024? Finally, if substantive concessions are too painful, there’s always the possibility of staking out some genuinely new ground in the democracy debate itself. Imagine if Biden said that democracy is so important that no one should be striking his probable opponent from the ballot. Or if he said he now realizes that he, too, let down the constitutional order by undertaking executive orders that exceeded his authority and that, on second thought, he needs to lead by example in complete faithfulness to the system.

Would that kill him? Evidently, yes.

Biden’s position is that democracy is under such a threat that he -- the man with abysmal approval ratings who most Americans believe can’t possibly

serve a second term -- needs to run again to eke out a narrow, no-margin-for-error victory against the man who embodies the threat.

Faith in our system of government, patriotism itself, supposedly demands nothing else. And if Biden flubs it, which is a real possibility? Then, I guess it’s, “Oh, well, democracy can always be saved again in the 2026 midterms.”

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Find out about a project to improve safety and traffic flow at the junction of Route 611 (Newbern Road), Route 643 (Cougar Trail Road) and Route 1120 (Newbern Heights Drive) in Pulaski County. This location experiences traffic congestion particularly during peak travel times and around shift changes at the nearby Volvo plant.

The project involves realigning all three roads and constructing a single-lane roundabout. The roundabout’s yield-control design means fewer stops, safer vehicular movements and less delays. This roundabout would include a central circular island of reinforced concrete to enable larger vehicles with trailers to navigate the turns. Drainage improvements, including replacing the existing Goose Creek culvert beneath Newbern Road, are also included in the project.

Review the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at VDOT’s Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353, 1-800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

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BONNIE JEAN TAYLOR
Bonnie Jean Taylor, 92, from Hiwassee, Virginia passed away peacefully at Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, NJ on January 21, 2024.
Born in 1931 she was the third of six children (Carl, Gaye, Agnes, Hattie Marie, and Keith) of Laddie Bell Graham and Ernest Bruce Taylor, also of Hiwassee, all of whom predeceased her.
After attending Draper High School she married her beloved husband of over 60 years Stanley Taylor (deceased) with whom she had two children, William E. Taylor (deceased) and Patricia Abigail “Gail” Moliver.
Bonnie was a member of the Pulaski Primitive Baptist Church in Newbern. She was a spiritual, principled and hardworking person. She was charitable to those less fortunate than herself. Bonnie had a successful career at Klopman Mills where she rose to the rank of the company’s first female quality control inspector. In her 34 years of employment she missed one single day of work only because the local police informed her that the road to the plant was closed because of icy conditions and she was forced to return home.
Bonnie is survived by her daughter Gail Moliver (Donald) of Middletown, NJ who was Bonnie’s caregiver for the



past six years; grandchildren: William Derrick Taylor and his daughter Lily Taylor both of Rockwell, NC; Candida Brown and her sons John, Jr. (and his son JR, Jr.) , Jacob and a daughter Katherine Grace who predeceased Bonnie; Brady Dehart and his daughters Miranda Cartwright (Brae) and her children Railyn, Hunter, and Chloe; and Mia from Fincastle and Roanoke, respectively; McKenzie Moliver (Aadi) and their daughter Scarlett from Holmdel, NJ; and Harrison Moliver (Katelyn) and their daughter Lily Grace from Middletown, NJ. Bonnie also leaves behind her daughter-in-law Deidre Taylor and her daughter Holly (and son Robbie) both of whom reside in NC.
Bonnie is survived by numerous nephews and nieces

and a special nephew Thomas Marshall of Pulaski for whom the family is eternally grateful for his generous support and kindness and special nieces Sherry Hurst (who never missed a birthday), Jennifer Turman (of Norfolk, Virginia who managed to visit her frequently), and Jana Madden of Sarasota, Florida and Tina Purcell of North Carolina—both of whom brought great joy and laughter to Bonnie when they visited. A special thank you to nieces Julie, Fonda, Tonya Turman and Tammy Lynn Covey; and nephew Michael Wayne Quesenberry, as well. The family would also like to acknowledge the unwavering support, love, and friendship provided by Bonnie’s dear friend and neighbor, Patty Trail.
Bonnie will be interred at Highland Memorial Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia in the near future. There will be a graveside memorial service and Celebration of Bonnie’s Life in the Spring and friends and family will be invited to attend. In lieu of flowers or donations the family asks that you perform a random act of kindness to a stranger as a way of remembrance.
Bonnie had a full life that was well-lived. She cherished her babies and grandbabies very much. She will be missed as the Grand Matriarch of our family. May her memory be a blessing.

VIRGINIA MAXINE COX BROOKMAN
Virginia Maxine Cox Brookman of Bradenton, Florida formally of Pulaski, Virginia and Roanoke, Virginia passed away on January 19th 2024 she was born on June 2, 1941.
She was a lover of nature music and reading. She loved gardening, camping and fishing, game shows and working her crossword puzzles. She loved pink roses and would buy anything with roses on it. Cardinals were also a favorite and seemed to follow her in life and beyond. She always said Butterflies should have been called “flutterbyes”
She was a hard-working country girl at heart. A genuine woman of integrity and strength. She had many opinions, words of wisdom and was a hilarious story teller and teacher of life.
She was preceded in death by her cherished husband James Ernest Brookman as well as many beloved family members.
She is survived by Daughters: Debbie Rolley, Terri Lynn Byrd and husband Les and Laura Renae Brookman and partner Glenn.
Very loved grandchildren Jamie, Travis, Daren, Josh, Annie and wife Meagan, Ginny



and husband Darren Haines, Owen, Chloe, Luke, and Grace.
Great grandchildren Emma, Abby, Jaelynn, Sully, Kylie, Austin, Peyton, Norah, Mila and Levi and Gavin adopted Grandson
Her most special best friend of 70 years Barbara (Bobbie) Duncan and her children.
Special “adopted” family members, Mark Reynolds, Allen Wright and Todd Davis whom she loved dearly and who helped her greatly through the years.
She is most certainly in her heavenly home dancing singing and laughing. She will be missed every day of our lives.
Until we meet again.

NANCY JEAN JONES JORDAN

Nancy Jean Jones Jordan, age 85, of Pulaski, Virginia, passed away peacefully on January 19, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents, Harless and Lucy Jones; her husband’s, Wendell B. Jones Jr., Tom Jordan, and her son, Eric Andrew Jones.
She is survived by her sons, Byron Wendell “Buddy” (Briana) Jones of Fuquay Varina, NC; David M. Jones and partner, Farrell Doss of Christiansburg, VA; Daughter-in-law, Marsha Ball Jones of Braselton, GA; Granddaughter and husband, Hannah (William) Hopkins of Gaithersburg, MD; Grandson and wife, Samuel (Emory) Jones of Roanoke, VA; Granddaughter, Macie Jones of Richmond, VA; Granddaughter and husband, Caitlin Jones (Thomas “TJ”) Martin of Braselton, GA; Grandson, Kyle Jones of Braselton, GA; Grandson, Jason Roy of Fuquay Varina, NC; and Granddaughter, Amy Roy of Fuquay Varina, NC are left to treasure her memory.
Nancy was born on May 1st, 1938, to parents Harless and Lucy Jones of Pulaski, VA. Nancy was a Christian by faith and a loving, caring, funny, hard-working, strong woman you could always count on. Her life stands as an inspiration to us all. She was a highly respected member of her community, known for her kind and loving nature as a mother, grandmother, and friend to everyone. Her dedication to her work at K-Mart for over 20 years



and her continued commitment to spreading warmth and care at Walmart in her retirement is genuinely inspiring. Nancy’s lifelong membership in the First Church of Brethren and her legacy of perseverance, hard work, and love will be remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She was a wonderful woman who we will greatly miss.
In place of flowers, the family requests donations:
<https://www.givelocalnrv.org/organization/Pulaski-Daily-Bread>
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The family will plan a celebration of life to occur at a later date. To sign Nancy’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com
Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

More car dealerships join call to ‘tap the brakes’ on EVs

By LAUREN JESSOP

(The Center Square) – Nearly 4,500 dealerships representing all major auto manufacturing brands from every state recently signed a letter to President Joe Biden asking him to “tap the brakes” on his proposed electric vehicle mandate based on a lack of consumer demand.
Since the letter was sent in November 2023, dealerships continue to add their names to the list – including 85 from Pennsylvania.
The Biden administration set a target for battery electric vehicles, also known as BEVs or EVs, to account for half of all new vehicle sales by 2030 – some states have taken steps to ban internal combustion engine vehicles altogether by 2035.
The letter says while admirable, the goal becoming a reality requires consumer acceptance. In addition to what customers are telling them, dealers say the best indicator of demand are the EVs “stacking up on our lots.”

Enthusiasm for EVs has stalled, the dealers say, “even with deep price cuts, manufacturer incentives, and generous government incentives.”
The letter goes on to say they are thrilled to sell them. However, the majority of their customers are not ready to make the change, citing concerns over affordability, charging access and range.
“Many of these challenges can and will be addressed by our manufacturers, but many... are outside of their control,” the dealers said in the letter.
They add that reliable charging networks, electric grid stability, sourcing of materials and other issues need time to resolve – and finally, many people simply want to choose which vehicle is right for them.
Mickey Anderson is president and CEO of Baxter Auto Group, which owns 21 dealerships in Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, the greater Kansas City area, Colorado Springs, and Madison, Wisconsin.

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the immediate help provided by many organizations (PCPS transportation and maintenance department. EMS, Sheriff’s department, etc.) and concerned citizens who made great efforts to keep everyone involved safe and supported. Luckily no students were injured in the accident and our bus driver, who was taken to the hospital and released, only suffered minor injuries. We feel the bus drivers we have in PCPS are some of the best in the state if not the country and are confident in their ability to handle any and all situations always with the best interest of our students as a priority!”
The crash is currently being investigated by Deputy Hurley of the Pulaski County Sheriff’s Department but no charges have been filed.

