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## Man held for 2nd Degree Murder in death of Pennington

Staff Report

A man is being held on a variety of charges including 2nd Degree Murder in the April 2, 2024 death of a Hiwassee man.

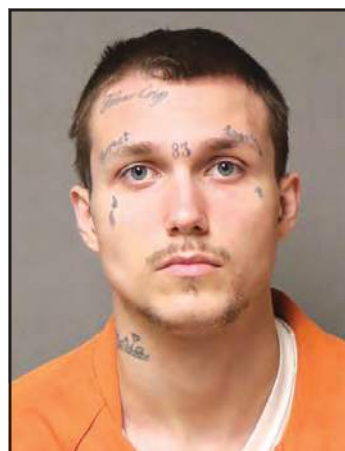
According to Pulaski County Sheriff Mike Worrell, on Tuesday, April 2 at approximately 8 p.m., the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office responded to a disturbance call in the 4800 block of Lee Highway in the Dublin area of the county.

Upon arrival, units located a deceased male identified as 25-year-old Chad O. Pennington of Hiwassee.

Through various law enforcement techniques and with the assistance of various other agencies, it was learned that Pennington had been shot multiple times by Daniel Nathen Janack.

Worrell said Janack then stole Pennington's vehicle and fled to North Carolina.

At approximately 5 a.m. on



**Daniel Nathen Janack**

Wednesday, April 3, after a vehicle pursuit, Janack was apprehended in Selma, N.C. driving Pennington's vehicle.

On Wednesday, April 17, Janack was extradited back to Virginia and is currently charged with 2nd Degree Murder, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, grand larceny, and conspiracy to commit grand

larceny.

Janack is being held in New River Regional Jail without bond.

Pulaski County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following agencies for their invaluable assistance during this incident: Pulaski County Joint Communication Center, Radford City Police Department ATF Task Force, Virginia State Police High Tech Crimes Division, VSP BCI, VSP K-9, Dublin Police Department, Claytor Lake Regional Drug Task Force, Selma, N.C. Police Department, Johnston County, N.C. Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Pulaski Police Department, Wytheville Police Department, Pulaski County Public Safety, Pulaski County Emergency Management, Dublin Fire Department and Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

No further information will be released at this time.

## Council supports fundraiser for City of Refuge; hires attorney

By WILLIAM PAINE  
Patriot Publishing

This week's meeting of the Pulaski Town Council began with a presentation by Joe Blankenship, Director of the City of Refuge, whose mission is to "Bring light, hope and transformation to individuals in Pulaski County."

Blankenship came to the meeting to ask the town council for \$500 to support the upcoming 7th Annual Kayak Fishing Tournament fundraiser at Gatewood Park.

Before making the request, Blankenship spent several minutes telling the council about the City of Refuge, which is engaged in several community service programs.

Blankenship and his wife Kelly opened a youth center in 2007 and opened the City of Refuge, one of several throughout the country, in 2018.

Blankenship described the many services the City of Refuge in Pulaski offers, which includes distributing hundreds of meals on Mondays and Fridays. They also provide essential household items and clothing to needy individuals (especially single mothers) from the Mama Bear Closet. Other services include a Core afterschool program, a free hair salon and a newly opened vocational training facility.

"We're servicing a lot of people and doing a lot of good," said Blankenship.

"What I like about your organization is that it gives a

hand up, not a handout and that's the difference and I really think that you're doing good stuff," said Mayor Shannon Collins.

Council member Brooks Dawson made the motion to provide \$500 in funding for the City of Refuge's 7th Annual Kayak Fishing Tournament and all members of council voted in favor of the sponsorship except councilman Michael Reis, who voted no.

The 7th Annual City of Refuge Charity Kayak fishing tournament will take place Saturday, May 4 at Gatewood Park and the Town will act as a sponsor for the event.

Two public hearings concerning rezoning two

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**Pulaski Police Department**

