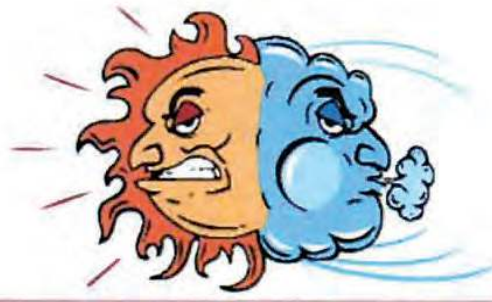




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Gala candle employees make appeal to board

By MIKE WILLIAMS Patriot Publishing

Meeting Monday night at the School Board office due to renovation work being done in the County Administration Building, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors welcomed nearly a packed house - with about half those attending because of the announced closing of Gala's Korona Candles plant in the county.

It was announced in mid-February that the plant would be closing by spring, affecting about 60 employees.

Gala North America, Inc. - operating under the name of Korona Candles, Inc. - was established in Dublin in 2013. It is a German owned company.

According to the company, the Gala facility - located in the county's industrial park near Volvo where both the TekniPlex (formerly Phoenix Packaging) and FedEx facilities among others are located - uses the latest machinery in the candle industry and remains one of the most modern such facilities in the U.S.

Employees addressed the board about the closing See GALA, page A10

BIG DAY for county said coming April 3!

By MIKE WILLIAMS Patriot Publishing

Wednesday, April 3 promises to be BIG for Pulaski County!

That's the word from County Administrator Jonathan Sweet, when asked about the "recess" of the Board of Supervisors meeting Monday night instead of the usual adjournment.

On Monday, Board Chairman Laura Walters asked her fellow supervisors to approve a "recess" of the meeting until 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, and the board unanimously approved the move without comment.

When quizzed about the recess this week,

County supervisors vote 3-2 to close Giles Ave. to big trucks

By MIKE WILLIAMS Patriot Publishing

On a 3-2 vote by the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors on Monday night, large truck through traffic on Giles Avenue in Dublin will be prohibited - pending final approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

The narrow decision brings to an end a months-long debate on whether or not Giles Avenue will be open to large truck through traffic.

Dublin Town Council earlier approved a similar resolution to prohibit such truck traffic down Giles Avenue, which is a two-lane street running through a residential neighborhood in Dublin.

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# Giles

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At Monday night's meeting, one resident – E.W. Harless – addressed the board on the issue.

"I'm the one who brought this up," Harless proclaimed. "I was going to my son's house and one of those logging trucks run me off the road. That road's just not wide enough. Plus, you have an adult center there, you have a library there, a daycare center on that street and a Christian school on that street. So there's a lot of kids."

Harless said he was told those areas were fenced in and that would take care of the problem.

"That's not right," he said.

Harless, a retired Norfolk – Southern employee, told a story about a past incident in which a train hit a child who had somehow gotten out of a fenced in yard.

"You don't want nothing like that to happen," Harless told the supervisors.

"I feel like the kids and the neighborhood deserve some relief from these trucks," he added.

"I brought this up because of children."

Prior to a vote on the resolution, Massie Supervisor Mike Mooney said passage of the prohibition on trucks would potentially fix one problem and create another.

"I'm very concerned about safety and children on Giles Avenue and for all the citizens in Pulaski County. The safety of children is why I ran for a seat on this board," said Mooney.

"People say this is used by

trucks as a shortcut down Giles Avenue. I don't see it that way. I think they (truckers) use it as a safe way to enter Route 11.

"They have a stop light there where they can stop and make a safe turn. The alternative for them is the ramp off Route 100. They have to cross four lanes of traffic there just to get in the left lane heading toward Radford.

"I think we're addressing a safety issue in one location, and maybe creating one in another location.

"I think we're creating an accident there waiting to happen," Mooney stated.

Robinson Supervisor Jeff Reeves agreed.

"I agree crossing those four lanes in a truck is an accident waiting to happen. Someone is going to get frustrated, pull out and someone's not going to stop. And I'm afraid we'll have a fatal collision there with a 90,000 pound truck," Reeves said.

"I think it's a safety issue for everyone."

No supervisor spoke in favor of the prohibition, however, during the roll call vote on the issue, Supervisors Chris Stafford (Cloyd), Chairman Laura Walters (Ingles) and Dirk Compton (Draper) all voted "yes" on the resolution, while Mooney and Reeves voted "no."

With approval of the resolution, a request will go to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to close Giles Avenue to tractor-trailers, logging trucks and similar large trucks. The prohibition will not apply to pickup trucks or panel trucks.

# Dublin Mayor Skeens will not seek re-election

By DAVID QUESENBERRY  
Patriot Publishing

At the March 21st meeting of Dublin Town Council, Dublin Mayor Benny Skeens informed Council that he would not seek re-election for another term as mayor.

Referring to his thirty years as councilman and mayor, Skeens said that he had served with many outstanding persons over the years who he felt had the best interests of the Town of Dublin and the area in mind. He said that he was very fortunate and very thankful to the people of the community for their trust in allowing him to serve the Town for so long.

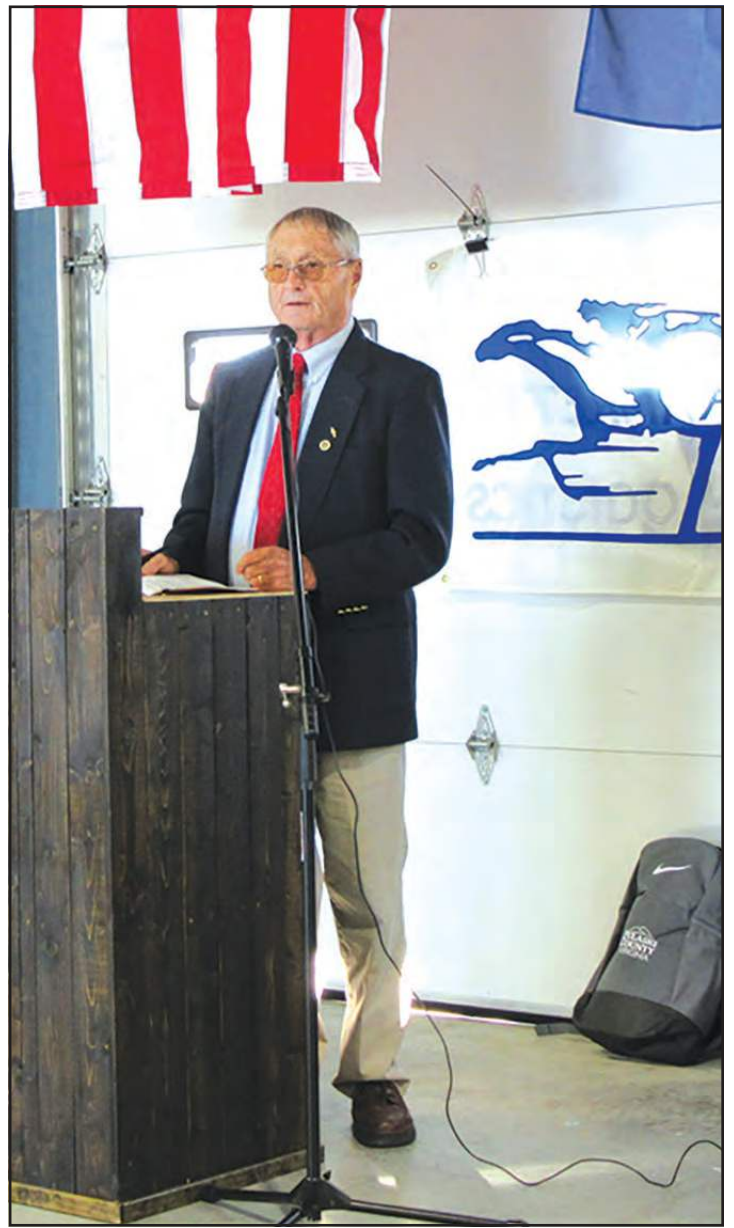
Skeens added that he felt the Town "had the greatest employees and the greatest people in the Town of Dublin of anybody." He expressed appreciation for the persons who had helped him over the years with an encouraging word or "pat on the back."

Skeens' term as mayor will conclude at the end of year following the general election in November.

In other action, Council heard from Town Manager Tye Kirkner on the status of the Town's three grant applications.

Kirkner told Council that the first grant submission was for a \$500,000 brownfield multi-purpose grant which was intended to remove asbestos and pipes, as well as repairing roofs and drains in the former Main Plant in the Industrial Park currently occupied by Camrett Logistics.

Being the third submission for this particular grant, Kirkner said the Town was being very aggressive in working with the engineering consultant CHA and making contact with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to secure the



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## Dublin Mayor Benny Skeens

grant.

Kirkner told Council that the Town received a \$50,000 assessment grant last week for remediation of an oil tank in the Industrial Park. Work on the grant was underway with meetings scheduled with DEQ in May. The grant would be administered by the Town Manager and included provisions for a Phase One environmental study for the entire plant.

On a final note, Kirkner said the Town should hear sometime in late June or early July, about its application for a \$1,000,000 Federal Environmental Protection Agency grant.

The grant would provide from thirty-six to forty Phase I environmental studies and thirty-five Phase II studies for the entire plant and some adjoining properties that are not part of the Town of Dublin.

This grant could be applied to those adjoining properties either needing remediation or which might be brought into the

Industrial Park.

Council next considered the three month goals for upcoming work sessions.

Kirkner reviewed the goals for each work session grouped according to dates.

From March 21st to April 18th, the goals included considering: a utility rate review, implementation of the new rate study and a budget review.

From April 18th to May 16th, the Council would discuss utility rates and public participation in the budget and rate discussions.

From May 16th to June 20th, the Council would need to hold public hearings on the proposed budget and utility rates followed by approval of the budget and utility rates on June 20th.

Based on the proposed schedule, Council decided to conduct a work session on Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

In the budget report, as of

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## Fallen crypto mogul Sam Bankman-Fried sentenced to 25 years in prison

NEW YORK (AP) — Crypto entrepreneur Sam Bankman-Fried was sentenced Thursday to 25 years in prison for a massive fraud that unraveled with the collapse of FTX, once one of the world's most popular platforms for exchanging digital currency.

Bankman-Fried, 32, was convicted in November of fraud and conspiracy — a dramatic fall from a crest of success that included a Super Bowl advertisement and celebrity endorsements from stars like quarterback Tom Brady, basketball star Stephen Curry and comedian Larry David.

U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan imposed the sentence in the same Manhattan courtroom where, four months ago, Bankman-Fried testified that his intention had been to revolutionize the emerging cryptocurrency market with his innovative and altruistic ideas, not to steal.

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# Aquatic base sells to out of state bidder

By WILLIAM PAINE  
Patriot Publishing

The Boy Scout Aquatic Base and an adjacent residential property both sold Thursday afternoon at an auction held by the Woltz and Associates real estate firm. Of the twenty individuals participating in the auction, about half made their bids online or via telephone.

Real estate broker Russell Seneff acted as auctioneer for the sale of the properties. Bidding was scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. but did not start in earnest until 2:40 due to challenges in maintaining contact with remote bidders.

The auction took place on the bottom floor of the 14,000 square foot hexagonal Event Center, which is largest structure on the 68-acre Aquatic Base. This property includes 1,189 feet of usable waterfront property, a three-story bathhouse and 16 single room cabins.

Multiple docks and a boathouse which used to line the shore of the BSA Aquatic Base had recently been removed before Thursday's auction.

Buyers at the auction were able to bid separately for an adjoining four-acre property on Owens Road that includes a three-bedroom, three-bathroom residence.

However, prospective buyers were also able to bid on both properties together and by the auction's end, a buyer from



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The Auction took place on the bottom floor of the Boy Scouts Aquatics Base Event Center with half the bidders on site and the other half bidding from remote locations. Woltz and Associates brokers kept pace with the bidding using a whiteboard. Below: Claytor Lake Aquatics Base Sign - The Boy Scouts of America will no longer own this property which was first put into use two decades ago.

Beckley, West Virginia made the winning bid of \$2.6 million for the BSA Aquatics Base and the adjoining residential property.

At press time, the identity of the new owner had not been released but according to Jim

Woltz of Woltz and Associates, the individual who made the winning bid already owns property of Claytor Lake.

"He was aware of the previous attempts to sell it and yeah, he's happy," said Woltz of the new owner of the properties. "He doesn't have concrete plans for what he's gonna do with it, which opens the door for a lot of possibilities. He could lease it to VA Tech for their rowing team or other rowing teams could use it. It isn't like he's going to shut it off from the world and keep it for himself. He's open for options and we're going to have a discussion about the potential of the property."

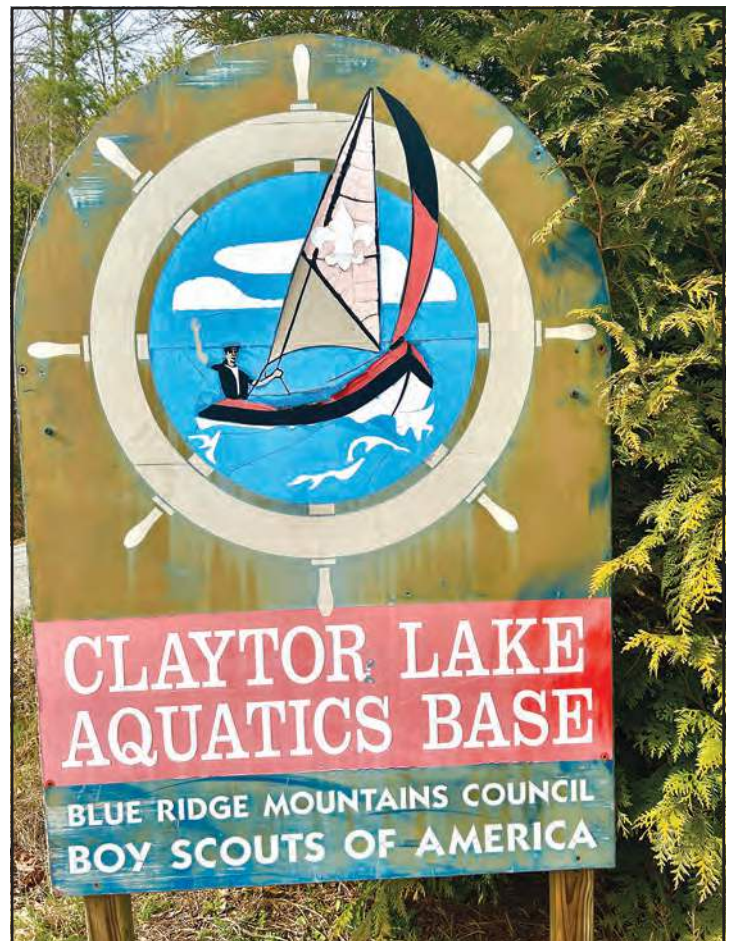
Woltz pointed out that with the "buyer's premium" included, the price of the properties comes to \$2,730,000.