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More chain stores closed in 2023, continuing into 2024

By BETHANY BLANKLEY

(The Center Square) – More chain stores closed in 2023 as a result of high inflationary costs, with the trend continuing in 2024 led by the iconic department store, Macy’s.

In 2023, retail stores, pharmaceutical and fast-food chains continued a trend of previous years: declaring bankruptcy and closing their doors or shutting down some locations to cut costs, citing inflation, higher costs, and profit losses.

Last May, discount retailer Tuesday Morning announced it was closing its doors nationwide after being in business for 49 years. Home goods chain Christmas Tree Shops filed for bankruptcy and liquidated all of its stores as did the largest bridal-store chain in the U.S., David’s Bridal, laying off tens of thousands of employees.

Sears, once the largest retailer in the world with more than 700 stores in the U.S., shuttered hundreds of locations. Now, only 12 stores remain open.

New York-based specialty athletic retailer Foot Locker also announced it was closing 400 stores in North America by 2026, after reporting sales, gross margins and net income losses.

Pharmaceutical giants CVS

and Walgreens also closed stores as cost-cutting measures. CVS announced it planned to close 900 locations by the end of 2026; with store closures came diluted earnings per share for shareholders. After reporting over \$170 million in earnings losses, Walgreens announced it was closing 450 stores to cut costs.

Fast food chains Pizza Hut and Boston Market also closed locations in multiple states, with Boston Market’s failure to pay wages resulting in regulatory action in New Jersey and litigation in Arizona and Massachusetts.

Now, at the beginning of 2024, the iconic department store Macy’s announced it is closing five stores nationwide and laying off 3.5% of its workforce, or 2,350 employees, to cut costs, the Wall Street Journal reported. “Despite our strong and tangible progress over the last few years, we remain under pressure,” its outgoing CEO Jeff Gennette said in a memo obtained by the Journal.

Since President Joe Biden took office in January 2021, inflation and prices for all goods and services soared, initially breaking 40-year record highs. As prices and costs go up, wages have gone down, “placing additional stress on family finances,” The

Heritage Foundation’s “Biden Inflation Tracker” notes.

From January 2021 to November 2023, Heritage notes that real disposable income has dropped by 7.5%, home ownership affordability has dropped by over 37%, credit card debt has increased by over 36% and Americans’ monthly

savings have dropped by over 81%.

Over the same time period, consumer prices increased by more than 17%, gas prices increased by over 50%.

Despite recession predictions, the economy expanded slowly last year. But as a result of the Federal Reserve increasing

interest rates, increased congressional spending, and other factors contributing to increased inflation, by late December 2023, the national debt surpassed \$34 trillion for the first time in U.S. history. In fiscal year 2023, the administration and congress ran a deficit of at least \$1.7 trillion.

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Valentine's Day

“WHAT AND WHERE?” CONTEST!

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Enter to win a dozen roses from Flowers By Dreama Dawn or a Stanley Valentine’s Day Tumbler



Rules and Entry Information:

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

There are 3 ways to enter the contest.

1. Email us at pulaski@pcpatriot.com with “Contest” as the subject.

2. Mail in your guesses to P.O. Box 2416 Pulaski, VA 24301

3. Stop by our office at 7 Fifth St NE (Home Town Realty Building), Pulaski, VA 24301 Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Fri. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Be sure to include your name, phone number, and guesses listed 1-10. (Example – 1. Mural at Sonic Drive In, Town of Pulaski.) The person with the most correct guesses will get their choice of the 2 prizes, the next person with 2nd most correct guesses will receive the remaining prize. If there are multiple people with the same number of correct guesses, numbers will be assigned to each contestant and a random number will be selected.

Some photos will be more difficult than others. Goodluck!

Entries due by Friday, February 2nd. Winners will be announced Feb. 9th.

Patriot Publishing employees and family members are not eligible.

Schools

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Risk Behavior Survey
Mike Wade of New River Valley Community Services and Mandi Ackerman of United Way of Southwest Virginia then presented the board with a risk behavior survey. Wade and Ackerman stressed that today's youth are more at risk than ever and asked the board to allow them to give the 66 question survey to 7th, 9th and 11th graders.
After stipulating that a child must have parental approval to take the survey, the board agreed to move this informational item into an action item later in the meeting. The board then voted unanimously to allow the survey to take place.
Superintendent Rob Graham then updated the school board on attendance and discipline. To receive accreditation, schools need a 94 percent attendance rate, with PCPS coming in with just under 93 percent attendance rate on average.
"Our teachers and staff are doing an outstanding job with chronic absenteeism," stated Graham.
"If you look at our student behavior report for December, I was really, really pleased with this," said Graham.
There were a total of 144 discipline related incidents in PCPS for December, with nine incidents falling into the most serious "endangerment" category.
"The ones we really need to watch are persistently dangerous behaviors and luckily, we don't have any of those and we haven't had any of those this year ... That would include carrying a weapon to school or serious bodily injury resulting in hospitalization. Those things would have to be reported and so your school would be labeled a persistently dangerous school and we don't have any of that."
Graham also mentioned that school administrators have been given more autonomy to deal with discipline issues than in the

recent past.
"The Restorative Justice piece has a lot of positive applications to it, but when you get down to reality, there has to be some type of consequence," said Graham. "You can't hit a teacher or cuss a teacher out and go out for an hour and talk to that child and try to provide them some restorative justice and then go back in the classroom an hour later, it simply ... we haven't seen it work here or when I was in Radford. So, we have really given the administrators the autonomy and if you talk to administrators, they feel like the adults are running the schools instead of the other way around."
Action Items included the approval for upcoming school field trips and a recommendation to submit a Request for Proposals for insurance company consulting services to help lessen an expected hike in insurance rates.
The board unanimously passed the field trips, the RFP for insurance consulting services and the youth at risk survey.

The next meeting of the Pulaski County School Board is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday February 13 at the school board offices in downtown Pulaski.

Church, county shelter come to aid of several cold citizens

**By MIKE WILLIAMS
Patriot Publishing**
She was a phone call and a shelter away from possibly freezing.
Last week was an extremely cold week that started on Tuesday, January 15 and continued non-stop through Sunday, January 21st. Temperatures all over the region dropped as low as 5 degrees in many areas.
The Warming Station in Pulaski – a ministry of Taking It To The Streets Church in Pulaski – and a temporary shelter operated by Pulaski County Emergency Management served several people during the cold snap. They included homeless people and those without heat.
The county shelter was operated out of the County Administration Building, while the Warming Station is set up in the rear of the Taking It To The Streets facility on Jefferson Avenue In Pulaski.
According to the Warming Station's Charlie Barbettini, the station provided 14 "stays" for people during the week. Brad Wright said the county shelter

served an average of 10 people per night.
This serious situation became even more so on Saturday evening for Barbettini when his phone rang.
"I was home on Saturday when I received a call at 7:15 pm from a lady crying and sounding as if she was close to freezing on a 12-degree night," Barbettini said.
"She finally figured out that she was standing in front of First Baptist Church on Randolph Avenue, only one 'long' block away from the Warming Station."
Barbettini said the Warming Station had two options for helping the woman. They could put her up in the Budget Inn on East Main Street – where the Warming Station houses women who need assistance. But he doubted she would have ever made the walk to the motel.
Or she could try to get to the county's shelter.
He decided to try and talk the woman into finding the county's shelter, located just across the alley from the Warming Station.
"As we talked, she said she was getting colder and colder.

I told her not to hang up the phone. At one point she said, 'I'm just so tired I need to sit down and rest.' I told her, 'no ... keep going' and she did," Barbettini recalled.
The woman finally found the temporary shelter at the county building and went inside.
"I told her let me talk to the attendant, and I told the attendant she had left her belongings in the parking lot unable to drag them any further. I was assured they would check her in, get her clothes and take care of her."
"I thank God that I was able to talk her to safety, and I thank God for Brad Wright and his crew for being there to help her. I really believe that had she sat down and rested that she would have frozen to death," Barbettini stated.
"Homelessness is a real problem not only in Pulaski but everywhere," he said. "God said in Matthew 25:40, 'When you've did it to the least of these my brethren you have did it unto Me.'"
"May God help us all to stop and ask ourselves what can I do to help the homeless and less fortunate."



Left to right: Councilmember Bobby Davis, Councilmember Kellie Artrip, Carolyn Kirk, Rebecca Harris, Linda Hooper, Councilmember Jessie Foster, General William Campbell Regent Betty Hendley, Lea Wall, Mayor David Horton, and Vice-Mayor Seth Gillespie

DAR observes 100th anniversary in Radford

Mayor David Horton, of Radford, along with members of the Radford City Council recognized the 100th Anniversary of the General William Campbell Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, with a Resolution on December 11, 2023.
Additionally, recognition letters were received by Regent Hendley from United States Senator Mark Warner, and United States Congressman Morgan Griffith.
As a finale, to the 100th Anniversary, Mrs. Betty Hendley, Chapter Regent, hosted an afternoon tea on December 9, at Rockwood Manor for members of the Chapter and members of New Dublin Presbyterian Church.
Everyone enjoyed hearing from Frank Drummond, Innkeeper/Owner, of his family relationship to General William Campbell and family. Some information is included in The History of Seven Mile Ford, Virginia and from the book "Smyth County History and Tradition" by Goodridge Wilson, published in 1932.
A wonderful afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by all.



Betty Henley, Chapter Regent, received the resolution on behalf of the chapter.

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to provide broadband internet service to the entire county.