Date	Time	Offense	Location (Block Number)
4/8/2024	19:47	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	1100 block Wilson Ave.
4/9/2024	20:58	Petit Larceny	600 block Floyd Ave.
4/10/2024	15:07	Destruction of Property	30 block South Madison Ave.
	17:21	Dog/Cat Violation	900 block Oakhurst Ave.
4/11/2024	6:40	Shoplifting	600 block East Main St.
4/12/2024	10:45	Drug/Narcotics Violation	100 block N Washington Ave.
	11:00	Grand Larceny	500 block Floyd Ave.
		Destruction of Property	500 block Floyd Ave.
	11:02	Domestic Assault	1500 block Westwood Dr.
	12:07	Drunkenness	100 block Springer Ave.
		Assault on Law Enforcement Officer X2	100 block Springer Ave.
		Resist Arrest	100 block Springer Ave.
		Trespassing	100 block Springer Ave.
	13:25	Shoplifting	1400 block Bob White Blvd.
	15:22	Motor Vehicle Theft	3800 block Millers Creek Rd.
	19:53	Destruction of Property	600 block 4th St. NE
4/13/2024	14:06	Drug/Narcotics Violation	1st Street NE/Washington Ave.
4/14/2024	8:24	Burglary/B&E	500 block Bunts St.
		Destruction of Property	500 block Bunts St.
	13:17	Drug/Narcotics Violation	500 block East Main St.
		Drug Equipment Violation	500 block East Main St.
		Drunkenness	500 block East Main St.
		Resist Arrest	500 block East Main St.
	19:55	Destruction of Property	1900 block Medallion Dr.

**Pulaski PD takes on 30 x 30 pledge**

By WILLIAM PAINE  
 Patriot Publishing

Town of Pulaski Police Chief Samuel Shumate recently issued a pledge to advance women in policing. The goal of the pledge is to have a 30% female police force by the year 2030.

“The 30 X 30 is an initiative by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to take into consideration female applicants and promotion in policing,” said Shumate. “It also goes into minorities as well. We’re the second agency west of Richmond that has signed on to this pledge saying that we’re going to give females the exact same opportunity as males.

“Just like it says in the pledge, female officers use less force,” Shumate continued. “They are more calming when they’re talking with people. It’s just the almost like a motherly instinct that they have.”

The Town of Pulaski’s police force doesn’t have far to go to reach the 30% goal, as currently 25% of the police force is female.

The 30X30 Pledge reads as follows:

Pulaski Police Department Pledges to Advance Women in Policing

National 30x30 Pledge Aims to Bring More Women into Policing to Improve Public Safety, Community Outcomes, and Trust in Law Enforcement

Today, the Pulaski Police Department has signed on to the 30x30 Pledge – a series of low- and no-cost actions policing agencies can take to improve the representation and experiences of women in law enforcement. The activities help policing

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**Council**

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 locations followed the City of Refuge presentation.

According to Town of Pulaski Zoning Administrator Summer Bork, these two town-owned properties, a former drop site at 1733 Dora Highway and a current drop site at 100 Sheriff F.R. Conner Drive, are currently “floating parcels with no active zoning.”

That’s because zoning regulations formulated in 2003 designated certain areas in town to be designated as Drop Sites for trash. However, when the town code was updated in 2017, that zone designation disappeared leaving these two parcels of land with no zoning designation.

After reviewing the surrounding properties, the town’s planning commission voted to rezone the Dora Highway parcel to a General Business District (B2).

A majority of the Planning Commission voted to change the zoning of the second parcel, an active Drop Site between the



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**Town of Pulaski observes National Public Safety Telecommunications week: (From left) Mayor Shannon Collins, Joint 911 Communications Center Director Christopher Akers, Public Safety Telecommunicator Jessica Haga and Shift Supervisor Betty East.**

Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office and Peak Creek, to an Industrial District (I-2) zoning. This is based on the fact that all areas

surrounding this parcel of land are likewise zoned as Industrial Districts.

No one spoke at either public hearing. The town council voted unanimously to change the zoning of these parcels as recommended.

The Pulaski Town Council then unanimously voted to pass two resolutions. The first resolution involved the observance of National Public Safety Communications Appreciation Week from April 14 to April 20, 2024.

“It’s a week dedicated to the communications officers that all first responders rely on,” said Pulaski Police Chief Samuel Shumate. “So, this is saying

thank you for all the hard work that they do ... They’re our lifeline.”

The second resolution involved the Observance of National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, which occurs during the same week.

At meetings end, Town

Manager Todd Day announced the hiring of Scot S. Farthing as the incoming Town Attorney, though outgoing Town Attorney Spencer Rygas will stay on for several weeks during the transition period. Farthing’s law practice is based out of Wytheville.

The next meeting of the Pulaski Town Council is May 7.

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**Town of Pulaski observes National Animal Control Officers Appreciation Week: (From left) Mayor Shannon Collins and Animal Control Officer Julie Williams.**

**Baker to announce bid to unseat Griffith in 9th**

FLOYD - Karen Baker will announce at 210 S Locust St, Floyd VA 24091 on April 20th at 12:30 pm, her bid for the United States House of Representatives in Virginia’s 9th Congressional District.