"We were hoping to exceed \$2.5 million and we did," said Woltz of the sale. "The Scouts seemed pleased with it as well."

The Blue Ridge Mountain Council had owned both of these properties for more than 20 years.

As noted, the docks along the waterfront had been mostly removed, leaving only a partially deconstructed dock area, which is set to be demolished in the coming days. The plan had been to leave the docks until a new buyer decided what to do with them but after consulting with APCO, the Boy Scouts and their lawyers, they decided to scrap the docks.

"It was going to be complicated to leave the docks," said Woltz. "It's still left questions for a new buyer as to what complied and what didn't comply with what restrictions the Shoreline



## Dublin

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February 29th, Kirkner said that General Fund revenues were 67 percent as compared to an anticipated 58 percent budgeted. General Fund expenditures were 67 percent as compared to 58 percent budgeted.

The Enterprise Fund showed both revenues and expenditures at 67 percent compared to 58 percent budgeted.

Kirkner said that overall the budget continued to do well.

In other action Council approved a donation of \$300 for a sponsorship for the Claytor Lake Festival.

Council also decided that the Town of Dublin offices would be closed on Good Friday, March 29, 2024.

The Town Manager and Council recognized all employees of the Utilities

Department for their prompt installation that day of four hundred feet of new waterline when they discovered that the existing line was in need of replacement. The work required complete replacement of the main line which also involved eight residences and two fire hydrants.

Kirkner told Council that he expected employees were still on site completing the work. He described the Utility Department as "incredible" and praised Utility Superintendent, Darrin Cullip for doing a "phenomenal" job.

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

## WEEKEND WEATHER



**SATURDAY**

Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.



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# EDITORIAL

## He is Risen

As we approach Easter, I am always reminded of one of my favorite stories from the Cold War, between the United States, the West and the Soviet Union.

That story involves Soviet Communist leader Nikolai Bukharin. A Bolshevik revolutionary and member of the Politburo, Bukharin rose to great prominence in Soviet circles following the Russian Revolution of 1917.

The Communist regimes of Eastern Europe were ruthless in their tactics. Soviet troops occupied many of the countries and food shortages were commonplace.



**Morgan Griffith**

9th District Representative

The public could not express themselves in a free and open manner without there being serious repercussions.

Secret police forces sniffed out any potential dissenters. Loved ones and friends were jailed or went missing.

These were precarious times for the people of Eastern Europe and the rest of the world. Because of the oppressive rule exercised by Communist regimes in Eastern Europe, many people were led to believe that their lives revolved around the government.

As the story goes, in 1930, Bukharin traveled from Moscow to Kiev to speak before a large crowd (one version I have heard says it was a crowd of thousands and in a stadium). While he gave his remarks, he emphatically denounced religion as the communist atheist regime frequently did. The story as I have heard it said, he had harangued the crowd and belittled religious thought. After he finished, he asked if the audience had questions.

In response, an orthodox priest approached and mounted the speaker's platform. The man then exclaimed to the crowd in the customary Orthodox way, which translated into English would be: "Christ is Risen!"

The crowd answered back: "He is Risen indeed!"

The story about Bukharin in Kiev has been told many times, but it may be a legend; no reporting at the time confirms it, although the Communist rulers of the Soviet Union no doubt would not want such a story to be repeated.

But decades after the episode with Bukharin reputedly took place, the whole world could see in previously Communist-ruled countries a similar widespread affirmation of faith and rejection of state-imposed atheism.

In spite of bleak conditions, the masses remained secretly steadfast in their faith. No matter how oppressive or tyrannical the Soviet regime was, the people recognized there was something more in life than just the government. For many, their faith did not waver.

Today, even Putin ostensibly acknowledges the significance of the Russian Orthodox Church to Russians. In Kiev, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church gives the people emotional strength based on their faith.

The power of faith prevails. Thus, the Bukharin story is inspiring to me.

I am a Christian and celebrate Easter because "He is Risen."

I respect your religion and your ability to practice your faith, whether that be tied to Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Atheism, etc. All faiths should be respected. We are better suited to develop harmonious relationships, come together and overcome obstacles by recognizing the freedom to pray however one chooses.

One of the things that I love about our country and having served in the Virginia House of Delegates is Jefferson's Statute for Religious Freedom.

Virginia's law was the first to cement liberty.

James Madison said of the Statute that it is the "true standard of Religious liberty: its principle the great barrier against usurpations on the rights of conscience."

The Statute for Religious Freedom would become the model for the First Amendment in the Constitution, establishing religious freedom for all Americans. Other countries would follow suit.

The House of Delegates chamber in Richmond has a plaque dedicated to this triumph and celebrates Virginia as the birthplace of religious freedom in the world.

I am very proud to call the birthplace of religious freedom my home.

During Easter, I hope and pray that God's love and peace will be with each of you, and that there will be peace and joy amongst all faiths.

God is good and he sent his only begotten son in order for our sins to be able to be forgiven.

So if on Easter, someone says to you, "He is Risen,"

Remember the story of the priest and Bukharin. And respond: "He is Risen indeed."

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

## Mum Bett Challenged the Establishment, and Won

During this Women's History Month, I've been trying to find stories about women in America who had an impact on our nation's history and society. In this next story, one woman did just that and was instrumental in changing state laws, and bringing slavery to an end in Massachusetts.

Born around 1744 as a slave in the Colony of New York, Mum Bett (later known as Elizabeth Freeman) was determined to eventually gain freedom for her daughter and her younger sister, Lizzie.

She and her sister were given as servants to Colonel John Ashley and his wife when the couple were newly married. Apparently, Colonel Ashley was an activist and judge of the Berkshire Court of Common Pleas in Sheffield, Massachusetts. He presided over a committee that wrote the Sheffield Declaration in January 1773. The committee of eleven members, including Attorney Theodore Sedgwick, met in the home of Colonel Ashley, where Mum would have heard their discussions.

The Sheffield Declaration first resolution stated, in part: "Mankind in a state of nature are equal, free, and independent of each other, and have a right to the undisturbed enjoyment of their lives, their liberty and property." Very similar words were echoed in our Declaration of Independence where it was declared that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..."

Although Mum Bett could neither read nor write, she understood the words and wondered why they did not apply to her. The idea that all men were created equal gave hope to the slave that this concept would one day become a reality. She told Attorney Sedgwick, "I heard that paper read yesterday, that says, all men are created equal, and that every man has a right to freedom. I'm not a dumb critter; won't the law give me my freedom?"

Freedom for slaves in Massachusetts was in process. In 1780, the Massachusetts Constitution, which created legal grounds for Mum Bett to fight for her freedom, began by stating in Article 1: "All men are born free

## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

and equal, and have certain natural, essential, and unalienable rights; among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; that of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; in fine, that of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness..."

On these grounds, Mum Bett and another of Colonel Ashley's slaves named Brom received help from Attorney Sedgwick, and brought a lawsuit against Ashley to free them. Ashley refused, so the case was escalated to the County Court of Common Pleas in Great Barrington where a jury would determine the outcome.

Brom and Bett v. J. Ashley Esq. became a landmark case where Sedgwick asserted that the Massachusetts and U.S. Constitution provision that "all men are born free and equal" effectively abolished slavery in the state of Massachusetts. The jury agreed and stated that Brom and Bett were not the legal property of Colonel Ashley. Additionally, the court granted damages of 30-shillings to each, plus compensation for their labor.

After the success of their court case, Mum Bett changed her name to Elizabeth Freeman and went to work as a paid domestic worker in the home of Attorney Sedgwick. Upon her retirement, Elizabeth Freeman was able to purchase her own home and live free with her children. So beloved and respected by the Sedgwick family, upon her death at age 85, she was buried in their family cemetery plot.

Mum Bett (Elizabeth Freeman) became the first African American woman to receive her freedom under the Massachusetts' Constitution; and set a precedent which ultimately led to the abolition of slavery in Massachusetts. One woman's bravery and thirst for freedom led the way for other slaves to

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## Constitution Alive

Several years ago, a family emigrated to America from Eastern Europe and stayed with me for the summer. One day, after they had been here for about a month, the husband and I were weeding together in the garden, talking about all sorts of things. At one point, he changed the conversation abruptly. "You have listened to me complain about not having gotten a job all morning. But if you had emigrated to my country, it would have been a year before you could have even started looking for a job."

I was stunned at his comment, and since then I have spent time thinking of the benefits I have simply by being an American. I don't have to show my passport at the border to go to Charlotte and change currency to buy good there. I can contribute to others' needs without the red tape of government approval. My church doesn't have to allow government agents to attend services.

We have surrendered our freedoms a little at a time with increasing

## Guest Column

frequency in the past decade, and I submit a lot of it has happened because we don't know what our rights are.

If you would like to refresh your understanding of our Constitution, or learn it for the first time, I recommend an engaging video series produced by Patriot Academy, with David Barton and Rick Green. A free, six-week course begins at 6:30 this coming Tuesday evening at Pulaski Presbyterian Church. You may register by calling my number below, or just show up. If we don't know what freedoms we have, it will be too late to protect them once they are gone.

Susan Peters  
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**Rich Lowery**

Editor, National Review

## Democratic leadership send signal to left-wing base

The uncommitted voters of Michigan say "Jump," and Chuck Schumer asks "How high?"

The Senate majority leader gave an extraordinary speech flaying the democratically elected leader of an ally engaged in fighting a defensive war against a hideous terrorist enemy.

The speech calling on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to go, along with increasingly critical statements by the White House, shows that the Democrats have decided that appeasing their left-wing base in an election year is now their top consideration.

This is bad all around. As a matter of basic decency, this is not something that allies do to one another, especially not in wartime. Present unvarnished views in private? Absolutely. Try to nudge a partner toward a favored policy? Sure. But blast a friendly government in hopes that it can be toppled via a new election, just months after suffering a monstrous attack and as it is still trying to destroy a terrorist group deeply embedded in an urban environment? No.

The fact of the matter is that this is not Bibi Netanyahu's war. It is the nation of Israel's war. Netanyahu sustained political damage after the Oct. 7 attack, but his goal of prosecuting the war against Hamas to its completion is widely shared in Israel. Immediately after the attack, Israel formed a government of national unity that has pursued the war policy that Democrats now find so objectionable. If Netanyahu were to resign tomorrow, any number of things might change, but the war against Hamas would stay the same.

It is easy, sitting in Washington, D.C., and worrying about how to placate the anti-Israel uncommitted voters in the Democratic primary, to forget the shock of the massive pogrom carried out by Hamas on that infamous day in October. Israelis, though, aren't going to forget, nor should they.

It's a key tell about Schumer's intentions that his speech engendered a universally negative reaction in Israel, and Schumer -- who is no naïf -- must have anticipated as much. Benny Gantz, who would presumably run against Netanyahu in a future election, harshly rejected the Schumer call for a new government. So, the only place where Schumer could have any assurance of advancing his cause was here at home.

What stronger signal could there be that the Democratic leadership has heard the activist calls to rein in Israel than the previously staunch supporter of the Jewish state, Chuck Schumer, unloading on its wartime government?

Hamas has been getting devastated on the battlefield, but the turn against Israel among Democratic officials in the U.S. is a sign of the success of its longer, deeply cynical strategy. By doing everything in its power to create the predicate for more civilian casualties

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# Sold

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Management people were going to put up. So, after much debate, we decided that the best thing is make a clean canvas, like an artist starting a new painting. We know what the Shoreline Management calls for as far as docks. We hired a surveyor to come out and design docks that would be compliant to the Shoreline Management. We have had discussions with APCO but nobody has committed. The new buyer will have to file an application."

According to Woltz, by demolishing the existing docks, the sale was able to go through without provisions that went into the original deed when APCO donated the land to the Boy Scouts, including First Right of Refusal, a Right of Way through the property and the restriction that the property must be used as a Boy Scout Camp.

"We wanted to sell it with clean shoreline and no additional restrictions," said Woltz. "We're going to introduce him (the winning bidder) to all the different possibilities this great piece of ground offers, not only to the county, but colleges and schools to show how this can become a real focal point for Claytor Lake and Pulaski County."

In addition to the two properties, the Sundance, a 27-foot sailboat complete with an 8-horsepower diesel motor was put up for sale at Thursday's auction. The sailboat, which was built in 1981 and includes a trailer, was used extensively by the Scouts and seemed to be in good shape, though it was inaccessible due to ongoing demolition of the docks.

After a short bidding process involving one of the Woltz and Associates brokers, Amy Tanner of Snowville purchased the Sundance with a bid of \$800. She and her husband Jordan Margason live three miles away on Little River Road.

"I'm not a sailor but we

# Lowery

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in Gaza, Hamas hopes to turn international opinion against Israel. So it has done in one of the two major American political parties.

If you had told many of the same Democrats criticizing Israel today that within five months of the Oct. 7 attack they would be inveighing against Israel's war against Hamas, they would have been incredulous. If you had told them they would be getting pushed around by pro-Hamas sentiment in their own party, they would have rejected the idea as impossible. If you had told them they would have been seeking a two-state solution as one of their highest post-Oct. 7 priorities, they might have considered it a



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**Boathouse Demolition - The docks at the Boy Scouts Aquatics Base had been removed before Thursday's auction. The remnants of the boathouse and docks seen here will be demolished in the coming days.**



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**The 27 foot Sundance was sold at Thursday's auction for \$800**

want to learn how to sail," said Tanner. "We have this beautiful opportunity right in our back yard. We've been passengers on sailing trips of the Chesapeake Bay and we love it. This will be a starter boat. I love the water."

# Nation

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receive their freedom.

In a conversation recorded by Attorney Sedwick's wife, Mum Bett stated: "Anytime, anytime while I was a slave, if one minute's freedom had been offered to me, and I had been told that I must die at the end of that minute, I would have taken it - just to stand one minute on God's earth as a free woman - I would."

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smear.

Yet here we are. On top of everything else, this isn't good domestic politics. There is still majority support for Israel. The anti-Israel turn demonstrates, yet again, that the Biden campaign is pursuing a base strategy in November. Just the last couple of days, Kamala Harris visited an abortion clinic, Joe Biden suggested there will be no executive action at the border, and Schumer -- having run it by the White House first -- delivered his Philippic.