Sweet then went through an administrative review of 2023 starting with the Building Department, which in the past three years has issued a record 2,854 building permits.

New Construction in Pulaski County In 2023 included 44 new single family residential units, three new commercial units and 14 new manufacturing units with the Building Department performing 2,221 Building Inspections. Sweet mentioned that this bodes well for the county's goal of attaining 40,000 residents by the year 2030.

Sweet clearly intended to mention every accomplishment made by the county administration over the year and liberally peppered his speech with numerical statistics. The list of county accomplishments is far too long to include here but some notable highlights include the following:

The Geographical Information Systems Department updated the GPS tax maps, zoning maps, enterprise zones, watersheds and more in 2023. The Economic Development Department celebrated 368 new job announcements and \$18.2 million in capital investment in 2023, with 48 of those new jobs and \$4.5 million in capital investment coming from Fireworks by Grucci in ShaeDawn Park. Camrett Logistics expanded as well, adding 58 new jobs.

The Engineering Department completed phase one of the Smith Park trail in Fairlawn and the old Cloyd's Mountain Landfill is nearly closed so that the county no longer must pay a third party \$150,000 annually to monitor the site. In addition, \$2.5 million in improvements to the new water intake filter is 95 percent complete (this is the main source of water for the county.)

The County's IT Department made numerous upgrades to a plethora of county departments.

Parks and Recreation created their first quarterly brochure and has launched a variety of clubs ranging from archery to Zumba to paddle boarding.

The Tourism Department brought two new professional sporting events to Pulaski County - Tony Stuart's SRX Race and the American Jet Ski Association's Jet Ski Championship Race.

Lastly, Pulaski County celebrated a record-breaking number of ribbon cuttings in 2023.

Sweet went on to describe priorities for the board of supervisors for the year 2024, which include building a new pool house at Randolph Park, breaking ground on the broadband project, advancing the Hatcher Road realignment project, breaking ground on the old Claremont Elementary School project, breaking ground on the solar energy project, creating a drop site at the abandoned Red Carpet Inn, creating a budget with the newly elected school board and the completion of the remodeling of the County Administration Building.

Next came the first of four public hearings, all of which involved rezoning requests.

Melinda Travis requested that 239 acres of land that she owns at 4619 Wish Lane be rezoned from Medium Density Residential to Agricultural. Wish Lane branches off Lyons Road and terminates near the horseshoe section of Claytor Lake just upstream of the state park. Travis plans to open a geriatric horse farm on the property. Pulaski County's Planning and Zoning Administrator Markie Saunders presented the zoning change to the Supervisors, adding that the Planning Commission Board unanimously approved of the change.

"Ms. Travis's Foundation, 20 Trees, is committed to cultivating and maintaining a balanced

and mindful stewardship of the environment as well as complementing Pulaski County's comprehensive plan," said Saunders. The horse farm will enhance and maintain the rural charm of the county while also providing employment in the sanctuary for the horses."

Following Saunders' presentation, the Supervisors opened the public hearing, but no one spoke in opposition to the rezone and the board subsequently granted Travis' request.

The next two public hearings were more contentious in nature.

As Saunders's explained to the board, Loyd McCarthy of Dewberry Engineers Inc., requested a Special Use Permit for a 5.02-acre property on Deer Trot Lane, which also branches off of Lyons Road. The property is owned by Steven Hedge and is currently zoned for Agricultural use. McCarthy requested the Special Use Permit in order to erect a 150-foot tower that will support a new wireless communication facility.

"It is a proposed wireless communication facility that is part of the digital infrastructure platform necessary for the modernization and innovation that allows economic enterprises and the residents of Pulaski County to participate in the new economy," said Saunders, noting that the Planning Commission voted in favor of the proposed change.

Saunders stated that the Virginia Department of Health found no health risks and that no one had formally contested the change in zoning, but that her office had received a few calls. Saunders also noted that improving the county's digital infrastructure supports the county's Comprehensive Plan.

Jeff Reeves disqualified himself from participating in the discussion, as he had been in discussions about placing a cell tower on his property.

Shirley Miller, a retired Pulaski County school teacher, was the

first to speak in opposition to the tower's construction. Miller, who said she lives 500 yards from the tower site, expressed her concerns about the health effects created by 5G signals which will be emanating from the cell tower. According to Miller, her husband has been plagued by constant headaches since the introduction of the cell tower in Newbern seven years ago. Since then, his health has continued to decline.

Miller mentioned several studies on the effects of 5G signals on the human body, but most all were completed by scientists in European countries.

"Cell antennas increase the risk for Neuro psychiatric problems, such as headaches, memory problems, dizziness, tremors, depression, sleep problems and some changes in the performance of behavioral functions," said Miller as she passed copies of these studies to the supervisors.

McCarthy then took the podium and, while he expressed empathy for Mrs. Miller's health concerns, he stated that the cell towers were likely not the source of those health issues. McCarthy also stated that FCC regulations place caps on the amount of effective radiated power (ERP) per tower and that there would be no need to exceed those rules and standards.

David Miller next came to the podium to express his concerns regarding potential maladies created by the tower. After stating that, "I don't need any more health issues," Miller asked if anyone in the room could swear to him that there are no ill health effects associated with cell tower radiation.

McCarthy answered that the FCC sets the standard for cell tower radiation and Miller responded by asking, "What if I don't believe the FCC?"

No answer was forthcoming.

David Miller also mentioned studies that showed that real estate values fall for properties located adjacent to cell phone towers.

County Administrator Sweet responded that he'd seen reports "literally going both ways" in reference to cell towers and property values.

Next Lyons Road resident Steven Epperly addressed the board saying that "there are studies that have been done talking about the cumulative long-term effects of radiofrequency radiation."

Alan Wolf came to express his concerns about the potential loss of property values resulting from the cell tower.

Mike Sayers came to the podium and said, "The biggest health risk is not maintaining our farms and if this helps to support the Hedge Farm and their way of life, then I support it."

Mary Lou Schwarzer, who said she will be able to see the tower from her residence, also spoke against the Special Use Permit. Schwarzer claimed that the tower will negatively impact the residential areas surrounding it and that cell service in this area was already adequate. Schwarzer also mentioned that the incorrect day (Tuesday) was posted as the public hearing by the county, even though the date posted (Jan. 22) was correct.

Pam Jackson, another Lyons Road resident also spoke against the tower's erection and mentioned the misprint regarding the day of the public hearing.

Property owner Steven Hedge then came to the podium and said that the public hearing was put in the newspaper three weeks in advance of this meeting and hoped that "We wouldn't drag this thing out."

Following the public hearing, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors voted to grant the Special Use Permit allowing for the construction of this cell phone tower, with Jeff Reeves abstaining.

The next public hearing involved property owner Jim Hager's request to change

the zoning on 72.14 acres in ShaeDawn Park from Industrial to Conservation. The property is adjacent to Randolph Park on one side and a residential area on the other with the railroad line forming the boundary of the backside of the property.

According to the application for rezoning put forth by Hager, "Diversified Developers, Inc. no longer has a need for Industrial property. After 17 years, it is our opinion that we cannot compete with the publicly owned Industrial Park any longer."

The Planning Commission voted 4 to 1 to approve the change in zoning, but the county's EDA did not support the change, as no plan was given as to what the future uses of this property might be.

Supervisor Mike Mooney asked what potential uses Hager would have for the property if it was rezoned.

"The main thing is, we've got to get away from Industrial," Hager replied. "We can't compete with the county with our tax money. We've been doing this for 18 years and we've got one project and we've lost many, some of which we brought in, to public (industrial) parks."

Hager then said that with the new zoning, there would be an opportunity to put a summer camp facility in place or a winery or even a wedding venue event.

Board Chairwoman Laura Walters then said that she'd be more comfortable with a zoning change if Hager had submitted a plan regarding future use of the property.

County Administrator Sweet then expressed his concern regarding the possible loss of the Enterprise Zone status of the property with the rezoning.

Hager admitted that there had been progress in developing the property, but that "we've paid the county \$150,000 since we've owned it, in case somebody wants to come in. We can't keep taking this beating of paying taxes, making payments on the property and bringing people in only for them to be taken to another publicly owned (industrial) park."

Hager added that the county's EDA representative is on the board of the NRV Commerce Park, as is Sweet and that any prospect he brings in to build at ShaeDawn Park will likely also be invited to consider building at the NRV Commerce Park.

According to Hager, this puts him at a disadvantage and makes for an inherent conflict of interest and for this reason, he wants to change his zoning from Industrial to Conservation.

Sweet took exception to the idea of there being a conflict of interest, saying that the NRV Commerce Park is owned by 12 jurisdictions and it makes sense that the Pulaski County EDA would have jurisdiction over the commercial park, as it is in Pulaski County.

Sweet also mentioned that it would be illogical for Pulaski County to favor the NRV Commerce Park over ShaeDawn Park because the county would have to split the revenue for incoming businesses at NRV Commerce between 11 other localities, but would receive the entirety of the tax payments for businesses located within ShaeDawn.

Finally, Sweet said that during his seven-year tenure as Pulaski County's Administrator, they've only constructed one industrial property on real estate purchased by ShaeDawn and this was done by contracting with Diversified Development.

E.W. Harless also spoke at the public hearing saying, "This was done as an industrial park and that is what it needs to stay."


After the public hearing, the board voted to table the rezoning request pending a well-detailed proposal regarding specific uses of the property if the property were to be rezoned for Conservation.

The subsequent public hearing submitted to amend the future use tax map following the rezoning was rendered moot as the rezoning did not occur.

The first action item involved the selling of surplus county items and the supervisors voted unanimously in favor of this.