What's fidelity to an ally compared to zeal in pursuit of an embattled president's election strategy?

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

# Litter fight starts strong

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
Patriot Publishing

Some 100 people have participated in the first month of this year's One Bag Challenge litter campaign in Pulaski County.

"One Bag Challenge is a board initiative asking everyone in the county to go out and pick up at least one bag of trash," said

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# Assembly honors county's 185th year

Staff Report

Pulaski County has received a commendation from Del. Jason Ballard on behalf of the Virginia House of Delegates in recognition of the county's 185th anniversary this year.

New settlers arrived in what is now Pulaski County in the early 1700's - nearly 100 years before the county was officially created and named in 1839.

Presentation of the commendation was made at Monday night's meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

## DRAPER METHODIST CHURCH SUNRISE SERVICE

March 31st @ 7:00 A.M.  
DMC rear parking lot overlooking New River Trail  
3080 Greenbriar Road Downtown Draper

Easter Worship Service 11:15 a.m. in Sanctuary  
Rev. Lee Wiggins

Breakfast will be served immediately after the sunrise service in the Draper Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

We invite all the Community to join us for this early morning start for Easter Sunday 2024!!!



Friends of the Pulaski County Library System  
Semi-Annual Meeting and Program

Thursday, April 11 - 5:30 pm Dublin Library

This meeting is open to current members of the Friends of the Pulaski County Library System. To become a member, please pick up a brochure at either of the libraries and pay dues - \$15.00 Family, \$12.00 Single, \$10.00 senior and \$25.00 Corporate. You may also contact Carol Smith at [chsmith@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:chsmith@pulaskicounty.org) or 540-616-5217 to have one mailed to you.

The event will include a meal catered by Lindy's Good Foods, a small business meeting and our wonderful program by Madeline S. Hoge. Please RSVP to 540-980-5217 or 540-616-5217 by 5:00pm on Monday, April 8th.

Madeline is a family business consultant and family historiographer who lives in Belle-Hampton, the Hoge family farm in Dublin. She is a captivating speaker known for her engaging talks across various topics. Madeline shares her expertise in family business consulting, delves into the fascinating journey of her own family, and imparts insights from her published books. Moreover, she brings the region's founding families' rich history to life through engaging presentations.

Her first book, *Sleeping in the Valley*, is about prominent Virginia families resting eternally in a cemetery overlooking Sunnyside, their ancestral home. It is a peaceful resting place, nestled among the familiar hills they loved so much. As decades passed, their joys and tears during their time on earth were forgotten. However, their life stories are now uncovered to be remembered for future generations. We can learn from the pain and struggles of these notable Scottish and English ancestors, who left their heraldry for America's wilderness to become some of the first pioneer families in Southwest Virginia. Their stories can teach us about the core values and magnificent vision for a republic, dating back to the birth of our nation.

Madeline understands the significance of passing on the family history to the next generation. She believes that by intentionally encouraging each family member to discover their purpose, they can reach their full potential. While our genes make us who we are, learning about our ancestors' history can profoundly impact our identity today and into the future. Madeline's books will be available for purchase at the meeting.



Date: April 27, 2024  
Time: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

## The Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association- CIAA Rainbow Luncheon

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# OBITUARIES



**HOPE SMITH PALMER**

Hope Smith Palmer, age 92, formerly of Draper, Virginia, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at Sunrise Senior Living in Metairie, LA.

Born April 2, 1931, in Draper, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Chris Smith and Blanche Crockett Smith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Peyton A. Palmer, son, Richard Allen Laird, brother, Lloyd (Dorothy) Smith, and sister, Sheila (GC) Archer.

She was a member of Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church and a member of the Republican Women's Club.

She is survived by her

Sister - Treva Tolley-Littleton, CO

Daughters - Kathy (Dwight) Bowen-Plains, MT, Marian (Anthony) Repice-Waretown, NJ,

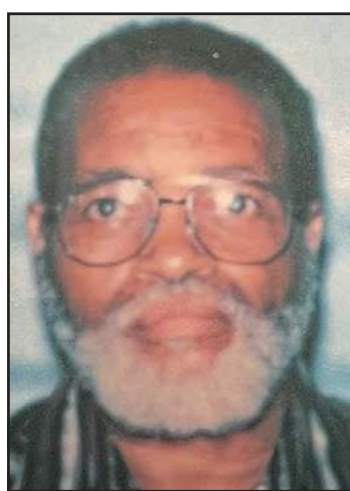
Connie (Rob) Porretta-Kenner, LA

Six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews

The family wishes to thank the staff of Sunrise Senior Living and Passages Hospice for their dedicated care and compassion.

Funeral services will be 11:00 AM - Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at the Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church, Draper, Virginia with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

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**WALLACE LEROY EDMONDS**

Wallace Leroy Edmonds, age 80, of Pulaski, Virginia, passed away March 22, 2024 at Lewis Gale Hospital Salem, Virginia. Born December 22, 1943 in Halifax, Virginia, he was the son of the late John C and Elizabeth Palmer Edmonds. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers John Jr, Joe and Jeff, grandson Eric Edmonds.

He is survived by his

Wife - Iva Jean Edmonds

Daughter- Ramona Lynn (Joe) Brown

Grandson- Darrell Edmonds

Stepson- Troy (Teresa) Jones

Stepgrandsons- Troy (Sarah) Jones, Taurean (Anna) Jones, Tyler (Amberlynn) Jones, and Trenton Jones.

Greatgrandchildren- Elijah Edmonds, Alona Edmonds, Amaya Edmonds, Isabella Jones, Gabriella Jones, and Ava Jones.

Special nephew like a son - George C Edmonds

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM - Friday, March 29, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Minister Lewis Daniel officiating. Interment will follow at the Pinehurst Cemetery, Pulaski. The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Looney's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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



**EULA MAE MEREDITH HUGHES**

Eula Mae Meredith Hughes, 78 of Pulaski, died Sunday evening March 24, 2024, at Pulaski Hospital with her nephew James Edward "Eddie" Hughes and his wife as reading her the word and praying over her. Eula Mae spent her life here on "The Loop" being a dotting loving and devoted housewife to her late husband Roger Douglas "Doug" Hughes. Eula Mae was loved by so many here in our community and our small neighborhood, and those of this community and neighborhood became her friends and family. One person came into her life just a bit over a year ago and to hear Eula Mae speak of her; that was "her Kelli" the daughter she never had, and Kelli referred to her as "her Ma". Love is an action, not just a word, and Eula Mae showed that with all she loved.

Eula Mae was born to Maudie Ellen Kidd (her mother) and raised by her father, Ewell D. Keith. Also as she told so many of us on many occasions, her sister Ellen Mozelle Brent "Mozz" as she fondly referred to her had a huge hand in taking care of her and raising her. She loved her "Mozz" deeply. With grace Mozelle was able to travel to the hospital to spend time with Eula Mae as she was on that glorious journey to Heaven. Thanks to her son Dennis and his wife. If you knew Eula Mae as we did there was one more person that she spoke of with great love and fondness; her "favorite nephew" Michael. That was an inside thing between her and James Michael Meredith who also came to be with Eula Mae accompanied by his wife on Saturday. Eula Mae had an extensive family dynamic and there are so many names we would love to mention, however it's much easier to say that if you knew Eula Mae well, you know your name is in her heart now and you loved deeply. Eula Mae will be fondly remembered and loved until we see her again.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family will receive friends on Monday at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

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**WALTER BENJAMIN (BENNY) KEISTER, SR.**

Walter Benjamin (Benny) Keister, Sr. 83, of Dublin, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, March 23, 2024. He was born March 13, 1941, and was the first baby born at the, then new, Radford Community Hospital. He was a graduate of ETSU (bachelors) and Radford University (masters). Benny served as Delegate to the VA General Assembly (2000-2005), as Mayor of Dublin (1989-1999), as an educator in numerous Virginia schools, as a Magistrate for the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, and was a lifetime member of the Pulaski County Life Saving Crew, and was a member of Henry Clay Masonic Lodge #280 A.F. & A.M. He was a devoted father, grandfather, and friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter H. (Peg) Keister, and Mary M. McCraw (Keister/Bain), as well as his stepfather, Paul Bain, and stepbrother, Terry Bain. He is survived by his lifetime partner, Harriet Anderson, his step-brother Jeff Bain (Susan), his son, Bo Keister (Chelsea), grandchildren, Hayden Keister and Seth Keister, step-grandson, Gabriel Hemingway, nieces Erin Bain Hagar (Greg) and Ellen Bain Gunter (Aaron), as well as many cousins and close friends.

Virginia Masonic Burial Rites will be conducted at Unity Christian Church at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2024 by Henry Clay Masonic Lodge #280 A.F. & A.M. Following the Masonic Rites, his life will be celebrated in the sanctuary with The Rev. Wendy Wilson officiating. Visitation will be from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Highland Memory Gardens, in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Unity Christian Church, 400 Tyler Ave., Radford, VA 24141. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

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**PAUL EDWARD HOLBROOK, SR.**

November 6, 1937 - March 23, 2024

Paul Edward Holbrook, Sr., 86, of Dublin, passed away Saturday, March 23, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents Elmo and Scena Holbrook; brother, James Ray Holbrook; and sister, Hazel Sifford.

Survivors include his spouse of 66 years, Elise Holbrook; daughters, Debbie Puckett (Tim), Diana Jackson (Phil), and Betty Robertson (Greg); son, Paul "Bert" Holbrook (Tammy); sisters, Mary Holbrook, and Rhonda Holbrook; 12 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul was a veteran of the United States Navy. Upon leaving the military he started his own plumbing and heating business, and you would always find Bert and Little Man by his side. His kindness and generosity touched the lives of many.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to Carilion Hospice for their exemplary care. Also, for his wonderful daughter-in-law, Tammy Holbrook, for all the love and care shown by her.

A private service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be sent to the Newbern Fire Dept., PO Box 328, Newbern, VA 24126

The Holbrook family is in the care of the Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

## Pulaski County Land Transfers for Dec.

Pulaski County property transfers for December 2023 as reported by the Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

Habitat For Humanity, Inc to Tiago M Reis, property at 609 Henry Ave, Pulaski, \$145,000.

Hugh W Foster Jr to Terry R Rakes, property at 8252 River Course Drive, Fairlawn, \$550,000.

Matthew Wade Smythers to Curtis Wendell Smythers, property off Smythers Mountain Rd, Allisonia, \$350,000.

Victor Charles Stone to Patrick Shortridge, property off Craig Loop, Pulaski, \$35,000.

Victor Charles Stone to Patrick Shortridge, property off Craig Loop, Pulaski, \$19,000.

Nathan L Thompson to Adam M Lane, property at 404 Roseberry Street, Dublin, \$ 270,000.

A Real Steal, LLC to Jacob T Edmonds, property at 3353 Honaker Rd, Draper, \$219,000.

Town Center Property, LLC to Morefield Holdings, LLC, property off Dublin Park Rd, Dublin, \$235,000.

Cristina W Trout to BCP Development, LLC, property at 6689 Dudley Ferry Rd, Fairlawn, \$92,500.

Garnett L Simpkins to Carroll K Goodson, property at 6264 Church Street, Fairlawn, \$140,000.

Cozy Mountain Homes, LLC to Ciji Morehead, property at 720 Gateway Dr, Pulaski, \$167,000.

Joshua Capel Smith to Isaac L Avila, property at 5223 Fair Akers Street, Dublin, \$235,000.

More property transfers will be published in next week's edition.

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# Pulaski man convicted after three-day trial

RADFORD - A Pulaski man, Dashawn Tucker (DOB 9/10/1992), was convicted Friday, March 22, 2024, of abduction with the intent to defile, conspiracy to abduct to defile and sex trafficking after a three-day jury trial in the City of Radford.

Radford Commonwealth's Attorney Chris Rehak said in a press release today that the multi-jurisdictional event started January 10, 2022, but ended in Henry County when authorities there responded to a 911 text for help. Deputies arrived at a desolate trailer where two young females told of being abducted and repeatedly sexually assaulted by strangers to satisfy or "work off" a monetary debt. Dramatic body camera video of the rescue was played for the jury.

Rehak said the Commonwealth presented evidence Catlyn Wilhelm owed Dashawn Tucker money, and Tucker in turn owed a cohort named Waylon Cox money. With Tucker's debt collection efforts heating up, Wilhelm went into hiding to avoid Tucker. Tucker went hunting for Catlyn over several weeks, even going to each of her parents' homes. With Wilhelm unable to pay the \$2,000, Tucker negotiated with Cox to trade the two girls

for Cox "to use" in exchange for Tucker's debt.

Radford Food City surveillance video recorded Tucker parking in a manner to block Wilhelm's car with his automobile and captured the three leaving together in Tucker's automobile. Tucker directed Stephenson to drive and ordered Wilhelm into the front passenger seat while he sat behind the two women. After a stop at defendant's apartment in Pulaski, the trio went to a secluded location in Floyd County. Here, custody was transferred from Tucker to his associate, Cox.

Rehak said the Commonwealth called several witnesses from the Henry County Sheriff's Office, as well as a forensic nurse trained to treat sexual assault victims and collect evidence. Wilhelm was the only victim to seek this specialized medical attention. Stephenson and Wilhelm rightfully feared for their safety. The jury learned from police in Henry County that the defendant's friends who assaulted the women are notorious for selling drugs and violent crime. Two different investigators testified to the danger of the gang, adding some of their witnesses in homicide cases have disappeared before court. One of the two females,

Tabatha Stephenson, was suspected of helping Tucker in the abduction of Catlyn Wilhelm. Stephenson was later charged as a co-conspirator and testified last week under a very rare immunity agreement. Stephenson was the Commonwealth's first trial witness. She testified with obvious reluctance, limited recall and some glaring contradictions as to the specifics of her own abduction. Hence, all charges in which Stephenson was alleged to have been a victim were dismissed mid-trial.

According to Rehak, the

sworn account from Catlyn Marea Wilhelm was however entirely a different matter. After testifying at preliminary hearings in Henry County and the City of Radford, Wilhelm tragically died in August of 2022. Wilhelm spoke to the Radford jury from the grave as the Commonwealth played Wilhelm's audio Radford preliminary hearing testimony as recorded on April 7, 2022. The jury had other supporting exhibits which included official court transcripts of Wilhelm's Henry County testimony and medical records detailing her account. Wilhelm's suffering

during the frightening ordeal was not only well documented, but ultimately deemed very credible.

Tucker did not testify in his defense but provided a recorded statement at the Henry County Sheriff's Office when he responded to pick up Stephenson and Wilhelm the night they were rescued. Tucker denied any nefarious complicity and even claimed to not know who he met in Floyd to transfer the two women.