The supervisors then approved an update of the Pulaski County Emergency Operations Plan, which was little changed.

Lastly, the supervisors authorized two public hearings for their next meeting on Tuesday Feb. 26 for an amendment to the Pulaski County Animal Control Ordinance and for amendments to the ordinance providing tax relief for the elderly and disabled.



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SPORTS

Three elected to baseball Hall, Wagner just misses

NEW YORK (AP) — Adrián Beltré, Todd Helton and Joe Mauer were elected to baseball's Hall of Fame on Tuesday while local favorite Billy Wagner and Gary Sheffield fell short.

Beltré was picked on 366 of 385 ballots from the Baseball Writers' Association of America in his first ballot appearance for 95.1%.

Helton received 307 votes for

79.7% in his sixth appearance, 18 more than the needed 289 for 75% after falling 11 votes short last year.

Mauer got 293 votes for 76.1% and like Beltré was elected on his first try.

Wagner was five short at 284 votes and 73.8%, but up from 68.1% last year. He will appear on the ballot for the 10th and final time in 2025, when Ichiro

Suzuki and CC Sabathia are newly eligible.

Beltré, Mauer and Helton will be inducted at Cooperstown on July 21 along with Jim Leyland, elected last month by the contemporary era committee for managers, executives and umpires. There are 273 players among 346 people in the Hall.

Sheffield got 246 votes for 63.9% in his final appearance

on the BBWAA ballot, up from 55% last year and 11.7% in 2015. He is eligible for consideration by the contemporary baseball player committee, which meets next in December 2025.

Beltré, a four-time All-Star and five-time Gold Glove third baseman, hit .286 with 477 homers and 1,707 RBIs for the Los Angeles Dodgers (1998-2004), Seattle (2005-09), Boston

(2010) and Texas (2011-18). His 2,759 games at third base are second to Brooks Robinson's 2,870 and his 636 doubles are 11th on the career list.

Helton received 16.5% support in 2019, his first year on the ballot. A five-time All-Star first baseman and the 2000 major league batting champion, he hit .316 in 17 seasons for

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COMEBACK COUGARS

Pulaski County rallies from 14 down to beat Hidden Valley, 62-52

By RODNEY YOUNG
Patriot Publishing

Down 14 with under two minutes left in the third quarter and down 43-31 going into the final quarter, the Pulaski County Cougars outscored the Hidden Valley Titans 31-9 to win the game, 62-52.

It wasn't the best game the Cougars had played, but it definitely was the best fourth and best quarter they had played all season.

Justus Hash led the Cougars in scoring with 20 points. Senior Lane Nester tallied 19 and Jalere Harlow tossed in seven.

The Titans got 13 points from Riley Phillips, eight from Wynn Womeldorf and eight from Braxton Nichols.

The fourth quarter saw the Cougars score six points to cut the deficit to six at 37-43. The Titans hit one of two foul shots to go up, 44-37 with 6:20 left.

Pulaski County senior Nester would hit a three and then hit a jumper to bring them to within two, 44-42.

After a couple Cougar misses,

Hidden Valley's Phillips hit a jumper and Steele Torrence hit one of two foul shots to put them up 47-42, with 4:09 to go.

Pulaski County kept battling and scrapping as Tootie O'Dell hit a huge three and then Hash hit two shots from the foul line to tie the game at 47-all with 3:30 remaining.

After another Titan missed shot, Hash hit a three to finally put the home team up 50-47 with 2:50 to go. Nester would then hit two jumpers on their next two possessions for a seven point lead at 54-47.

The Titans' Wyatt Clarke would get fouled and he hit one of two from the charity strip to make it, 54-48.

The Cougars would then get fouled as Hash hit both foul shots. Another Hidden Valley miss and foul would send Chandler Hollins to the line. He hit both, putting the Cougars up 58-48 with the clock showing 33.1 seconds left.

Phillips would hit two jumpers making it 58-52 and once again the Titans would foul, sending Nester to the line as he sank both freebies. The Titans would miss a jumper and would foul sending Hash to the line and he

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Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing

Cougar sophomore Justus Hash puts up two of his team-high 20 points against Hidden Valley.

Johnson, Knaus, Allison enter NASCAR Hall

By REID SPENCER
NASCAR Wire Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Call them inseparable.

Despite a few rough patches in their 17-year working relationship, driver Jimmie Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus achieved a level of success at NASCAR's highest level unparalleled in the current century.

Together, on Friday night in the Crown Ballroom at the Charlotte Convention Center, Johnson and Knaus reaped the rewards of their remarkable accomplishments—induction

into the NASCAR Hall of Fame Class of 2024 in their first year of eligibility.

Johnson and Knaus entered the Hall along with Donnie Allison, elected to NASCAR's highest honor from the Pioneer Ballot. An original member of the famed Alabama Gang, Allison helped elevate stock car racing's visibility with both his driving skills and his fists.

Johnson earned high praise from Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon, who lobbied on Johnson's behalf when team owner Rick Hendrick

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JamesHardie

SW Times & Patriot

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Victoria Hale set three personal bests at the Walt Cormack Invitational at VMI recently, including in the 55 m, long jump and triple jump. She also competed on a leg in the girls 4x200m relay. Here she competes in the triple jump.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE’S SALE OF 6127 Thornton Road, Dublin, VA 24084
In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$127,755.00 dated December 10, 2012 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Pulaski County on December 27, 2012 as Instrument Number: 120004575, 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: The land referred to herein below is situated in the county of PULASKI, State of VA and is described as follows:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN PULASKI COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 544, PAGE 190, ID# 453, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS TWO PARCELS CONTAINING 5.50 ACRES, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY.

Reference tax id#s 066-016-0000-0022A, 066-016-0000-0022. “less and accept that certain tract or parcel of land with improvements thereon and all appurtenances thereunto pertaining, lying and being

situate in the Ingles magisterial District of the County of Pulaski, Virginia, containing 1.0012 acres, by survey, with meets and bounds as shown on a plat of survey made by Robert A. Henegar, Land Surveyor dated July 25, 1993, a copy of which plat is attached hereto and made a part of this deed. Recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County May 28, 1994 in Deed Book 538, Page 186, said plat recorded in Deed Book 538, Page 189.”. Reference tax id# 066-016-0000-0022A COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 6127 THORNTON RD, DUBLIN VA 24084 Tax ID: 066-016-0000-0024.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder’s deposit of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier’s check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 21-005992)

Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101

website: www.Orlans.com

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: Being all of Lot No. Fifty Nine (59) as shown on a plat entitled “Composite Map Showing Survey of All of Highland Park, a subdivision Developed

by Dublin Realty, Inc., Lying Eastward from the Town of Dublin in Cloyd Magisterial District of Pulaski County, Virginia”, dated September 11, 1972, prepared by R. Lloyd Mathews, Registered Surveyor, which said plat is of record in the Virginia in Plat Book 5, page 85; and also as shown on that certain map of survey entitled “Physical Survey of Lot No. 59 Highland Park Subdivision in Pulaski County, Virginia for Alvin W. and Patricia B. Bond” dated October 27, 1986, prepared by R. Lloyd Mathews and of record in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office in Deed Book 421, Page 311.

AND BEING the same property conveyed by Trustee’s Deed on the 14th day of March, 2011 by and between ROBERT B. HILL, “Substitute Trustee” and JOHN W. WHITTAKER and LORETTA L. WHITTAKER, “Original Owners”, and USDA RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, “Noteholder”, listed for indexing purposes only “Grantors”, and GENERATIONS I, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company “Grantee”, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 1084, Dublin, VA 24084. Tax ID # 048-005-0000-0059 Acct # 3383 5806 Pifer Drive, Dublin, VA 24084 Tax ID: 048-005-0000-0059.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder’s deposit of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier’s check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 23-008061)

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LEGAL NOTICE

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PULASKI

THE TOWN OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision
of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROGER LEE ODHAM, GARY TYSON JARRELLS,
ROLAND JARRELLS, PHIL JARRELLS,
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MILDREN ODHAM FEWELL,
DECEASED,
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES ANDREW ODHAM,
DECEASED,
THE COUNTY OF PULASKI, VIRGINIA,
and PARTIES UNKNOWN,

Defendant(s).

Case No. CL24000018-00

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Tax Map No. 081-001-0000-0071 (150 Prince Avenue). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before March 1, 2024, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered: 1/18/24

Circuit Court Clerk/Judge
County of Pulaski, Virginia

I Ask For This:

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LEGAL NOTICE

TRUSTEE SALE
5603 Alum Spring Rd,
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pulaski County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$50,000.00, dated May 20, 2006 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Pulaski County, Virginia, in Document No. 060003660, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the Circuit Court Building, located at 45 Third Street, Pulaski, on February 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

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Subject to any and all covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, and all other matters of record taking priority over the Deed of Trust, if any, affecting the aforesaid property.

SAMUEL I. WHITE, P.C.,
Substitute Trustee
This is a communication from a debt collector.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice
Pulaski County
Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, February 26, 2024, in the Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matter:

- Adoption of a resolution by which the County of Pulaski would request the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and its designee, the Virginia Department of Transportation, (1) to prohibit use of Old Giles Road (Route 746) within the County of Pulaski by through tractor trailers, logging trucks, and similar large trucks (but not affecting pick up trucks and panel trucks), pursuant to Virginia Code §46.2-809; (2) to post appropriate signage on Old Giles Road (Route 746) (Giles Avenue) and Cleburne Boulevard of such prohibition; and (3) to confirm that violation of such prohibition shall constitute a traffic infraction as provided in Virginia Code §46.2-830 (or any amendment thereto or replacement thereof).

Comments may be presented orally or in writing via mail to above address, fax (540-980-7717), or e-mail to bos@pulaskicounty.org. A copy of the resolution is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7705.

If you are a disabled individual and would like 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.

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
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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:

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

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“How did it get so late so soon?”
Dr. Suess

Abby the Cur dog is treeing a squirrel. She is very serious about. She is barking her signature Cur dog double bark which she does when she is sure that the squirrel is there and doesn't want to hear any arguments about it. I have stumbled around the hillside (begrudgingly) to get to her, as the walk to get to her was not easy. I had to climb up on the ridge for a ways, then around a tricky deer path to the biggest tree on the hillside. Here she was, the diminutive little dog with hutzpah to burn. Abby was planted on the side of a medium sized white oak and was barking as if to say “OK, I’ve done my part, this squirrel is up there, you come and do your part and find him and put that fancy .22 rifle to work”.

I gingerly approached the tree, partly from trying to keep my balance on the rocky hillside and partly because I didn't want to let the little dog down. Finding the squirrel once the dog has him treed is not always an easy proposition. First, I am usually alone and as I move around the tree straining my eyes skyward the squirrel is probably shifting his position on the limb so that I cannot see him. It is much easier when you have one or more companions to help as you can position on opposite sides of the tree and one of you can usually get a glimpse of the bushy tail. Next I am confronted with the feeling looking up into the branches that I am looking at black and white TV. In winter it is often cloudy with somber gray skies. The background as you scan for the squirrel is gray and the tree branches are dark, almost black, there is not a lot of contrast as you try to spot a squirrel's ear sticking up.

All of this is to the squirrels advantage and I know it as I stress about finding the squirrel for Abby. I stress about it because I know finding the squirrel and getting him on the ground is important to Abby. Grabbing his furry hide is all she is thinking about right now and she has not had many opportunities to do this and it is all my fault. It is all my fault because I have not taken the time to do it. Why have I not taken the time to do something that I love to do? I don't know.

Or maybe I do know and don't



GUNS & CORNBREAD

want to admit it. I am told that trying to do too much is a common ailment these days. We live in a busy world, I know that, but in truth I realize I am trying to crowd too much into the precious few hours that we have in a day. This time of year seems to be even worse; the days are short in the cold winter. (Even though I know they are now getting longer each day) The same effect of the sun low in the winter sky making it hard to spot Abby's squirrel also makes for short days with not much time.

You may say that you can work at night as well, and I do that and I did it a lot more in the past, but now it seems once we get past supper and late evening I would rather just give up and hit the hay and “try it again tomorrow”. Is it possible that I have aged and don't have as much energy to follow Abby for squirrels, Bo the brown dog for turkeys in the fall and winter, and get up before the chickens for screaming gobblers in the spring? No, that can't be.

So my friends all of my time this coming week will be absorbed in traveling to that mecca in Nevada, Las Vegas, for the annual SHOT Show. (Shooting, Hunting, Outdoor Trade show) SHOT is wonderful, exciting, informative, and exhausting all at the same time. I like to see friends I have made in this crazy outdoor and shooting industry and I like to see and find out about all of the new firearms and gear and report it to you. That part is all good. Getting to Vegas from here and enduring the pace and schedule at SHOT is not always beer and skittles. (I'm still not sure what skittles are) I will go and try to utilize the time as best I can to bring it all back to you in future articles and videos. I will strive to make better use of my time after I return and start all the many projects I have in mind. (I hope)

I never found that squirrel for Abby, I hope she will forgive me. I'll do better next time.

Larry Case

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Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing
Cougar senior Marcus Reed battles for position against Hidden Valley.

Cougars

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calmly sank both, for the final 62-52 score.
“This was a huge win for this team, this program and this community, and a much-needed win,” said a happy Cougar head coach Anthony Akers.
The Cougars were down 16-13 after the first quarter and 27-24 at intermission. They

were behind for the game until Hash's three with 2:50 left in the contest.

PC - 13 11 7 31- 62
HV - 16 11 16 9 - 52

Scoring- PC - Hash 20, Nester 19, Harlow 7, Hollins 5, Reed 5, O'Dell 5, Anderson 1, HV - Phillips 13, Nichols 8, W. Womeldorf 9, N. Womeldorf 4, Clarke 7, Torrence 5, Getz 4, Bartlett 2

3-PT. Goals - PC - 7 (Hash 4, Nester, O'Dell, Harlow), HV - 3 (Nichols 2, W. Womeldorf)

Total FG's - PC - 20, HV - 21
FT's - PC - 15-22, HV - 7-11


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Fouled Out- None
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(L-R) NASCAR Hall of Fame inductees Donnie Allison, Jimmie Johnson and Chad Knaus pose for photos during the NHOF Class of 2024 Blue Jacket Ceremony at NASCAR Hall of Fame on January 18, 2024 in Charlotte, North Carolina. (Photo by David Jensen/Getty Images)

NASCAR

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considered adding a fourth team in 2002.

“He’s the best driver I ever raced against,” Gordon said in a video introducing his teammate.

In his acceptance speech, Johnson demurred with typical modesty, opening his remarks with a story about the motorcycle he found under the Christmas tree in 1979.

“I realize how many people played a role in this Hall of Fame induction,” Johnson said later in the speech. “Thank you to my family, friends, fans—everyone at Jimmie Johnson Racing, former team members and teammates, everyone who has been part of this journey.

“This success story of seven championships and 83 wins, and now this, is all about relationships. I’m truly grateful for the journey and the amazing relationships forged and the incredible companies I’ve represented like Lowe’s and Ally.

“Whether on two wheels or four, in SoCal or Charlotte, in the driver’s seat or up on top of the pit box, moonlighting as race car mechanic or driving a school bus (as his parents did), whether you’re looking up to your heroes, driving for them or competing against them... if you’re with us now or up in heaven, thank you for being a crucial part of this incredible run.

“This is beyond my wildest dreams—and I thought Christmas morning in 1979 was special.”

Johnson reserved special praise for his teammate and team owner.

“I’m forever grateful to Jeff Gordon and Rick Hendrick,” Johnson said after receiving the Hall of Fame ring from his wife Chani. “You guys selected me for the No. 48 car, and I’m still not sure why.”

“Congrats, brother,” Johnson said to Knaus. “I’m so glad that we’re able to go in on the same ballot.”

After Tony Stewart won the 2005 series title, Johnson embarked on a remarkable run, claiming a record five straight championships from 2006 through 2010—a streak broken only by Stewart’s unexpected third title in 2011.

The pairing of Johnson and Knaus almost ended before the streak began. At the end of the 2005 season, they were barely speaking, and team owner Rick Hendrick considered splitting them up.

Before making a decision, Hendrick invited Johnson and Knaus to a meeting and served them milk and cookies on Mickey Mouse plates.

“If you’re going to act like children, I’m going to treat you like children,” was Hendrick’s blunt message to his driver and crew chief.

Hendrick made his point, and with the ice broken, the pair became NASCAR’s version of the “Untouchables” for the next five years.

“That shift allowed us to become champions,” Knaus said.

The five straight Cup championships eclipsed NASCAR Hall of Famer Cale Yarborough’s previous mark of three straight (1976-1978) and is one entry in the NASCAR record book that likely will remain unassailable. With two non-consecutive titles each, Kyle Busch and Joey Logano are the only active full-time

Cup drivers with more than one.

Johnson added championships in 2013 and 2016, tying the record of seven held jointly by Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt Sr., both members of the inaugural NASCAR Hall of Fame Class of 2010. He won his last Cup race—a track-record 11th victory at Dover Motor Speedway—on June 4, 2017, marking the 16th consecutive year he and Knaus had teamed to win at least two events.

That victory was Johnson’s 83rd, tying him with Yarborough for sixth on the career list. The book on Johnson’s career, however, is not quite closed. As co-owner of NASCAR Cup Series entry Legacy Motor Club, he will compete in select races this season, starting with the season-opening Daytona 500 on Feb. 18.

Knaus’s wife Brooke presented the 2024 inductee ring to her husband.

“As I was growing up in the Midwest, my father taught me what it meant to have the best race cars,” Knaus said during his induction speech, “to have the proper maintenance schedule, to never settle for second and to continuously learn—and to always push the rules.”

Thanking his driver of 17 years, Knaus said, “Jimmie let me find out who I was by believing in me.”

A brilliant innovator dedicated to making Johnson’s No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolets go faster, Knaus manned the pit box for 81 of Johnson’s 83 Cup wins, having been sidelined under suspension for the first two victories of 2006 for pushing the rules too far in trying to gain an aerodynamic advantage at Daytona.

After the Johnson/Knaus pairing ended following the 2018 season, Knaus served as crew chief for William Byron’s first career victory in the summer 2020 race at Daytona. In 2021, Knaus took on a management role as vice president of competition at Hendrick Motorsports.

From a career standpoint, Knaus’s seven championships as a crew chief are second only to NASCAR Hall of Famer Dale Inman’s eight. His 82 victories are third all-time.

Allison and brother Bobby Allison accumulated the second-most Cup victories by two brothers (94), a number exceeded only by Kyle and Kurt Busch, who have accounted for 97 wins (with Kyle still active at 63).

Donnie Allison earned his greatest notoriety, however, after he had won the last of his 10 races (1978 at Atlanta). He and Yarborough were battling for the lead on the final lap of the 1979 Daytona 500, the first race featuring live flag-to-flag coverage on national network television, and after repeated contact between their cars, they both wrecked at the end of the backstretch.

The drivers climbed from their cars with anger in their eyes and started the fight that would captivate the television audience with its intensity. After Richard Petty inherited the victory, Bobby Allison parked his car near in Turn 3 and joined the fray, as the Alabama drivers ganged up on the South Carolinian.