Rehak reported the convictions carry possible

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## Litter

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Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters.

Participants can send in a picture of their orange bag full of trash to the county for recognition on the county's website.

Those wishing to participate can first come by the County Administration Building and pick up the bags, gloves and "grabbers" needed to pick up trash.

Walters said those who pick up roadside trash can leave the orange bags on the roadside, and they will be picked up by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Walters said this year, the county is working with the School Board to get county school students involved in the effort.

For March, Walters said 563 bags of trash have already been collected and the Challenge runs through June.

Along with the trash, she said already 543 tires have been picked up along county roads.

Walters said some residents don't stop at one bag, with several collecting as many as 56 bags during the month.

As an added incentive to participate both the Board of Supervisors and School Board will each month award three \$100 gift cards to participants during drawings held during their respective board meetings.

Winners in the supervisors' drawing Monday night were: NRV Fleet Services (15 bags, one tire and roofing materials), Malcolm and Janet McNew (9 bags) and Krista Lindsey (34 bags, one tire and car parts).

Prior to Walters' report on the One Bag Challenge, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office Investigator Brett Downey made several comments about litter in the county, safety and the use of jail inmates to pick up trash.

"The sheriff's office encourages everyone to participate in One Bag Challenge, but do so safely," Downey said. "Some of the roads around here aren't the widest. Also, you have to be careful about critters and you have to be careful about what you pick up. You have no idea what some people have slung out their car window as they go down the road."

Downey said in Virginia, littering and illegal dumping are

criminal offenses punishable by up to 12 months in jail, \$2,500 fine, community service or a combination of these.

He said the sheriff's office is enforcing litter laws whether the guilty party is caught in the act, on camera by a property owner or in an area where a property owner has asked the sheriff's office to place a camera in litter trouble spots.

"We even had one deputy dig through a large amount of trash and find information allowing him to track down the guilty party that way," Downey said.

Regarding the use of inmates in picking up trash, Downey said that at this time and in the foreseeable future, "there are no inmates available to assist with roadside trash pickup."

He said only certain inmates would qualify to pick up trash.

Downey said those who have committed non-violent offenses usually qualify, but due to changes in the criminal justice system, "those who did qualify for that duty are no longer available," he continued.

He reminded citizens that there are currently three drop sites available in the county - in Dublin and Fairlawn and the Town of Pulaski site behind the sheriff's office. Also, bulk items pickup is available through the county Public Service Authority or GFL in the town.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet noted that the litter issue in the county is important not only to the sheriff's office but to every official, agency and citizen in the county.

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## Palmer

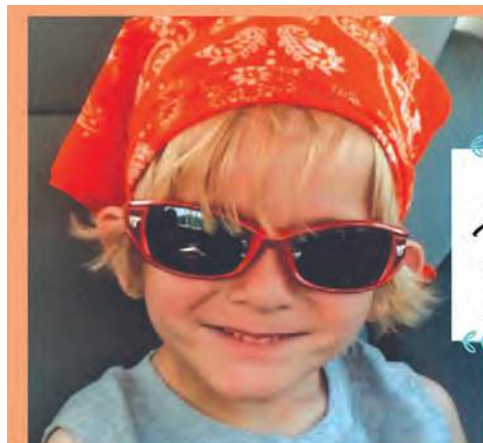
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Visitation will be one hour before service time at the church.

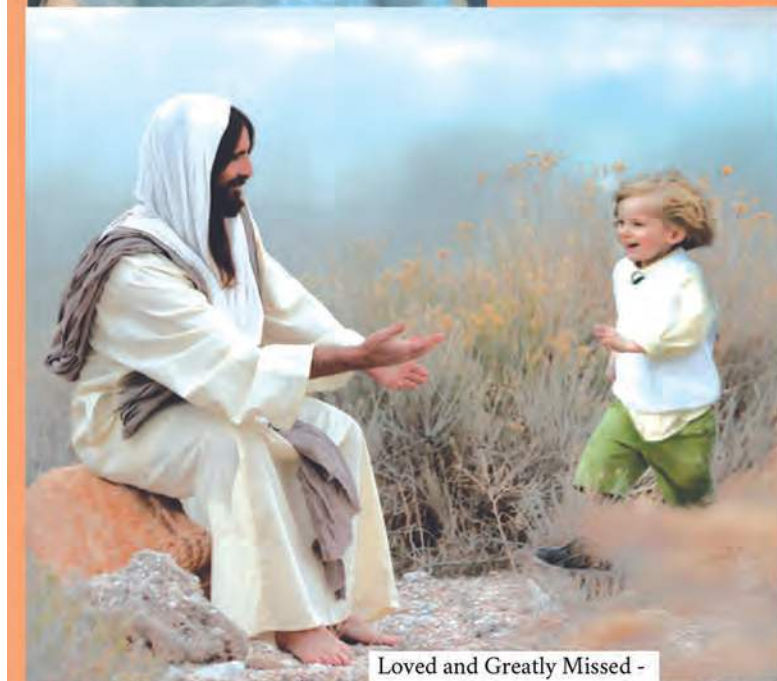
The family will receive friends one hour before service time Wednesday at the Church.

To sign her online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com).

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



In Loving Memory  
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### Journey To Faith

By Pat Priddy

## Have We Lost Our Focus?

"I will sing of Your love and justice; to You, O Lord, I will sing praise." Psalm 101:1

Every article I pick up on Christian ministry talks about our worth and purpose. A recent article discussed how worthy we are in the sight of God. While all of this is true, what about God? Are we misdirecting our focus? I'm as guilty as anyone regarding preaching and teaching about who we are and what we are here to do, but what about my God?

How is it that it's all about us? Why is it NOT all about you?

To look outside at His wonders and creations always stops me in my tracks, yet too often I am so caught up in my concerns of the day that I miss it. I miss that vibrant, red-headed woodpecker. I miss that glorious, golden sunset. I miss the awakening of the daffodils in the spring. All of this beauty that was created by His power and might.

"How many are Your works, oh Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures." Psalm 104:24

We have only to open our eyes to see the majesty of the Lord. Unveil your eyes to see the wonders of His magnificence all around you. May we never doubt and lose our focus again!

Who is preaching repentance today? How often do we hear about returning to God and following His decrees and commands? Are our sermons filled with prosperity? Is our focus redirected to You, Oh Lord?

When we make a life-altering choice, such as choosing a spouse or the decision to have children, do we first turn to God for His direction and guidance? What about a career change or a job choice? Do we first get on our knees and ask the Father for His wisdom in the choice we make? Or is it once again all about us, our desires, what we want and feel would work best in our lives?

It's not about us Lord; it is all about YOU, and what is best for Your kingdom! Who would you have us choose to be properly yoked in marriage? When is the right time for us to have children, if that is at all in your plan? Where is the best place for us to work and reside to bring glory to You?

Bring our focus back on all that matters, and all that matters, Lord, is You.

"From everlasting to everlasting, the Lord's love is with those who fear Him. And His righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts. The Lord has established His throne in heaven and His kingdom rules over all." Psalm 103: 17-19

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

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

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# Crumbs



MICHAEL COLLINS

Luke tells the story of a beggar named Lazarus who desired to be fed with the crumbs that fell from a rich man's table. I would say none of us would want to live as Lazarus did, but sometimes crumbs can be enough. I have heard it said that little is much when God is in it. I know that is a true statement. Do you know the story found in 2 Kings about a widow and her sons? When the widow's husband died, he left her with debts she could not pay. Her creditors were ready to take her sons to pay off her debts. She called out to Elisha and told him her situation. He asked her, what do you have in your house? She answered nothing but a jar with a little oil in it. Elisha instructed her to gather all the jars she could from her neighbors and to pour the oil into the jars. When she did, the oil did not stop. She filled all the jars until there were none left. She told Elisha and he said, sell the oil, pay your debts, and live off of the rest. Yes, little is much when God is in it. Matthew chapter fourteen tells another story that illustrates this fact. A crowd had been with Jesus all day and when the evening came the disciples wanted to send them away hungry. The disciples had five loaves and two fish. Jesus took this meager meal, looked up to heaven, and blessed it. He then broke it and gave it to the disciples and five thousand people were fed with it and there were leftovers. Are you getting it, little is much when God is in it.

Probably everyone reading this has more than one need in your life, and you see no way for those needs to be met. Maybe it's a family problem. There is a story in the New Testament about a demon-possessed man who lived in a graveyard. He would cut himself, scream, and run around naked. People were afraid to go near him. A few brave people had tried to restrain him, but he would break free from the restraints. Then Jesus passed by. The demon-possessed man ran to Jesus, and after a short discussion,

Jesus cast the demons out of him. The next time we see this man he is clothed and in his right mind. Jesus sent him back to his family and his community. All he needed was a few crumbs that fell from the Master's table.

If you have a need, persistently come to Jesus. In chapter seven, Mark tells the story of another family in need. A Greek mother brought her demon-possessed daughter to Jesus. At first, Jesus turned her away, but she was persistent. Jesus spoke about not giving the children's food to the dogs. This mother replied, even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall under the table. Because of her persistence, Jesus delivered her daughter. Regardless of what you need, you can come to Jesus and have the need met. If all you get is crumbs from the Master's table, it will be enough.

## Want to watch the eclipse? Read this!

DALLAS (AP) — Millions of people along a narrow band in North America will look up when the sky darkens during a total solar eclipse on April 8. When they do, safety is key.

Staring directly at the sun during a solar eclipse or at any other time can lead to permanent eye damage. The eclipse is only safe to witness with the naked eye during totality, or the period of total darkness when the moon completely covers the sun.

Those eager to experience the eclipse should buy eclipse glasses from a reputable vendor. Sunglasses are not protective enough, and binoculars and telescopes without a proper solar filter can magnify light from the sun, making them unsafe.

"Please, please put those glasses on," NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said.

**Where to find eclipse glasses**  
Since counterfeit glasses abound, consider purchasing glasses from a local science museum or order online from a seller cleared on the American Astronomical Society's website.

Eclipse safety experts say legitimate eclipse glasses should block out ultraviolet light from the sun and nearly all visible light. When worn indoors, only very bright lights should be faintly visible – not household furniture or wallpaper.

Old eclipse glasses from the 2017 total solar eclipse or October's "ring of fire" annular eclipse are safe to reuse, as long as they aren't warped and don't have scratches or holes.

Glasses should say they comply with ISO 12312-2 standards, though fake suppliers can also print this language on their products. NASA does not approve or certify eclipse glasses.

**How to view the eclipse without glasses**  
If you don't have eclipse glasses, you can still enjoy the spectacle through indirect ways such as making a pinhole projector using household materials.

Poke a hole through a piece of cardstock or cardboard, hold it up during the eclipse and look down to see a partial crescent projected below. Holding up a colander or a cracker will produce a similar effect.

Another trick: Peering at the ground under a shady tree can yield crescent shadows as the sunlight filters through branches and leaves.

Eye experts warn against viewing the eclipse through a phone camera. The sun's bright rays can also damage a phone's digital components.

**Why looking at a solar eclipse is dangerous**

Eye damage can occur without proper protection. The sun's bright rays can burn cells in the retina at the back of the eye. The retina doesn't have pain receptors, so there's no way to feel the damage as it happens. Once the cells die, they don't come back.

Symptoms of solar eye damage, called solar retinopathy, include blurred vision and color distortion.

In a rare case of eclipse eye

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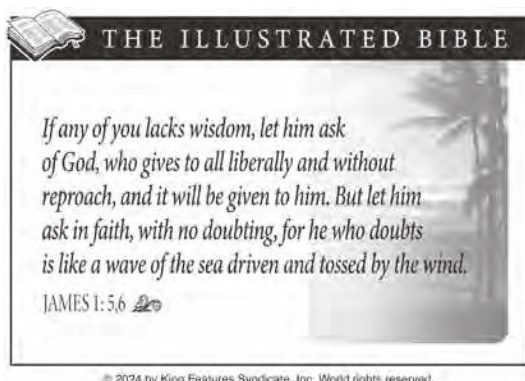
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## BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Iscariot (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
  3. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers
  4. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
  5. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days
  6. According to the apostle Paul, more than what number of people saw the risen Christ at one time? 100, 300, 500, 1,000
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) An angel, 3) Disciples, 3) Thomas (called Didymus), 4) 40 days (Acts 1:3), 5) 500 (1 Cor 15:3-8)  
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# Gala

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and presented a petition which asked the board to consider leasing the candle facility to Milkhouse Candles – an Iowa-based candle company.

She said allowing Milkhouse to lease and operate the facility would have the affect of retention of current employees and “the high potential to create new jobs” that would lead to economic growth in the future for Pulaski County and the surrounding area.

“We trust you’ll make the best decision for the families relying on jobs that are vanishing from our area,” she said.

One employee told the board that in March 2022 Gala lost a huge contract with Walmart “when our sister company in India had a ‘major quality problem’ which led Walmart to drop all Gala products.

She said since then she has watched the Dublin Gala employees give everything they had to keep the local facility going.

“This place means the world to us. It’s our livelihood, our family, it’s like a family and I just ask that you look at their faces and think about everything we’ve put into this

# BIG DAY

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Sweet gave some details on what is planned when the board reconvenes on April 3.

“The board recessed until next Wednesday (April 3) at the Pulaski County Motorsports Park’s VIP tower,” Sweet replied.

Is there an announcement coming, he was asked?

“One of the biggest in the history of the county, yes,” Sweet responded.

“Then we’re going to recess and drive to Calfee Park in Pulaski where we’ll have another major announcement,” he continued.

“Probably one of the most historic days in the history of the county. In fact, it’s one of the most historic days – president setting – for a locality in the Commonwealth is what we’re understanding,” Sweet elaborated.

“We’ve been working on this for a long time,” he added, calling the mysterious subject matter of the events – Project Duel.

On the agenda for this past Monday night’s meeting of the supervisors, two items were being discussed in executive session prior to the open board meeting. One was Project Duel, the other Project Flex.

On Project Duel, discussion in closed session was to center around Acquisition or Disposition of Real Property and Legal Matters.

Sweet said, “We’ll have a reception at the Motorsports park and then reconvene and invite the community to the event at Calfee Park.”

So, big and exciting things are happening ... we’ll know what some of them are next Wednesday.

# Eclipse

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damage, a woman who viewed the 2017 eclipse without adequate protection came to Mount Sinai’s New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, complaining of a black spot in her vision. Doctors discovered retinal damage that corresponded to the eclipse’s shape.

“The dark spot she was describing was in the shape of a crescent,” said Dr. Avnish Deobhakta, a Mount Sinai ophthalmologist.

There’s no set rule for how long of a glance can lead to permanent damage. Severity varies based on cloudiness, air pollution and a person’s vantage point.

But doctors say looking at a solar eclipse for even a few seconds unprotected isn’t worth the risk. There are reports of solar retinopathy after every solar eclipse, and U.S. eye doctors saw dozens of extra visits after the one in 2017.

Spectators who plan ahead can secure a stress-free eclipse viewing experience.

“It can be dangerous if we aren’t careful, but it’s also very safe if we take the basic precautions,” said Dr. Geoffrey Emerson, a board member of the American Society of Retina Specialists.

company and give us one more chance to prove that we can make a quality product and bring great jobs to Pulaski,” she said.

Board Chairman Laura Walters responded that the board is worried about their jobs.

“I’ve done some following up today. We’ve had a couple of job fairs and there is another one next week on April 3 at New River Community College and Rapid Response will be in there working with you to get you signed up with Job Search.

“I understand about half of you have already gotten jobs,” Walters said she had been told.

County Administrator Jonathan Sweet said the county has worked very closely over the years with Gala.

“We care immensely about every one of these employees,” Sweet said, adding the county “values and cherishes” their contributions to our workforce.

“We have exhausted all efforts to support Gala. Gala is divesting their operations. They are a private equity company who is looking for suitors out there in the marketplace.

“We have talked to various suitors for the facility. Milkhouse Candles is one we’ve been in conversation with, but there have been others. There are a variety of different ways to support the continuation of operations in candle making here in the county.

“Some of the details associated with this subject matter are not accurate,” Sweet said. “I’d be happy to further discuss those inaccuracies for what makes this particular project difficult. There’s more to this than the employees have had shared with them.”

Sweet said he’d be happy to spend some time with these folks sharing that information with them.

“This is important to us,” he said.

Sweet said there is still hope to seek a candle making factory to continue in Pulaski County, but “we have to find a different approach to what is currently being considered.”

Another speaker told the board the information that had been given to Walters about half the employees already finding other jobs was incorrect.

Another employee, Linda Thompson, questioned “If Pulaski County can’t replace the pool house at Randolph Park, how can they put a rec center at this location (candle factory).”

In response to her mention of a rec center, Sweet said this week that, “The county is looking for the best use of that facility. We don’t have any plans yet because we haven’t even hired an architect or engineer to do any analysis. So, we’ve been waiting to really disclose what we are going to do because we don’t know exactly what we are going to do yet.”

“We disclosed to Milkhouse Candle that we are looking at re-visiting a plan from 14 years ago to convert that building to a rec center and they weaponized that against us,” Sweet said.

“They made it sound like we just refused to lease the building to them so they could

continue operations and that isn’t the case.

“Gala is the one going out of business. They are a German private equity company. The county has done nothing wrong in all of this, but somehow we’ve become the villain.

# Trial

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sentences as follows: abduction with intent to defile 20 years to life, conspiracy to abduct 1-10 years and sex trafficking 2-10 years. After a pre-sentence investigation report is complete, Tucker will be sentenced by the judge later this summer on a date yet to be determined.

“This case required a tremendous amount of work and would have been difficult if Catlyn Wilhelm testified

“We’ve been very supportive to Gala. We leased that building cheaply to Gala for years and now Gala is going out of business – not because of anything the county did or didn’t do.

“History will show we did the right thing,” Sweet said.

in-person, and her absence presented a unique and unprecedented additional challenge. I decided to prosecute nonetheless and seek justice for Catlyn. Radford Police and Henry County law enforcement did a magnificent job. It is an understatement to say the quest for Tucker’s accountability took on special significance after Catlyn’s untimely death,” Rehak stated.

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# SPORTS

## Brooks leaves Tech for Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky hired Kenny Brooks as women's basketball coach after a successful tenure with Virginia Tech highlighted by the ACC regular season championship a year after winning the tournament title and reaching its first Final Four.

The school announced Brooks' hiring on Tuesday afternoon, hours after Virginia Tech said he would leave the program. Kentucky will introduce Brooks as its ninth coach on Thursday afternoon.

Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart said in a statement the school was "extremely excited" to bring Brooks aboard and cited his past success developing players at James Madison and Virginia Tech while guiding both programs to success.

"When you combine his coaching excellence with his vision for this program and his passion to take us there, he is ideally suited to be head coach of the Wildcats," Barnhart said.

Brooks thanked Virginia Tech "for the most joyful journey" of his coaching career and expressed excitement in coming to Kentucky and competing in the Southeastern Conference.

"I don't plan on wasting any time building a positive atmosphere, winning environment and a persistent program that Big Blue Nation can be proud of," Brooks said.

Brooks will follow Kyra Elzy at Kentucky. She was fired March 11 after consecutive losing seasons since winning the school's first Southeastern Conference Tournament title since 1982.

Earlier Tuesday, Virginia Tech athletic director Whit Babcock wished Brooks and his family well and called him "an incredible mentor" to the program and a terrific representative of the school.

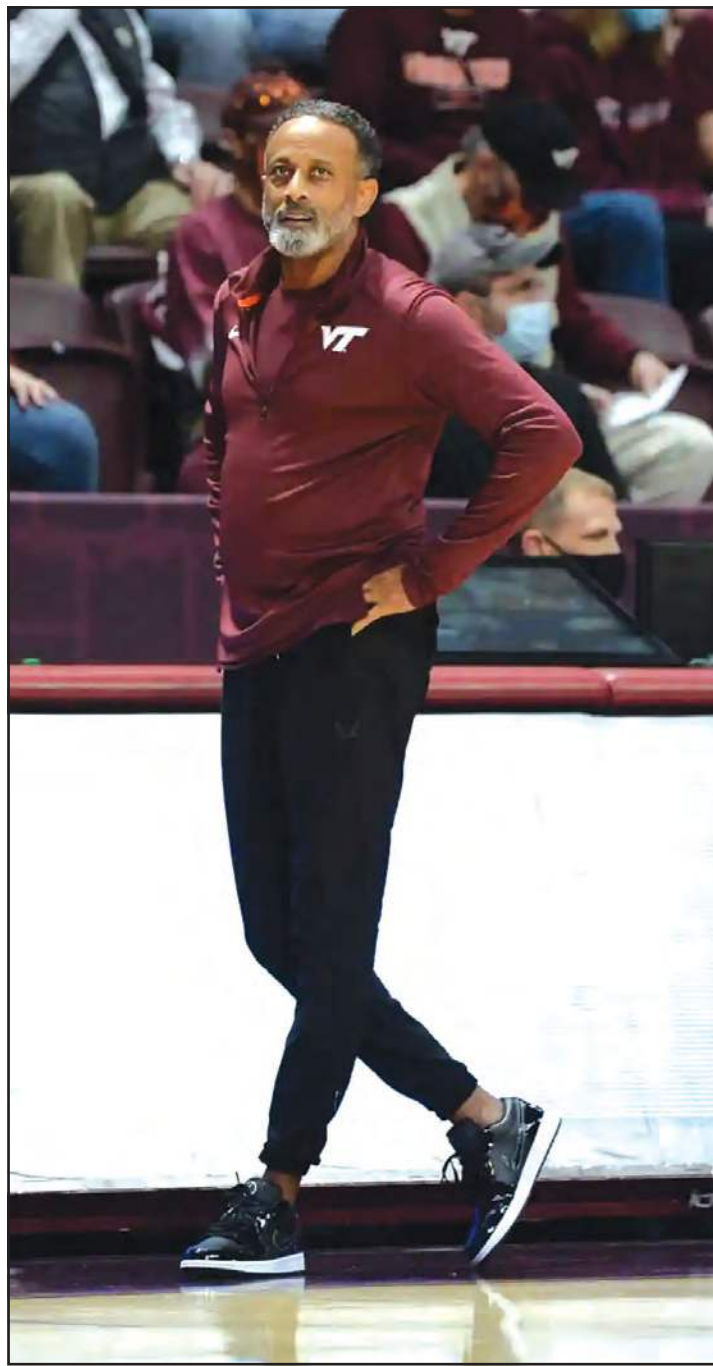
The Waynesboro, Virginia, native went 180-82 with at least 20 wins in seven of his eight seasons in Blacksburg, leading the Hokies to their first Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament title last year before winning the 2024 regular season title. Virginia Tech won a school-record 31 games last season on the way to its Final Four appearance before falling to eventual national champion LSU.

The Hokies (25-7) were seeded fourth in their fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament and reached the second round before falling 75-72 to No. 5 seed Baylor on Sunday.

"We hired Kenny in 2016 with the intent of revitalizing our women's basketball program," Babcock said. "Needless to say, Kenny, his staff and student-athletes created a culture of excellence on and off the court."

Babcock added that the school will begin a national search for Brooks' replacement immediately.

Brooks went 337-122 at James Madison and was the Dukes' winningest coach, leading them to 11 consecutive postseason appearances with six NCAA berths and five WNIT appearances. JMU went 60-3 in Colonial Athletic Association play during his final three seasons at the school in Harrisonburg, Virginia.



Brian Bishop/Patriot Publishing  
Kenny Brooks leaves for Kentucky.



### Game Day Banter

Jeramey Fleenor

## Va. Tech women still in good position

As we settle into this week's banter, let's address the question looming in the back of every basketball fan's mind, at least in this region. Is this the end of the dynasty for Virginia Tech Women's Basketball?

True, VT is losing a great coach, and yes, Kentucky is gaining a great coach, so before you go and burn all of your Ladies' Hokie gear, let's consider a few things.

Great coaches build teams for a future, not immediate success, and Kenny Brooks is that guy. The groundwork is there, the work ethic is there, and the atmosphere of victory is present. The atmosphere of victory can only be created, not coached, and no matter how many players or staff members jump to the Blue Grass state, they cannot take that with them.

Fact: You will have a cell of players stay, one of the most incredible fan bases in NCAA Women's basketball, and an unmatched atmosphere in Blacksburg. The key to maintaining that has more to do with what happens in the stands than the front office.

Beyond that, you were losing what were the best players in Amore and Kitley, so transfer or not, they were gone. So please don't throw in the towel. Being a Vols fan, we thought the same thing about Pat stepping away. Was it rocky (pun intended)? Yes, but the atmosphere makes a huge difference. That is the air you breathe; that's what oxygenates your blood and gives you energy, and the Tech faithful can keep it healthy for the next coach and remaining players. You will be fine.

One of the bright sides for Hokie fans is the excellent Freshman play Coach Brooks got out of Kitley's backup, Clara Strack. We constantly talk about teachable moments in sports, and this is one of which we have never seen. This is why you work hard in practice; this is why you stay engaged in the gameplay from the bench, this is why you show up over and over again, though you know you probably won't get to play. You do all of that because you never know when it just might be your turn, and Strack prepared herself, remained teachable, and showed up when she was given her chance!

VT is among many schools that are getting some unbelievable freshman play from the roster. Across the NCAA, first-year students like Malaysia Fulwily of South Carolina, Madison Booker of Texas, JuJu Watkins of Southern California, and Hannah Hidalgo of Notre Dame are stepping up to lead their respective squads into the NCAA Tournament.

LSU brought in Mikayla Williams; she played 29 games this season, and her 42 points in the Kent State game snapped a 25-year record. Iowa State freshmen Audi Crooks and Addy Brown combined for 56 starts this season and 32 points a game for the 20-win Cyclones, and let's not forget the 40-point game Crooks had against Maryland, missing the school's single-game record by 2 points. So don't count out the youngsters!

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## Byron win has Hendrick on a roll

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Hendrick Motorsports has a lot to be happy about as the team barrels toward its big 40th anniversary celebration in two weeks.

William Byron dominated on Sunday in his second win of the NASCAR season, which came at the Circuit of the Americas. Alex Bowman earned his third top-four finish of 2024 at COTA, and Kyle Larson snatched a wild Xfinity Series win on Saturday.

That's quite a roll ahead of the team's planned celebrations for race weekend at Martinsville Speedway, where Hendrick Motorsports claimed its first win with Geoff Bodine in 1984 when it raced under the name All-Star Racing.

The racing so far has produced its own party.

Byron is the only two-time winner through the first six races of the season. The first came at the Daytona 500, where Bowman gave Hendrick a 1-2 finish at NASCAR's showcase race.

Byron's victory at COTA was career win No. 12 and his first from pole position.

"I mean, just watching him qualify, how smooth he was. Same thing throughout the race. Just seemed to put the car in all the right places," Hendrick Motorsports Vice Chairman Jeff Gordon said. "A lot of credit to William in doing that great job. Takes the whole team, the pit crew, everybody. They're truly on quite a run here to start

this season off. Can't wait to see where they take it next."

The series moves to the short track at Richmond next week before Martinsville on April 7.

"We're going to shoot for the stars," said Byron's crew chief, Rudy Fogle.

Hendrick will want a good showing at Martinsville, where team cars will sport special red paint schemes, owner Rick Hendrick will drive the pace car and Bodine and Gordon will be the grand marshals.

A Hendrick driver has won a race at Martinsville each of the last four years. The teams' 28 overall Cup Series wins there are the most for the organization at any track on the circuit.

"Obviously Martinsville is big for the 40th anniversary," Bowman said.

Bowman won there in 2021 and has delivered big results in a season when he needed to. He hasn't won since 2022, had

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### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### Kirsten Woodyard

Kirsten is a senior captain on the Lady Cougars soccer team this season and is seen as a vocal leader of the Cougars. She led the team in a 4-0 loss to Carroll County. She will be playing soccer for Bluefield State next season.

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# Banter

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Locally, all three levels of baseball were in action last week, with our JV and Varsity programs taking the field against Blacksburg and our Middle School team hosting Woodrow Wilson Middle School out of Roanoke.

For the Middle School, PCMS jumped out to the lead in the

bottom of the first after Ty Stacy doubled, scoring one run; Landen Tabor singled, scoring one; Cayden Mines drew a walk, scoring one; Bryce Beeler doubled, scoring two; and Logan Fleenor singled scoring one. The offensive onslaught was capped off with an inside-the-park home run from Ethan Clark. Fleenor took the mound for three innings, allowing three hits, accumulating six strikeouts, and walking two. Clark led the day with three runs batted in.

On the JV side, with the help of a double by Konner Furrow, who scored two, and a single by Jude Garrett, who scored one, the Cougars got on the board early. The young Cougars flipped the game in the fifth, scoring seven runs on three hits to take an 11-7 lead. The Cougars put on a clinic with a total of 12 hits. Wright, Conner Whitaker, Collier Alderman, Aiden Whitlock, and Furrow each collected two hits. Furrow leads the squad with 3 RBIs.