The race and the fisticuffs that followed sparked interest in the sport of stock car racing and launched the sport’s steady

growth over the next two decades.

Allison is the fourth member of the Alabama Gang to enter the NASCAR Hall of Fame, joining brother Bobby, nephew Davey Allison and Hueytown patriarch Red Farmer.

Asked what the induction meant to him, Donnie replied, “The closest thing was the feeling I got when I married my lovely wife Pat.”

Allison was the 1967 Cup rookie of the year. He also turned heads with a fourth-place finish in the 1970 Indianapolis 500, earning rookie-of-the-year honors for the race.

“All I can say is wow!” Allison said during his induction speech, during which, with tongue in cheek, he disputed the characterization of his altercation with Yarborough in 1979. “Fought? I never fought... I never touched that man. He never touched me...”

During the ceremony, pioneering driver Janet Guthrie was honored as the recipient of the Landmark Award for outstanding contributions to NASCAR. An accomplished sports car racer, Guthrie finished 15th in her NASCAR Cup debut in the 1976 Coca-Cola 600 and went on to compete in 33 Cup races, with a best finish of sixth at Bristol.

NASCAR Hall of Famer Rusty Wallace received the Buddy Shuman Award for his charitable endeavors. Also recognized at the ceremony were two titans of the sport who passed away in 2023—broadcaster Ken Squier, co-founder of the Motor Racing Network, and Yarborough.

It was Squier, providing play-by-play for the 1979 Daytona 500 for CBS, who called the fight against Yarborough that Allison insists never really happened.

Squier’s legacy also extends to the Squier-Hall Award of Media Excellence, conferred on the late Shav Glick of the Los Angeles Times this year.

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Colorado with 369 homers, 1,406 RBIs and 1,401 runs. He had widely divergent home/road statistics, batting .345 with 200 homers and 791 RBIs in the mile-high air of Coors Field and .287 with 142 homers and 547 RBIs on the road.

Mauer was a six-time All-Star, three-time Gold Glove winner and the 2009 AL MVP during 15 seasons with Minnesota. He is the only catcher to win three batting titles, and he became just the 20th player in the Hall who was primarily a catcher. He hit .306 with 143 homers and 906 RBIs with Minnesota from 2004-18.

Voters included an average of seven names per ballot, up from 5.86 last year, and 24.4% of the voters checked the maximum 10 candidates, an increase from 13.9%. Just 10 eligible voters failed to return ballots.

Alex Rodriguez and Manny Ramirez again lagged, hurt by suspensions for performance-enhancing drugs. Rodriguez received 34.8% and Ramirez 32.5%.

Among other first-time candidates, Chase Utley (28.8%) and David Wright (6.2%) will remain on next year’s ballot.



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Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing
Elizabeth Kitley scored 31 points in the Hokies' win.

Tech handles Clemson without Amooore

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Elizabeth Kitley scored 31 points, the 10th 30-point game of her career, and No. 14 Virginia Tech ended a two-game losing streak with a 74-62 win over Clemson on Sunday, the Tigers' sixth-straight loss.

Kitley had 22 points on 11-of-13 shooting in the second half as the Hokies finally overcame the absence of point guard Georgia Amooore.

Amooore, who averages 16.4 points and seven assists, was injured by an inadvertent elbow to her head during a scramble in Thursday's 63-46 loss at Duke. The Hokies were down 29-26 when she went out a couple of minutes into the third quarter. After scoring just 20 points after that, Virginia Tech only led the Tigers 31-29 at the break.

Kitley, who scored the last basket of the third quarter, opened the fourth with two more buckets to give the Hokies a 57-45 lead.

Clemson got no closer than five after that as Kitley went 6 for 6 and the Hokies were 8 of 12 and made 5 of 6 free throws. Tech finished 29 of 53 (55%). Clemson shot 38% (23 of 60).

Matila Ekh hit four 3-pointers and scored 16 points for the Hokies (14-4, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference). Redshirt freshman Carleigh Wenzel, who replaced Amooore, had seven points, four assists and two steals in her first career start. Kitley had a career-high four steals to go with eight rebounds. Cayla King had eight points and a career-high nine assists.

Dayshanette Harris had 25 points, eight assists, six steals and five rebounds for Clemson (8-11, 1-6). Amari Robinson had 19 points and nine rebounds.

Without Amooore, the Hokies had 13 turnovers in the first half and Clemson turned those into 13 points. Harris' 17 points kept the Tigers in the game despite their 0-8 performance from 3-point range and 35.3% overall shooting.

Kitley hit 5 of 7 shots in the third quarter and Virginia Tech took a 53-45 lead into the fourth.

Bobcats Drop Two To Columbus

Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing

No. 15 Savva Smirnov from St. Petersburg, Russia is shown in action during last Friday's Federal Prospects Hockey League game at the APEX in Wythe County. Smirnov plays for the Blue Ridge Bobcats, based at the APEX. The Bobcats fell 4-3 in overtime to the Columbus River Dragons. The two teams faced off again Saturday night and, once again, the Bobcats fell 4-3 in overtime. The Bobcats presently sit in 6th place in the Continental Division of the league. This weekend, Blue Ridge travels to the Detroit suburb of Fraser, Michigan to face the Motor City Rockers for a three-game set on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Rockers currently rest in second place in the Empire Division of the hockey league which is in its first season at the APEX. The Bobcats return home to Wythe County next Friday and will host the Baton Rouge Zydeco for first of a four-game homestand. For more information on the team and the hockey league, visit <https://www.blueridgebobcats.com/> Below, No. 14 Josh Newberg, a forward and defenseman from Cranford, N.J. controls the puck between Columbus defenders.



Catoor, Pedulla pace Hokies over BC

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Hunter Catoor scored 17 points and Sean Pedulla scored 16 and Virginia Tech won its second-straight game beating Boston College 76-71 on Tuesday.

Catoor's 3-pointer with 13:55 before halftime broke a 12-all tie and Virginia Tech led the remainder. The Hokies (12-7, 4-4 ACC) led 44-33 at intermission and stayed ahead by four points or more in the second half until Quinten Post's

jump shot brought Boston College within 70-67 with 2:24 remaining.

Pedulla made two foul shots for a five-point advantage with 2:02 left. Then, with 29 seconds left, Claudell Harris Jr. buried a 3-pointer for BC to reduce the deficit to 72-70 with 29 seconds to go. But Robbie Beran and Catoor each made a pair of foul shots in a nine-second span to wrap it up.

MJ Collins scored 11 points and Lynn Kidd 10 for the Hokies.

Devin McGlockton scored 19 points on 9-for-13 shooting and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Eagles (11-8, 2-6). Quinten Post added 15 points and reserve Harris 14 for Boston College.

Boston College plays at Notre Dame on Saturday. Virginia Tech hosts Georgia Tech on Saturday.



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Hunter Catoor looks for an opening against BC.

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Jonathan Cahn recently wrote, “If Moses lived today and ran his ministry as many are now, this would happen: The elders would say, ‘Moses! We did a focus group and found your public approval ratings are terrible. You’ve got to do something. People want you to be more tolerant. Some of this stuff – the Ten Commandments and those signs and wonders, like the earth opening up and swallowing people? You’re gonna have to tone that down.’”

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Gird your loins, contend for the faith, and stand strong! Our Savior is returning soon, and may you hear the words, “Well done, my good and faithful servant!”

Well done indeed!

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.

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Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
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Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

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Worship, 11 a.m.

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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.

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Interim Pastor: John Kellam
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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
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Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

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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

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6887 Depot Street
Belspring, VA 24058
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Service Times:
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
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Sunday evenings-Facebook live services
announced on Facebook

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Joe Ratcliff, Pastor
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Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
Website: www.heritagechurch.net
Facebook.com/
HeritageChurchDublinVA

First Missionary Baptist Church

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Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524
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email: fimb1872@verizon.net
Associate Minister:
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Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
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The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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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.
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website - www.dvpca.org
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a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)

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trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon
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Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Phone - 980-0820

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Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485
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Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com
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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

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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook.com/faithbiblechurch
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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Dublin, Va 24084
Pastor: Darlene Marshall
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Sunday School - 9:45am
Sunday Service - 11:00am

New Hope Chapel

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

Trinity Baptist Church

4008 Robinson Tract Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Telephone: 980-8186
Pastor Johnny Howlett
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church

3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084
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Mary Ann Armbrister
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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

Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)

5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
(and Facebook)
Office: 540-633-3761
Email:
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Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am

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3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324
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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
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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.

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www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/
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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

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Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson
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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

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980-7287
www.fwcpulaski.church
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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.
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Pastor Jim Goddard
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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ttgarwood674@gmail.com

First Christian Church of Pulaski
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Pulaski, VA 24301-4618
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www.firstchristianpulaski.org
Pastor: Timothy Moore
Men's School 10 am
Worship: 11 am

Community Christian Church
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308
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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
p.m.
Thursday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.



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
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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

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Many Ways To Jesus

Please note I said there are many ways to Jesus. I did not say there are many ways to God. There is only one way to God and that is through Jesus Christ. In John 14:6, Jesus very clearly said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." There are not many ways to the Father, as some people believe. There is only one way, but in the Bible I see people come to Jesus in different ways. Let's take a look at some of them.

Some people work their way close enough to touch Jesus. A woman who had suffered a loss of blood for twelve years, after having spent all that she had on physicians, was not any better. When she saw Jesus passing by her with a crowd of people following Him, she said, "If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." After working her way through the crowd, she was able to get close enough to Jesus to touch Him. She was healed immediately. If you have a need of any kind, you should work your way past all the hindrances and get close enough to Jesus to touch Him. When you touch Him, He will know it and will respond to your touch.