In the Cougar Varsity program, Seth Carter took the hill first. Along with a strikeout, he was able to find defense in a fielder's choice, making Blacksburg put the ball in play, allowing the team to back him up and see the much-needed outs. Kaleb Martin set the tone at the top of the lineup, leading the Cougars with two hits in three at-bats. Gabe Huff added

to the defensive effort by striking out nine and only walking one through four and one-third innings.

Please take some time to support ALL of our spring sports here in Pulaski County.

Have a blessed Easter, and remember that "ability will take you places, but character will keep you there."

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#### Proposal Submittal:

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## LEGAL NOTICE



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1. Rezone Application submitted by submitted by Greg Henderson, rezone a portion of tax map 074-012-0000-0010 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture(A) located at 4521 Hurston Road, Pulaski VA, 24301, Draper District
2. UDO Amendments to Land Use Table

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

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 and )  
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 Defendant(s). )

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The salary scale for this position is \$52,000 - \$60,000 and is commensurate upon experience and years of service. Anticipated hire date of July 2024.

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To request an accommodation for disabilities, contact Human Resources at 540-994-2406.

The Sheriff's Department and Pulaski County, VA are committed to the principles of diversity and, in that spirit, the Sheriff seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans. As an Equal Opportunity Employer and certified Virginia Values Veterans (V3) organization, we are dedicated to nondiscrimination in recruitment, selection, hiring, pay, promotion, retention or other personnel action affecting employees or candidates for employment. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex/gender/identity/sexual orientation, national origin, disability or protected veteran status.

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For Sale: For Sale: Two vintage metal wagon wheels with axle. 35-inches round. Pulaski seller. (210) 416-7986.

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## LOCAL JOB



COME JOIN THE PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TEAM!

### Water / Wastewater Service Technician

The Pulaski County Public Service Authority is seeking to hire a Water/Wastewater Service Technician that is responsible for performing routine, semi-skilled and technical work in the installation, maintenance and repair of utility systems, pump stations, monitoring, repair and maintenance of flow meters, minor repairs to automotive and other equipment, inspection of sewage facilities, manholes, valves, etc.

The salary scale for this position is \$34,554 - \$56,393 and is commensurate upon education and experience.

Excellent benefit package that includes:

- Health, dental & prescription drug insurance
- Optional vision, cancer, critical illness, accident, life, AirMedCare, Pet, and Christmas club
- Virginia state retirement & life plus optional 457b retirement program with company match
- Sick, vacation and birthday leave
- Short and long-term disability
- Multiple paid holidays
- Free YMCA membership and more!

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

To request an accommodation for disabilities, contact Human Resources at 540-994-2406. Criminal background, DMV screening and drug & alcohol testing is required.

Pulaski County, VA is committed to the principles of diversity and, in that spirit, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans. As an Equal Opportunity Employer and certified Virginia Values Veterans (V3) organization, we are dedicated to nondiscrimination in recruitment, selection, hiring, pay, promotion, retention or other personnel action affecting employees or candidates for employment. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex/gender/identity/sexual orientation, national origin, disability or protected veteran status.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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

First Name	Tax Map Number
Clarence Adams	081-007-0190-0003
Kim & Eric Beavers	081-002-0124-0018
Kim & Eric Beavers	081-002-0124-0019
Kim & Eric Beavers	081-002-0124-0020
Danny Brunk, Sr., Danny Brunk, Jr. & Linda Runyon	081-001-0000-097A
Danny Brunk, Jr. & Randy Brunk	081-001-0000-097D
Sandra K. Burton	071-012-0000-0029
Stephen Caleffi	072-160-0000-0023
Charles Cade, IV	072-022-0137-011A
Steve Clark	072-032-0057-0017
William C. Cole	072-140-0000-0084
Tammy Davidson & Alphonso Anderson	081-007-0128-011A
Kayla Densel	072-051-0239-0005
Regina Dobbins	072-032-0000-0027
Gary & Vivian Edwards	072-114-0000-0006
Regina Edwards	072-051-0036-0024
Nathaniel Felty	072-104-0000-0003
Christopher Foster	081-019-000B-0004
Karen Gallimore	080-008-0000-0011
Garcia Heriberto Ramirez, et al.	080-003-0089-012A
Garcia Heriberto Ramirez, et al.	081-019-000A-0001
Earl W. Hagee, et al.	081-016-0000-0005
Earl W. Hagee, et al.	081-016-0000-0010
Earl W. Hagee, et al.	081-016-0000-010B
Jethro Hogan c/o Quinton Hogan	080-008-0000-0012
	071-017-0000-0020,21,22A,23,22,19,19A (LOTS)
Raymond Lottier	081-015-0000-058A,60A
Franklin Mabry, et al.	081-018-0000-0007
Maceo Patterson	081-007-0154-0007
Debra Puckett	072-098-0004-004A
Jayla Ramsey	063-025-0000-0006,7
William & Orleana Redd	081-011-0001-0030
Clifton E. & Brenda Sanders	071-012-0000-0008
John & Dottie C. Saunders	071-017-0000-0003
Jerry Ward	081-002-0089-0003
Richard Warden, et al.	072-023-000C-017A
John Wilson Woodie	081-019-000A-0011
R. J. Adams	072-026-0192-0002
Charlie W. & Irene Brooks	081-006-0408-0005
Charlie W. & Irene Brooks	081-006-0406-0001
P. McCabe Calfee	081-007-0186-0005
Josephine Carter, Life Estate	072-022-0155-0001
Alitta W. Collins	072-098-0001-0003
Timothy Cox	081-002-0097-0003
Dalton Investments	072-160-0000-0045
Larry Dowdy, Jr.	072-160-0000-0032
Larry Dowdy, Jr.	072-049-000A-005A
Jack Joseph Dunnivant	081-002-0102-0021
Jack Joseph Dunnivant	080-005-000B-0006,7
Jack Joseph Dunnivant	080-006-0000-0015
Jack Joseph Dunnivant	072-026-0204-0010
Colleen & Warren East	072-060-0000-0018
Sarah Farmer	071-009-0001-0007
Charlie D. Ferguson	072-023-000D-0033
Tracey Ferguson	072-001-0000-0041
Jonathan Gallimore	072-097-0000-0001
Charles Henry Gauss	071-014-0003-0001
Jack D. & Violet Hall	081-007-0144-0008
Donald Hill	073-001-0000-0018
Donald Hill	082-001-0000-001A
Edith Houndshell	072-100-0000-0018
Neal Huckstep	071-017-0000-0012
Neal Huckstep	071-010-0000-0003
Willie Huckstep	071-013-0079-0009
John & Mary Kanode	072-051-0247-0028
Brenda & Ronald Klein	081-007-0144-0003
Barry & Susan Lane	072-095-0003-0010
Barry & Susan Lane	072-095-0003-0011
Robin Lynn Martin	081-007-0153-0012
Patricia Oberry	081-002-0097-0001,2
Scott O. & Autumn R. Proctor	073-016-0000-0031
William & Judy Osborne	081-007-0196-0001
Anita Rinard	072-008-0000-002B
Millie Russell	071-013-0080-0008
Odey Russell	071-013-0080-0009
Jonathan W. Sheppard	081-017-0000-0016
Jennifer Sherman	080-006-0000-0031
Mark Shumate	081-013-0002-0007
Timothy & Connie Toler	072-051-0248-0016
Roy & Linda Wall	081-001-0000-098A

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

## LEGAL NOTICE



### Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Planning Commission

The Town of Pulaski Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW to discuss:

- A Special Exception for 627 E Main St. [072-51-246-13] for a Pediatric Medical Office in a B-2 zone.
- Amending section 11.2 of the Town of Pulaski Zoning Ordinance definition of "Hospital"
- Removing the Use Hospital from Sections, 4.1.2-2, 4.2.2-2, 4.3.2-2, 4.4.2-2, and 4.10.2-2.

A copy of the proposed actions is available for public review in the Planning and Zoning Office at the Town of Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 1st. St. NW, during normal business hours. All persons desiring to address the Planning Commission should appear at the stated time and place. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Town Planner by April 5, 2024.

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

# PCHS Sports Schedule

**Tuesday 04/02/24**  
 Varsity Baseball: Pulaski Co. @ Hidden Valley 5 pm  
 JV Baseball: Hidden Valley @ Pulaski Co. 5 pm  
 Varsity Softball: Hidden Valley @ Pulaski Co. 5 pm  
 JV Softball: Pulaski Co. @ Hidden Valley 5 pm  
 Boys Soccer: Pulaski Co. @ Hidden Valley JV @ 5:30, Varsity to Follow  
 Girls Soccer: Hidden Valley @ Pulaski Co. 6 pm  
 Boys Tennis: Pulaski Co. @ Hidden Valley 4:30 pm  
 Girls Tennis: Hidden Valley @ Pulaski Co. 4:30 pm

**Friday 04/05/24**  
 Varsity Baseball: Patrick Henry @ Pulaski Co. 5 pm  
 JV Baseball: Pulaski Co. @ Patrick Henry 5 pm  
 Varsity Softball: Pulaski Co. @ Patrick Henry 5 pm  
 JV Softball: Patrick Henry @ Pulaski Co. 5 pm  
 Boys Soccer: Patrick Henry @ Pulaski Co. JV @ 5:30, Varsity to Follow  
 Girls Soccer: Pulaski Co. @ Patrick Henry 6 pm  
 Boys Tennis: Patrick Henry @ Pulaski Co. 4:30 PM  
 Girls Tennis: Pulaski Co. @ Patrick Henry 4:30 pm \*\*@ RIVERS Edge Sports Complex\*\*

**Wednesday 04/03/24**  
 Varsity Baseball: Pulaski Co. @ Galax 5 pm  
 JV Baseball: Galax @ Pulaski Co. 5 pm

**Saturday 04/06/24**  
 Outdoor Track: @ Wm. Byrd 9 am



Photos courtesy of Pulaski County Recreation

From Left To Right (Haley Dauel & CJ Burgis-Recreation Coordinator)

## Community Health Center donates 70 soccer balls to PC Parks & Rec

From Pulaski County Parks and Recreation

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Community Health Center for your generous donation of 70 soccer balls. Your contribution will significantly enhance our programs and activities, benefiting the entire community.

Your commitment to supporting our initiatives demonstrates a shared vision for promoting healthy lifestyles and fostering community engagement through recreation spots. With the addition of these soccer balls, we can expand our soccer programs, providing more opportunities for children to participate in recreational activities that promote physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Your donation will directly impact the lives of many individuals within our community, enabling us to create inclusive and accessible recreational opportunities for all. We deeply appreciate your support and partnership in our efforts to enrich the lives of our community.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and dedication



From Left To Right (Haley Dauel & Janie Kelly) From Community Health Center of the New River Valley.

to our community. We look forward to continuing our collaboration and making a positive difference together.

## Hendricks

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the last two seasons marred by injuries and missed the playoff in 2023.

"I don't want to say, 'Yeah, we're back here 100%,' but these last few weeks have been a step in the right direction," Bowman said.

"I'm personally working as hard as I've ever worked," he said. "This year, I'm all in in every aspect of everything, whether it's extra shifts in the (simulator), or correlating the tires, spending more time with the team or training in the gym."

Larson's Xfinity win was a surprise even after he took pole position. He had to start from the back because his team had to replace a broken brake rotor, but he managed

to fight his way through and snatch the win in overtime.

Larson was the first driver in a NASCAR series to win the pole and the race but lead only one lap while doing so. His win was the first for Hendrick Motorsports in Xfinity since the team returned to the series in 2022.

The only blemish to Hendrick's big weekend was that Larson's 17th-place finish in Sunday's race dropped him out of the lead in the Cup Series standings. Larson is now fifth, just ahead of Bryon.

All four Hendrick drivers are in the top 11, but Joe Gibbs Racing drivers Martin Truex Jr. and Ty Gibbs are the new 1-2 in the season championship.

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*Matthew 28:6*  
*He is not here; for he has risen,*  
*just as he said.*



William Paine/Patriot Publishing

After a complete renovation, the vast school auditorium at Jefferson Elementary School will be used to grow vegetables stacked vertically in grow racks.

## Vegg Inc. harvests first crop using patented carbon capture technology

By WILLIAM PAINE  
Patriot Publishing

The old Jefferson Elementary School, which has stood vacant for several years, served as the site for the first ever lettuce crop to be grown with the assistance of carbon capture technology.

"We're harvesting lettuce which has been growing for about a month with recycled CO<sub>2</sub>," said Vegg Inc. Director of R & D Alexander (Xander) Yurista. "There's a device in the room next door that's pulling CO<sub>2</sub> out of the air."

MOVA Technologies, which maintains offices on West Main Street, as well as a lab on Commerce Street, developed this new technology, which filters CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and then stores the CO<sub>2</sub> in tanks.

This "captured" CO<sub>2</sub> was pumped into a 5 X 5 grow tent thereby raising the CO<sub>2</sub> levels fivefold. Plants grow faster with elevated levels of CO<sub>2</sub> and supplementing CO<sub>2</sub> levels is a common practice for many industrial greenhouse operations.

The difference is that other indoor farming operations use CO<sub>2</sub> produced by burning fossil fuels, thereby causing additional CO<sub>2</sub> to be added to the atmosphere. The filtration system developed by MOVA Technologies and put into use by Vegg Inc. takes Carbon Dioxide from the air without producing more CO<sub>2</sub> in the process.

"We're the only ones doing the Climate Smart concept," said Luke Allison Vegg Inc.'s Chief Development Officer. "This is a huge leap forward because of the fact we're not burning fossil fuels to get the



Luke Allison, Chief Development Officer for Vegg Inc. stands next to the patented Direct Air Technology developed by MOVA to extract CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.

carbon dioxide that is needed in the Controlled Environmental Agriculture (CEA) industry. Direct Air Capture is not just for the CEA industry but can also be applied to the bottling industry. Sodas and beers all require carbon dioxide."

Vegg Inc. owns the Jefferson School Building, where the lettuce growing experiment took place but will rely on using the selective air capture technology developed by MOVA

Technologies. The companies are separate entities that share many of the same employees.

Last summer, MOVA Technologies secured a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Energy to implement a pilot program using this newly developed Direct Air Capture system.

"We acquired the building

See VEGGS, page B7



Larry Case photo  
Shooting the Remington V3 Turkey Pro, Winchester Longbeard, Federal Heavyweight TSS, Kent TK7 Penetrator ammo.

## Hits & Misses

Sitting in his favorite booth at the Pine Top my buddy seemed very distracted. He was chopping away at his plate consisting of biscuits and gravy, two hen eggs over, grits and home fries, with lots of black coffee. Just like the booth this was his favorite breakfast, but it was obvious he wasn't enjoying it. To be nice I offered a sympathetic "What the hell is wrong with you?" I asked but I already knew the answer.

Earlier that morning he had missed a turkey.

To many turkey hunters you see, this is a horrendous event that may stay with them for years. There is often a tremendous amount of work and worry in getting close and personal with a wary old reprobate gobbler. All of that hiking, and climbing, and sweating, and sneaking and sometimes crawling (Gad! I hate the crawling!) And then to suffer a miss, well, some of us are scarred for life. I thought of all this as I watched him flailing on his breakfast and pondering what can you do to guard against having this life altering event happen to you. (Of course I was feeling very high minded about all this because I had not missed a turkey this day)

For about the 20th time, for heavens sake, pattern your shotgun before season starts. I don't really know how many times we have gone over this in our little sessions here, but this is important. Some of us will spend a great deal of time before the deer season in making sure our rifle is carefully sighted in. We may do multiple trips to the range to make absolutely sure our deer slayer is shooting dime sized groups at three hundred yards. This is all well and good, you should do this, but for some reason many of us don't even think about spending an hour or two at the range to do the same with our scatter gun. For reasons known only in heaven many turkey hunters grab the shotgun out of the closet on opening morning, throw it in the truck and head to the woods.



LARRY CASE  
GUNS & CORNBREAD

I know the "It's just a shotgun, you really can't miss with it" thinking takes place here, and more is the pity. The fact is you absolutely can miss with a shotgun and turkey hunters do it every year. It gives me no pleasure to say that some of you reading this will miss turkeys this year.

Here is news flash for you in case you don't know (many of you do) but a shotgun is not a precise weapon. Please go back and read that sentence again, the pattern of pellets coming from your shotgun barrel will not necessarily land in the same place on the target every time. With same gun, choke, and ammo it will stay relatively close, but not 100 times out of 100. The first thing testing your shotgun preseason will get you is where the gun is shooting in general. Shotguns you see, do not all shoot where they look, meaning there is a point of aim (POA) and a point of impact (POI). At say, 35 yards you aim at a place on your target paper, (POA) and when you shoot the pattern may appear in a nice cluster around the POA. It may just as easily hit high and to the left of your POA or low right or whatever. If this happens you need to take steps to correct this, but at least you know now there is a problem. You would not have known this if you didn't do the testing on paper.

Go for the Red Dot. If your POA and your POI is not the same there are a few things you can do to correct this. Installing an optic on your shotgun will take care of this as now you can "sight in" your shotgun much like you do your deer rifle. Red dot sights have become the rage for pistols and turkey shotguns for one big reason, they work. With the optic properly mounted on the receiver or the rib of the shotgun you can sit down on a shooting bench and shoot a few rounds and dial the pattern in.

Here is another big reason to go with the "red dot" type optic on your shotgun. We have talked here before how in the scenario of calling in turkeys we are "aiming" the shotgun at a hopefully stationary target, the head and neck of a gobbler. We are not shooting the shotgun in the classic manner of swinging on a flying target. We are aiming as we do with a rifle.

More turkeys are missed every year with a plain bead on the barrel because of this; we hold the bead on the turkeys head as we prepare to shoot. But what we do not do is bury our cheek into the side of the stock (known as cheek weld) and look down the entire length of the barrel. We are looking over the front bead, but our head is raised off the stock, we want to look at the turkey, so by raising our

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# VEGG

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two years ago and today's the big day because we didn't want to raise a whole bunch of money and spend a whole bunch of money until we knew that the idea was going to work," said MOVA founder and President Steve Critchfield. "Well, the idea works. Today is the harvest. We know that the conceptual idea works, so now it's worth spending the money and putting the business plan in place."

Before Vegg Inc. acquired the Jefferson School, the Town of Pulaski secured a Brownfields Grant in order to extract asbestos and lead paint from the interior, though some still remains in the building's basement level.

Both the Town and the county then loaned Vegg Inc. \$50,000 a piece to buy the property. Out of the \$100,000 loaned, Vegg Inc has paid back \$25,000.

"We'll pay another \$25 to \$50,000 this year as it all gets built," said Critchfield. "The nice thing is both the county and the town support the Climate Smart idea."

Though there is much renovation work yet to be done, employees of Vegg Inc. have already done some work on the interior of the building.

"I wish you could have seen this place four months ago," said Luke Allison. "Plaster was falling off the walls and there was lots of trash, broken bottles and human waste throughout. We've also rewired much of the building as we didn't have electricity when we started."

By renovating the Jefferson School and not building an entirely new facility, Critchfield and company believe that

this building will once again establish ties to the surrounding community, as well as reducing neighborhood blight.

Luke Allison added that constructing a brand-new building would result in the production of large amounts of CO2, which goes against the spirit of Vegg Inc.'s operation.

Renovating and repurposing this 30,000 square foot structure won't be cheap, though. Critchfield estimates the cost to be between 3 and 4 million dollars.

"Now that this has been proven we're going to start raising money ASAP to get this thing done," said Critchfield. "First the front of the building, then the auditorium and finally the fire damaged wing of the old Jefferson School."

Critchfield envisions Pulaski County as being part of a growth hub, similar to the Research Triangle in North Carolina.

"Roanoke, Virginia Tech and Carillion already have the biomedical hub," said Critchfield. "Blacksburg has the unmanned vehicles, AI, and Cybersecurity software. That's hub two. We need a third hub. With all of the climate smart things that are going on in this town, MOVA, Vegg, Trova ... Volvo going into electric vehicles. We're literally moving towards a climate smart cluster. So now you have all three clusters. If you get all three sectors moving, you have a growth hub, which is what the whole country wants. We're two thirds of the way there. Let's get this third one, a Climate Smart Hub here in Pulaski County."



William Paine/Patriot Publishing  
**Alexander (Xander) Yurista, Director of R & D for Vegg Inc. stands in front of the grow tent with the newly grown lettuce. Carbon Dioxide, captured from the air is piped into the grow tent to speed the growing process.**

## You're playing with fire

Dear Dave,

My wife and I owe about \$40,000 on our mortgage. My father-in-law, who is a very nice and generous man, said he wants to pay off the house for us, then let us pay him back over time. We've borrowed much smaller amounts of money from him in the past, and we were always able to repay it with no issues and no pressure. How do you feel about us taking him up on his offer?

Seth

Dear Seth,

I understand you and your wife have been fortunate in these kinds of situations over the years. And I know your father-in-law would probably be a lot easier to work with than a mortgage company when it comes to the size and frequency of payments. But I still think you're playing with fire if you take him up on the offer.

I assume your father-in-law is doing pretty well financially, since he can afford to make this offer. But the downside is just too risky. If I were him, I might offer to pay off the mortgage as a gift to my daughter and



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

good, old dad.

Even if you come from a reasonable, stable family, and it sounds to me like your in-laws are very good-hearted folks, this debt will always be in the back of your mind. But if you're involved with a dysfunctional or controlling family, that tension is going to be right there—constantly.

I'd thank your father-in-law for his generosity and for the offer. But in my mind, it's just not worth the risk.

— Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.

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Larry Case photo

V3 Turkey Pro Pattern with Truglo Head Banger Choke at 35 yards.

## Case

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head the gun is in fact angled a little. By doing this (Believe me I know, I have done it more than twice) we will shoot over the turkeys head, every time. The red dot sight eliminates all of this, no matter how contorted you may get by aiming at a turkey if the dot is on the target and the optic is sighted in, that is where the pattern will go. If

you have had trouble missing turkeys of late, but a red dot optic on your shotgun and thank me later.

That way you can enjoy the sausage, grits, and gravy at the Pine Top later that morning. Have another cup of coffee on me.

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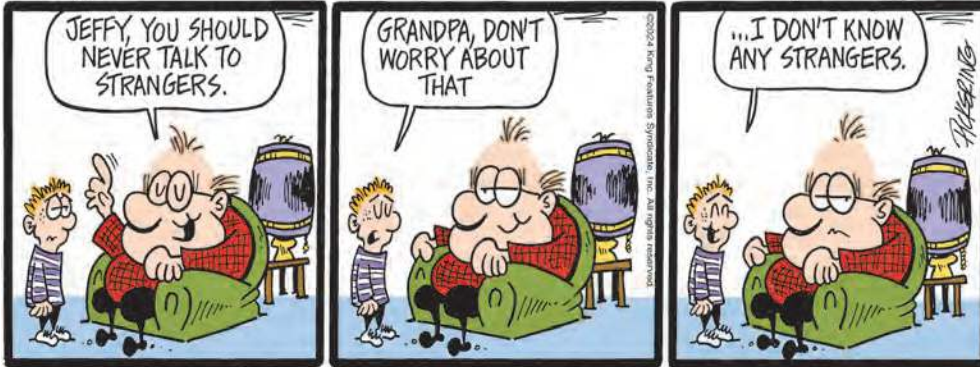
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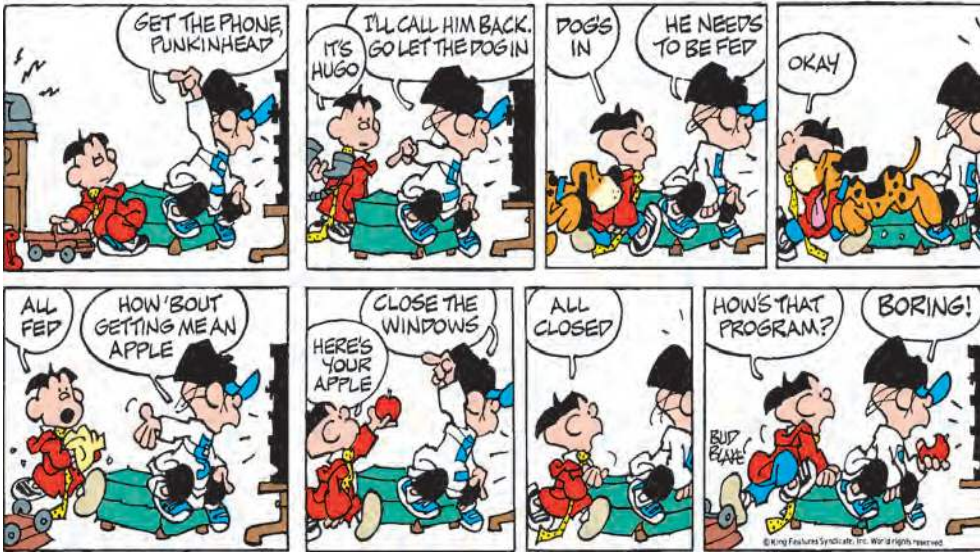
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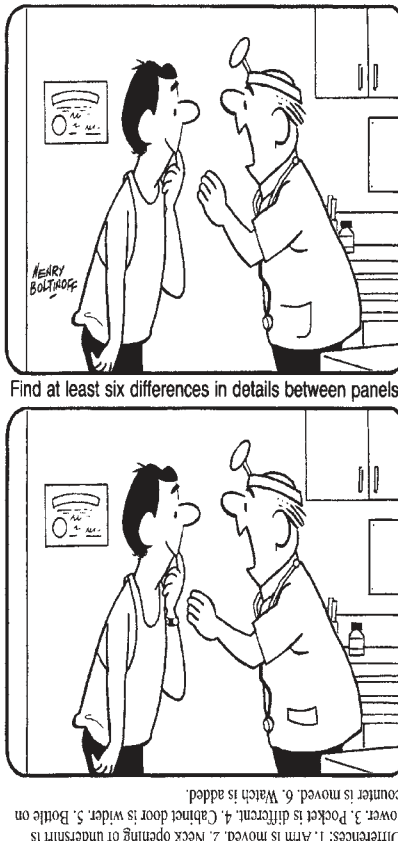


### OLIVE



### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



### 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: Q equals F

WQRGM RNG HWVGXZRXVXSJKR  
 QJZJKNGE EJSSJZS FH RNWR  
 IWVFWPVG QXKKJV, NG SWIG  
 JR RNG PMFKN-XQQ.

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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!

- Placid: SNEERE
- Meld: LEMING
- Save: TRAINE
- Block: HERDIN

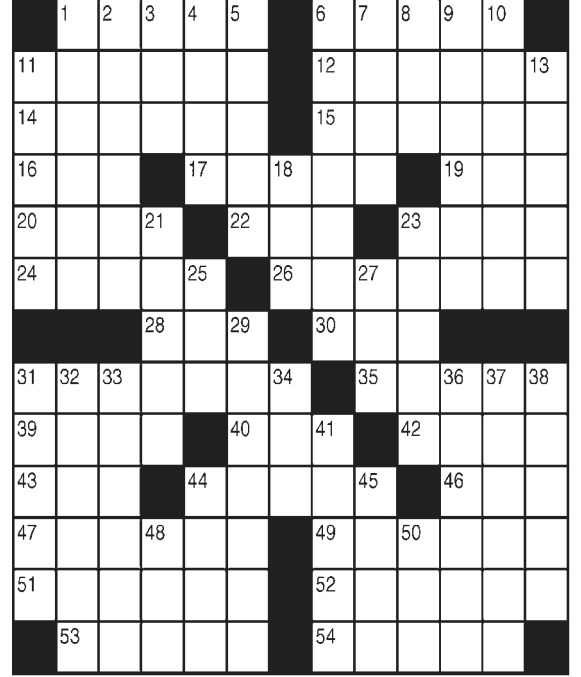
### TODAY'S WORD

"You never used to take me here before we were \_\_\_\_\_."