Some people cry out to Jesus. I have heard it said that He is a right now God, and I believe that. That's how it was for Peter when he stepped out of the ship during a raging storm. When he began to drown, Peter needed Jesus right then. He cried out, "Jesus save me." Jesus reached down and pulled Peter out of the raging sea, saving his life. If you need Jesus right now, you don't need a long prayer. All you need to do is cry out to Jesus. He will hear you and help you.

Some people have friends who



will go to extreme measures to take them to Jesus. There is a story in the New Testament about a sick man who couldn't get out of bed. Jesus was in town preaching in a house. The house was so crowded no one could get in through the door or a window. So, this man's four friends took him to the roof of the house, tore a hole in it, and let him down with ropes in front of Jesus. That is some caring friends. I've heard of taking people to Jesus, but these four men went above and beyond to get him there. That is the kind of friend many of you are. You'll do whatever you have to, to get a loved one to Jesus. What a blessing it is to have friends who will take you to Jesus.

Jesus has been known to feed the hungry, provide money to pay taxes, heal the sick, and raise the dead, but most importantly, He forgives repentant sinners of their sins. If you have a need, whatever way you can, you need to get to Jesus.

80 years after Holocaust, 245,000 Jewish survivors are still alive

BERLIN (AP) — Almost 80 years after the Holocaust, about 245,000 Jewish survivors are still living across more than 90 countries, a new report revealed Tuesday.

Nearly half of them, or 49%, are living in Israel; 18% are in Western Europe, 16% in the United States, and 12% in countries of the former Soviet Union, according to a study by the New York-based Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, also referred to as the Claims Conference.

Before the publication of the demographic report, there were only vague estimates about how many Holocaust survivors are still alive.

Their numbers are quickly dwindling, as most are very old and often of frail health, with a median age of 86. Twenty percent of survivors are older than 90, and more women (61%) than men (39%) are still alive.

The vast majority, or 96% of survivors, are "child survivors" who were born after 1928, says the report "Holocaust Survivors Worldwide: A Demographic Overview" which is based on figures that were collected up until August.

"The numbers in this report are interesting, but it is also important to look past the numbers to see the individuals they represent," said Greg Schneider, the Claims Conference's executive vice president.

"These are Jews who were born into a world that wanted to see them murdered. They endured the atrocities of the Holocaust in their youth and were forced to rebuild an entire life out of the ashes of the camps and ghettos that ended their families and communities."

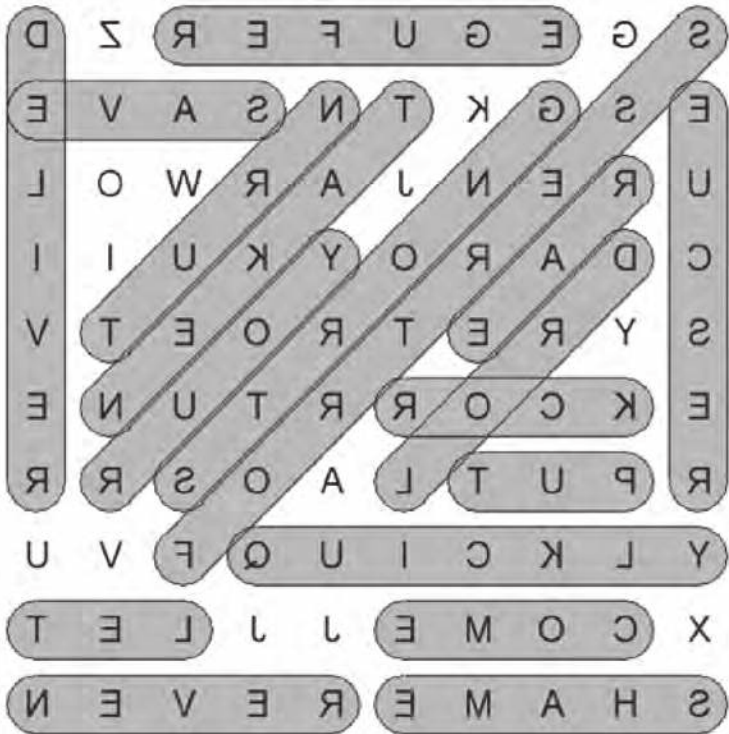
Six million European Jews and people from other minorities were killed by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Habakkuk (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Joseph was buried in a plot of ground at Shechem costing how many pieces of silver? 1, 7, 30, 100
 3. Which metal, used to sharpen other metals, does Proverbs 27 compare to friends? Gold, Silver, Iron, Tin
 4. What is the middle chapter of the New Testament? Romans 13, Galatians 2, Ephesians 5, Titus 1
 5. The book of Hebrews tells us to entertain strangers as they may be ...? Demons, Angels, Prophets, Reincarnations
 6. From Ruth 1, who was Naomi's husband? Elimelech, Mahlon, Chilion, Malachi
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 100, 3) Iron, 4) Romans 13, 5) Angels, 6) Elimelech
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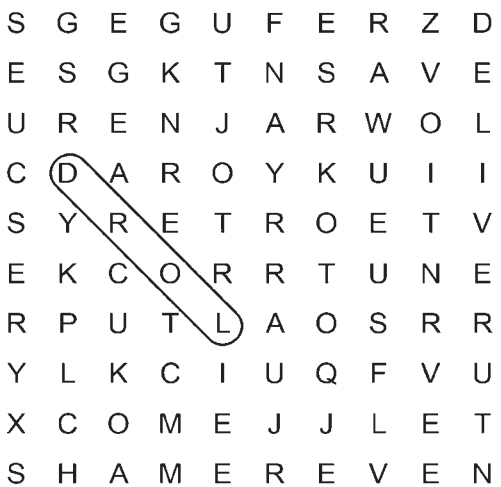
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Psalms 31:1-2

In you, **LORD**, I have **taken refuge**: let me **never** be **put** to **shame**; **deliver** me in **your** righteousness. **Turn** your **ear** to me, **come quickly** to my **rescue**: be my **rock** of refuge, a **strong fortress** to **save** me.

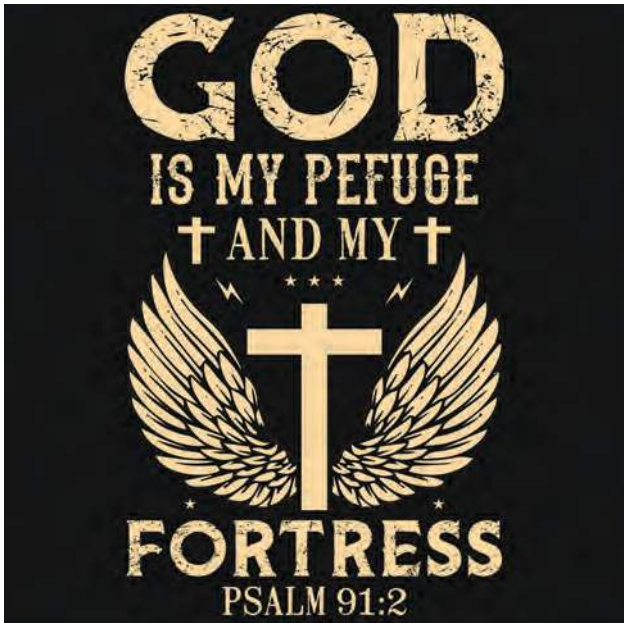
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*I put on righteousness,
and it clothed me;
My justice was like a robe
and a turban.*

JOB 29:14

Detail of "Four sketches of the head of a man wearing a turban" by Solomon Alexander Hart (1857)



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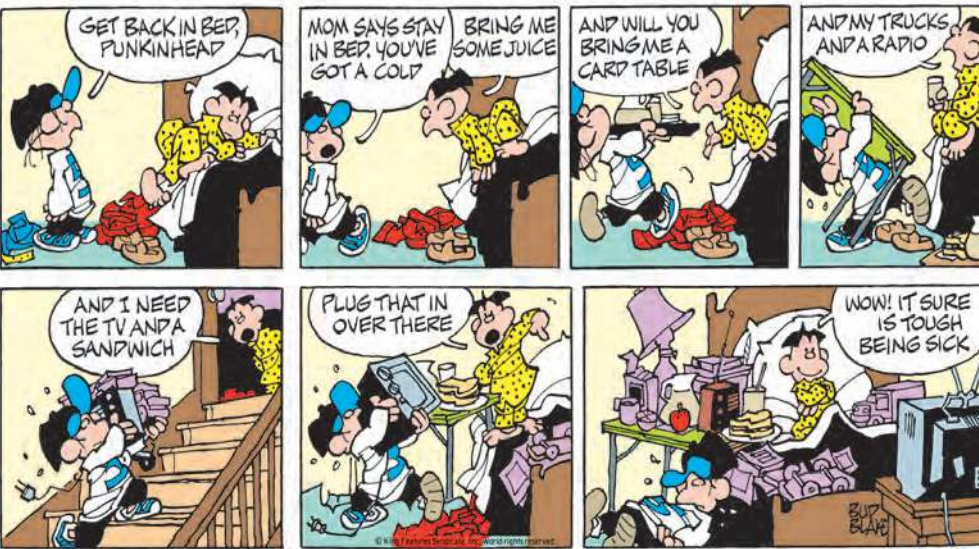
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals C

GYN ZJT IFEMHDZ FJG RG GYN
ZTU IFJCQD'G GRMN GYN GHUN
GF GRGM GF LNFLCN. YN YRQ
GFF URDT LENKKHDZ XFDXNEDK.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Grand ELBON
Theft THEIS
Escort SHURE
Alter NAMED

TODAY'S WORD

Just because he resembles your _____, it doesn't mean he's guilty."