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Weighing device
- 6 Sitar tunes
- 11 Fearful
- 12 Using the Internet
- 14 Eagles' homes
- 15 Julianne and Demi
- 16 Away from SSW
- 17 Auto style
- 19 Wager
- 20 Food regimen
- 22 Cariou of Broadway
- 23 Visibility hindrance
- 24 Cancel
- 26 Journeys
- 28 Head of st.
- 30 Animal doc
- 31 "Lolita" author
- 35 Summary
- 39 Plow pullers
- 40 Felon's flight
- 42 Sitarist Shankar
- 43 Soccer's Hamm
- 44 Prom duds
- 46 Heavy weight
- 47 E-business
- 49 Boring type
- 51 New citizen, perhaps



### DOWN

- 1 Picturesque
- 2 Life's work
- 3 Onassis nickname
- 4 Cask sediment
- 5 '50s Ford
- 6 Peter the Great, e.g.
- 7 Shortly here!
- 8 Day- — paint

- 9 Car safety feature
- 10 Allergy season sound
- 11 Hourglass fillers
- 13 "Melrose Place" actor
- 18 "Lion" star Patel
- 21 Yank at
- 23 Misanthrope
- 25 — choy
- 27 " — outta here!"
- 29 Library array
- 31 — plume
- 32 Wise sayings
- 33 "Scram!"
- 34 Preventive shot, in slang
- 36 40 winks
- 37 Sidesteps
- 38 Lipstick shades
- 41 Repairs
- 44 Rent
- 45 Foolproof
- 48 Hollywood trickery (Abbr.)
- 50 Ruby or Sandra

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## top ten

### PODCASTS IN THE U.S., 2023

- The Joe Rogan Experience
- Call Her Daddy
- Crime Junkie
- This Past Weekend w/Theo Von
- The Daily (New York Times)
- Huberman Lab
- Armchair Expert With Dax Shepard
- SmartLess
- NPR's Up First
- Anything Goes With Emma Chamberlain

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Seychelles islands located?
- TELEVISION: In which sitcom is the catchphrase "Hello, Newman" used often?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a cornichon?
- HISTORY: According to a WWII government slogan, what should citizens do after they "Keep calm ..."?
- MOVIES: What is the name of John Wayne's character in "True Grit"?
- LANGUAGE: The Latin word "genu" refers to which part of the human body?
- U.S. STATES: How many states begin with the letter "R"?
- MEDICAL: The first vaccine was created to protect against which disease?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of Helen Keller's teacher, who taught the blind and deaf girl how to communicate?
- ANATOMY: What is the smallest organ in the human body?

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1. Indian Ocean.
2. "Seinfeld."
3. A small pickle.
4. "... and carry on."
5. Rooster Cogburn.
6. The knee.
7. One: Rhode Island.
8. Smallpox.
9. Anne Sullivan.
10. Pineal gland.

### WORD LADDERS

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

### WASTE

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### PARTE

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### SCRAMBLERS

Answer: WASTE, TASTE, TASTY, PASTY, PARTY, PARTE

## Americanisms

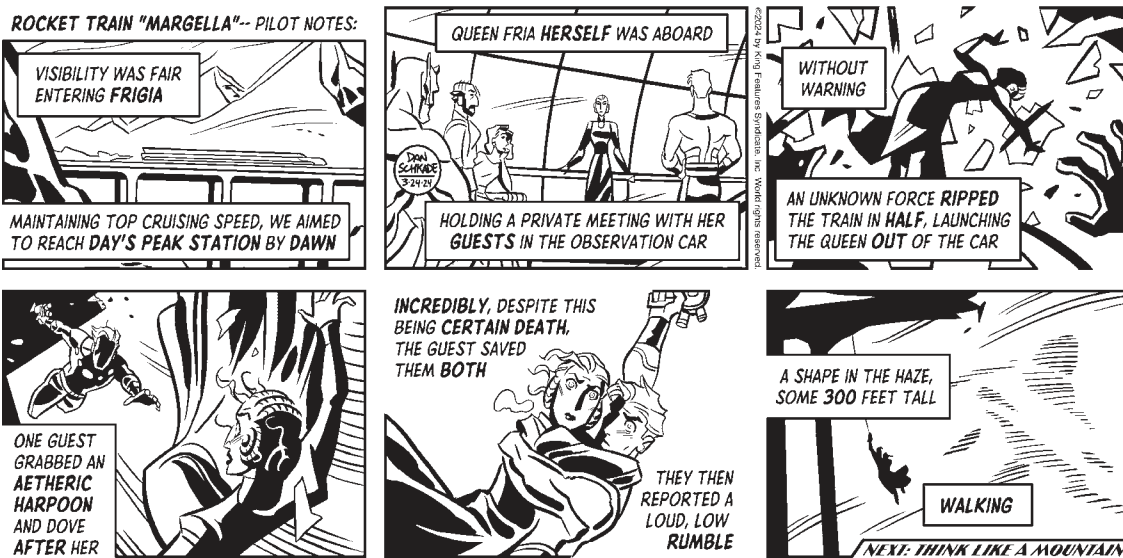
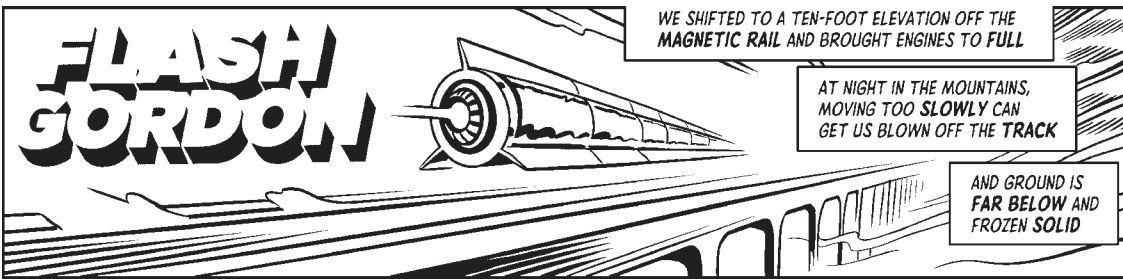
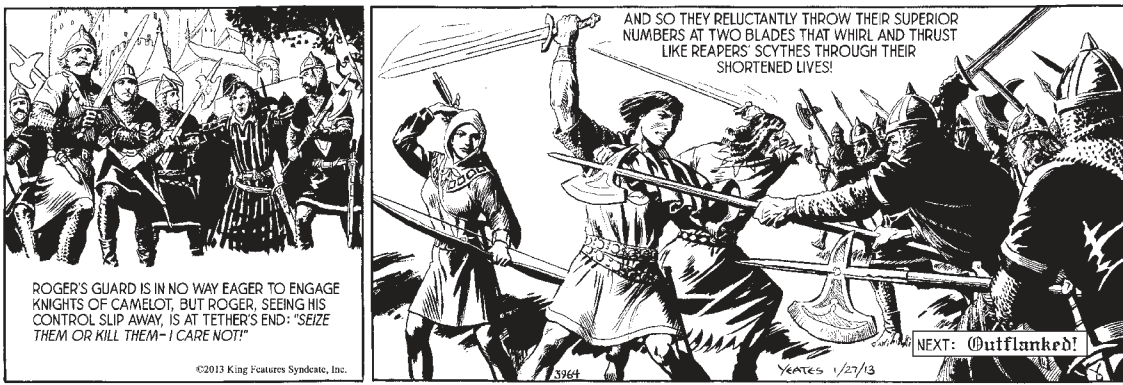
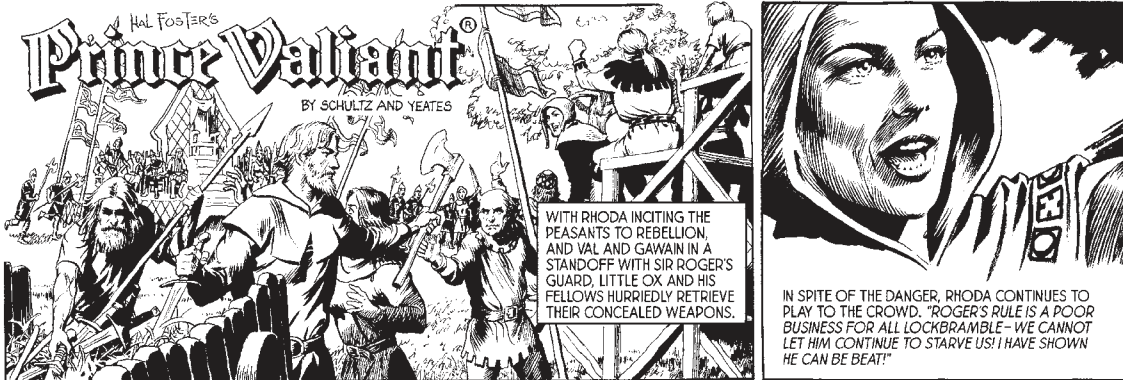


"Easter is a time for dressing up, looking your best, and hunting for candy. It's Halloween in reverse."  
 — Melanie White

After the paleontologist finished digging up that valuable fossil, he gave it the brush-off.

Solution time: 21 mins.

## King Crossword — Answers



## Here's a Tip!

\* What's the best way to keep sheet sets together? Tuck all the pieces in a matching pillowcase, of course.

\* Need to hull strawberries? Try using a straw. You position the straw at the bottom of the strawberry, then push up toward the stem. It works quickly and well.

\* If you mount a magnet strip in your bathroom or on your vanity, you can use it to hold bobby pins or metal barrettes. Or mount a ribbon to hold all kinds of hair clips.

\* Baby leg protectors are

cute. And cheap, if you have some old athletic socks. Cut off the ends, slip over baby's legs, and watch cutie scoot across the floor.

\* If your entertainment electronics have a clock that is too bright, cover it with plain tape. You will still be able to read the time, but the tape will lessen the glare.

\* My in-laws have a vaulted ceiling, and there is a corner that even the longest-handled duster won't reach. My brilliant son had an idea to get down the cobwebs that had accumulated

there. He used a rubber band to secure a dish towel around a tennis ball. Then he just tossed it at the area repeatedly. I can't believe how well it worked.

\* If new denims are too stiff, add half a cup of salt to your wash water along with the regular detergent.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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## Top Ten in Movies

1. Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG) Jack Black, Awkwafina
2. Dune: Part Two (PG-13) Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya
3. Arthur the King (PG-13) Mark Wahlberg, Simu Liu
4. Imaginary (PG-13) DeWanda Wise, Taegen Burns
5. Cabrini (PG-13) Cristiana Dell'Anna, John Lithgow
6. Love Lies Bleeding (R) Anna Baryshnikov, Kristen Stewart
7. Bob Marley: One Love (PG-13) Kingsley Ben-Adir, Lashana Lynch
8. One Life (PG) Anthony Hopkins, Lena Olin
9. The American Society of Magical Negroes (PG-13) Justice Smith, Zachary Barton
10. Ordinary Angels (PG) Alan Ritchson, Hilary Swank

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X V U H T A N R A D E K U C T  
R Q U L A K A M P B T N O H M

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

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| Bandarpunch | Kanchenjunga | Makalu    | Nuptse |
| Cho Oyu     | Kangto       | Mana Peak | Yangra |
| Gangotri    | Kedarnath    | Manaslu   |        |

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## CryptoQuote

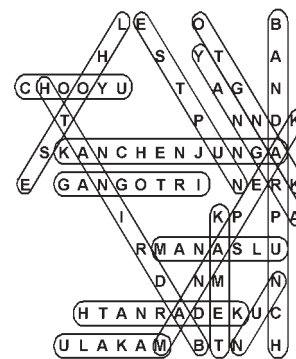
AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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.

X B U M S J S O C Q O R C V S B Q  
L C S K O S G C M S I B X O S J Q E  
N C R S K O S G C M S V J M N S .  
— B Q L N O R G U X C Z B X Y

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## HIMALAYAN PEAKS



## CryptoQuote answer

Reputation is often got without merit and lost without fault.  
— English proverb

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ANSWER

Weekly SUDOKU

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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## March 29

### Good Friday Service

Aldersgate United Methodist Church will hold a Good Friday Service at 5:30 P.M. Friday, March 29. Evryone is welcome.

## March 30

### Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 30 12-2 at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren. We are located at 1749 Newbern Road one block behind the DMV. We will have a story, crafts, snacks and egg hunt. We plan to have a special visitor also.

### Easter Parade

Mountain View UMC on Wilderness Rd invites you to join us for our first Easter Parade Saturday, March 30-on the church grounds. The parade starts at 4p with the Procession of the Cross. Look for the Easter Bunny, a parade of vehicles and Easter Bonnets, and a special presentation! Easter bags for the kiddos and treats for all! More info available on Mountain

## Family Fun Festival to be held at NRCC April 6

A "Family Fun Festival" will be held at New River Community College in Dublin on Saturday, April 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Family Fun Festival will include a variety of activities for adults and children. Children's activities will include face painting, a bouncy house, a mechanical bull, a scavenger hunt, early childhood programming, fun science experiments, raffles, and children's book giveaways. Live animal and insect exhibits will provide hands-on learning experiences for kids of all ages. Community resources, health screenings and wellness information will also be available to attendees. Several classroom labs will be open for tours including criminal justice, welding, and instrumentation.

NRCC's Campus Cruise In car show will be going on during the Family Fun Festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in parking lot E. The Campus Cruise In will feature classic cars from regional car club members. The event is sponsored by the automotive technology department, is family-friendly, open to the public and free.

NRCC's Cyber Day event hosted by the Computer Club will also be part of the Family Fun Festival. Cyber Day is an event where anyone can bring their laptops, desktops, tablets and phones for a free tune up and virus scan. There will be several students and Dr. David Filer, NRCC information systems technology professor and club advisor, working on the systems at the event. Any Windows or Android device is welcome.

The Family Fun Festival event is sponsored by NRCC in partnership with the Southwest Virginia Governor's School. The event and all activities are free and open to the public. Food trucks will have meals available for purchase.

For info, contact Stephanie Addikis at saddikis@nr.edu or (540) 674-3600, ext. 4579.

View United Methodist face book page.

## March 31

### Easter Program

The Bread of Life / Assembly of God on Robinson Tract will present it's 2024 Easter Program entitled "What Was & What Shall Be."

It will be on Easter Sunday March 31st At 3:00pm. The public is invited.

## April 1

### Monday Gospel Sing

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.

## April 5

### Yard Sale

There will be a yard sale on Friday, April 5th from 9 am-2 pm at Thornspring Church, 5670 Thornspring Church Rd. All new items.

## April 6

### Cemetery Cleanup

The cemetery at Thorn Spring United Methodist Church will be cleaned Saturday, April

6th in preparation for the upcoming mowing season. We respectfully request each family to inspect their plots and remove any wreaths, flowers, vases, etc. that you would like to keep or reuse at another time. If you have any questions, please call 540-320-5348.

### Spaghetti Fundraiser

PLEASE join us for a spaghetti fundraiser at Warriors for Christ II Church on April 6 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the church at 600 Skyline Circle in Pulaski. Tickets for a tray will cost \$12. Tray includes spaghetti plate, salad, bread, a dessert and drink. Orders will be taken for eating in or take out.

### On going:

#### Monday Services

Evangelists Jodie and Rosanna Whittaker - Monday night services at 7 p.m. at the Quality Inn in Dublin Conference Room. 540-674-1100 - You're invited to attend powerful spirit-filled services.

#### Ballroom Dancing

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

#### Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meet

you need. Contact Bill Brewer at 540-813-1605.

### Celebrate Recovery

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

### Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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