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hot tub
- 4 Pack (down)
- 8 Honeycomb division
- 12 Joke
- 13 Teen fave
- 14 Celestial bear
- 15 Capote nickname
- 16 Difficult problem
- 18 Celery unit
- 20 Pantheon member
- 21 Morays
- 24 Twilight, poetically
- 28 "Bravo!"
- 32 Wry
- 33 Bombeck
- 34 Raw rock
- 34 Begets
- 36 Melody
- 37 Actress Meg
- 39 Maintains
- 41 Wheel connectors
- 43 Bake sale orgs.
- 44 — Victor
- 46 Dugout seating
- 50 Sociable and lively
- 55 "Caught ya!"
- 56 Medicinal plant
- 57 Vogue rival
- 58 Singer Phair
- 59 Reporter's quest

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59						60			61	

- 60 Workout count
- 61 Mimic
- 10 Baton Rouge sch.
- 11 Felon's flight
- 17 Eggy quaff
- 19 Triathlon segment
- 22 Secular
- 23 Razor sharpener
- 25 Algerian port
- 26 During
- 27 Red planet
- 28 Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"
- 29 African antelope
- 30 "Hud" actress Patricia
- 31 Faxed
- 35 Equine homes
- 38 Butterflies
- 40 Language suffix
- 42 High school subj.
- 45 Declare
- 47 "The Lion King" lion
- 48 Intel product
- 49 Visibility hindrance
- 50 Fire
- 51 Flamenco cheer
- 52 At once
- 53 — -de-France
- 54 Jungfrau, for one

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top ten

HIGHEST-GROSSING MOVIES OF 2023

1. Barbie
2. The Super Mario Bros. Movie
3. Oppenheimer
4. Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3
5. Fast X
6. Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse
7. The Little Mermaid
8. Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One
9. Elemental
10. Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania

Source: Comscore

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? Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the last name of Ken, who was Barbie's boyfriend?
2. TELEVISION: In the sitcom "The Office," the company is in which U.S. city?
3. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is The Matterhorn located?
4. MUSIC: Which 1990s group was the singer Beyoncé a part of?
5. U.S. STATES: In which state is Monument Valley located?
6. LITERATURE: In which children's book do the characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear?
7. MATH: In Roman numerals, what is XLVIII divided by XII?
8. MEDICAL: What is a common name for polythelia?
9. CHEMISTRY: How many elements are listed on the Periodic Table?
10. MOVIES: What is the year of the Olympics in the movie "Chariots of Fire"?

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WORD LADDERS

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

PEACE

LUNCH

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Answers

1. His full name is Kenneth Sean Carson.
2. Scotland, Pennsylvania.
3. Switzerland.
4. Destiny's Child.
5. Arizona.
6. "Through the Looking-Glass."
7. IV (Four).
8. Having an extra nipple, which affects about 1%-5% of the population.
9. 118.
10. 1924.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Noble 2. Heist 3. Usurper 4. Amend

PEACE, PEACH, BEACH, BENCH, BUNCH, LUNCH

Answer

WORD LADDER

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Americanisms

"The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on."

— Julia Alvarez

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Cryptoquip

The guy working out at the gym wouldn't take the time to talk to people. He had too many pressing concerns.



Here's a Tip!

* File this one under safety AND energy smarts: Clean the dryer vent after every load. Clean the dryer vent screen monthly with a gentle soap and water bath. Rinse well and dry thoroughly before inserting back into your dryer.

* "I used to struggle with plastic wrap every time I tried to use it. But now, it's a breeze since I learned to do these two things: One, keep plastic wrap in the freezer. It unrolls evenly, not one side or the other. Two, use a serrated knife to cut it instead of relying on the metal

strip down the side of the box. You lay it out on the counter, and just run the knife down the edge you want to cut. Works like magic, and it's no longer frustrating." -- G.S. in Georgia

* Store an apple or two with your potatoes to keep them from sprouting. Be sure to check them often.

* Cut cotton pads in half to double your supply. They are typically big enough for two uses, and you can always use two halves if you need a whole.

* "Make a cream lipstick last longer and stay cleaner

by using a makeup brush to apply. Your skin picks up more of the lipstick than necessary, one reason why we blot our lips afterward. But the brush uses only what you need. And there's less bacteria transfer." -- Y.R. in Massachusetts

* Studies have shown that you spend more and make worse decisions when grocery shopping at peak hours. To be a saver on the family food bill, pick a time to shop when you're not rushed; have a list; know the sales ahead of time; and eat before you go.

Top Ten in Movies

1. Mean Girls (PG-13) Angourie Rice, Renee Rapp
2. The Beekeeper (R) Jason Statham, Emmy Raver-Lampman
3. Wonka (PG) Timothee Chalamet, Gustave Die
4. Anyone But You (R) Sydney Sweeney, Glen Powell
5. Migration (PG) Kumail Nanjiani, Elizabeth Banks
6. Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom (PG-13) Jason Momoa, Patrick Wilson
7. Night Swim (PG-13) Wyatt Russell, Kerry Condon
8. The Boys in the Boat (PG-13) Joel Edgerton, Callum Turner
9. The Book of Clarence (PG-13) LaKeith Stanfield,

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: Jewelry Worn Around the Wrist

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| Anklet | Hamlet | Letterbox | Poulet |
| Booklet | Letdown | Lettuce | Quintuplet |
| Gauntlet | Lethargic | Owlet | Ultraviolet |
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CryptoQuote

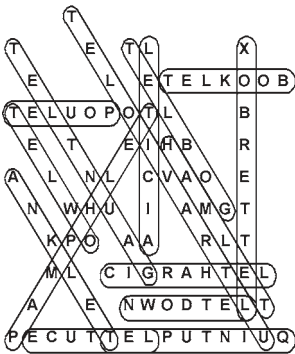
AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

YJU UCA QVHVDIV JSX ERQVJX
NBV FQVJNVEN FDLNE CL JOO -
OCIV JSX RVJHV LCQ NBV ZBCOV
ZCQOX.
- UCAQ RAMMOV LQDVSXE

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"LET" WORDS



Noon Wednesday Is Our Deadline Each Week For News & Ads The Patriot & The Southwest Times 540-808-3949

CryptoQuote answer

May you receive and spread the greatest gifts of all - love and peace for the whole world.
— Your Puzzle Friends

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

ANSWER

Weekly SUDOKU

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by Linda Thistle

	6		2					7
5				4			9	
2		7			6	3		
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	4		9				8	
7					8		6	1
1			7		5	9		
		6	3				5	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

Jan. 26

The Annual Coy Hill Pancake Supper
Woodlawn P.H. Church 3874 Oak Grove Rd.
I-77 exit 19 (turn Right)
Jan. 26 starting at 5pm
Donations Accepted For Our Youth Program
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Jan. 27

Soul Dinner, Movie and Game Night
Pulaski First Church of Brethren is having a Soul Dinner and Movie and Game Night Saturday January 27th from 4-7. Any type of Soul food you can think of will share. This is a free event for anyone would like to come. Church is located at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind the DMV.

Jan. 29

Monday Gospel Sing
Gospel Sing 9:30-11:00 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.

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

Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

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

Celebrate Recovery
Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step program where people gain freedom, healing and accountability for life’s hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Group Meeting at 6:15pm every Thursday at Valley Harvest Ministries, 1 Harvest Place, Dublin.

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On going:

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

Alcohol Anonymous
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SCHOOL NEWS

Draper resident named to James Madison University president’s list

HARRISONBURG, VA -- Molly Cox of Draper has been named to the president’s list at James Madison University for the fall 2023 semester. Students who earn president’s list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above. Cox is majoring in Biology - BS.

James Madison University announces fall 2023 graduates

HARRISONBURG, VA -- James Madison University is pleased to announce the following students who graduated during the December 2023 commencement exercises. Kerrigan Quesenberry of Radford has graduated with a degree(s) in Health Sciences - BS. Ragan Hale of Radford has graduated with a degree(s) in Nursing - BSN.

James Madison University announces fall 2023 dean’s list

HARRISONBURG, VA -- James Madison University is pleased to announce that the following students made the dean’s list for the fall 2023 semester. Emily Clark of fairlawn who is majoring in Dance - BA. Natalie Jones of Radford who is majoring in General Psychology - BS. Ashleigh Bethea of Radford who is majoring in Health Sciences - BS. Jonathan Woods of Radford who is majoring in Sport and Recreation Management - BS. Erin Wilson of Radford who is majoring in Theatre - BA. Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public university located in Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley. JMU is one of the nation’s leading lights in higher education, where students enjoy engaging relationships with world-class faculty who drive education innovation and support advanced research. With state-of-the art amenities and facilities, students have access to NCAA Division I athletics. JMU also has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges.

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Dear Dave,
My wife and I have always accepted the fact that we’d have a mountain of debt to pay off after the holidays. Having to deal with it all seemed more frustrating this year than ever before. Can you tell us how to make it through the next Thanksgiving and Christmas without having to pay off so much debt?



Dave Says
Dave Ramsey

Thanksgiving is always on the fourth Thursday of November, right? And Christmas always falls on December 25th. The holidays don’t come as a surprise to anyone, so don’t wait until November, then act shocked that it’s all just around the corner. Jump on things right now, and start setting aside a little in your budget each month throughout the year for the holiday season. Sit down with your wife, and decide together how much you can put aside each month for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Once you agree on an amount, make a list, check it twice and stick to it. It’s easy to find something in the mall you just have to buy for someone. And that’s where problems start. So,

include amounts you’re going to spend on each person, each charity, or each event. It’s all just common sense. But it’s up to you and your wife—together—to decide to live on a budget and give every single dollar a job. You can do this, Brady. Make it happen!

—Dave

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



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