“Born and raised in the heartland of America, Karen’s journey from a small Midwestern town to the forefront of legal and healthcare

advocacy showcases her dedication to fighting for those in need,” said a statement from her campaign.

“A proud alumna of William Smith College with a degree in comparative religion, followed by earning a J.D. from Catholic University Law School, Baker has tirelessly worked to uphold the principles of fairness and equality. As a trial lawyer for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, she was a formidable force against discrimination, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of sex, race, or age, received justice.

“Beyond her legal career, Baker served as an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration for 17 years, further solidifying her role as a champion for Americans’ rights and needs,” the statement continued.

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# Volvo announces plans to build new heavy truck plant in Mexico

The Volvo Group today announced that it will build a new heavy-duty truck manufacturing plant in Mexico to supplement the Group's U.S. production. The plant will provide additional capacity to support the growth plans of both Volvo Trucks and Mack Trucks in the U.S. and Canadian markets, and support Mack truck sales in Mexico and Latin America. The plant is expected to be operational in 2026.



The new plant will be approximately 1.7 million square feet in size, and will focus on production of heavy-duty conventional vehicles for the Volvo and Mack brands. It will be a complete conventional vehicle assembly facility including cab body-in-white production and paint.

Adding production in Mexico will deliver logistical efficiencies for supporting sales to the southwestern/western regions of the U.S., and to Mexico and Latin America. It also provides a mature supply and production ecosystem that will complement the U.S. system and increase the resilience and flexibility of the Group's North American industrial footprint.

expansion and upgrades, and is currently investing an additional \$80 million to prepare for future production. The NRV plant is completing a six-year, \$400 million dollar expansion/upgrade to prepare for production of the new Volvo VNL model.

The Mack LVO plant in Pennsylvania and the Volvo NRV plant in Virginia will continue to be the company's main North American heavy truck production sites. The Group has invested more than \$73 million over the last five years in LVO

## WEEKEND WEATHER



SATURDAY

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# EDITORIAL

## Courage

One of my favorite movies has always been The Wizard of Oz.

When my children were younger, I would often, in trying to teach them, recite the famous lines of the Cowardly Lion.

“What makes the flag on the mast to wave?”

“Courage!”

“What makes a King out of a slave?”

“Courage!”

One day as I was driving, a little voice piped up from the car seat in the back.

“Daddy, has that ever happened? Has the flag on the mast ever waved because of courage?”

I thought for a minute, and several examples came to mind, including the United States War of Independence against Great Britain, which makes



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

our beloved stars and stripes on the mast to wave.

But on that occasion, I responded with the 1948 Israeli

War of Independence, and the movie Cast a Giant Shadow.

The movie follows U.S. Army Colonel David Marcus, who is played by actor Kirk Douglas. Colonel Marcus, who is of Jewish faith, feels the call to return to duty in order to help the nascent Israel form an army.

The Jewish people had never completely left the Holy Land. And after (a) promises by the British government in 1917, (b) the Holocaust during WWII and (c) a United Nations resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in 1947, many Jewish refugees returned to the Holy Land. They came to form a Jewish State in British-held territory as they were promised.

Many of the Arab nations were opposed. The British left! And the Jewish people fought for independence.

They had so much determination and courage, that as the film depicts, in one of their battles, some of the Jewish charged forward without knowing how to click off the rifle’s safety. Even though they couldn’t fire their weapons, courage spurred them into charging against daunting odds.

Courage made the flag of Israel on the mast to wave.

And that is what I told my son.

I recalled that incident recently as I traveled to Israel.

On the trip, I talked to one of the former residents of the Nir-Oz Kibbutz. Nir-Oz is one of many villages that were ambushed by Hamas during their October 7 attack. We were shown where civilians died and where houses were burned and bombed.

After that we went to the outdoor music festival site where more than 250 attendees were murdered. Hamas videos of the attacks were circulated online and on social media.

Visiting the site, we spoke to a twenty-year-old survivor, who is alive today only because she is a tiny girl. In a frightened state, she hid in the back of a small bomb shelter. She was shielded from gunfire by the bodies of the dead on top of her.

She told us she could hear Hamas soldiers laughing as they fired into the shelter.

Her boyfriend was killed in the attack.

Nonetheless, she affirmed that life has to go on, and that Israel must continue.

I am asked about stopping Israeli efforts to eliminate Hamas. Hamas supporters often cite the loss of innocent Palestinian life.

War is always a horrible thing!

Even in war, minimizing death is important.

But since Hamas took control of Gaza in 2007, they have consistently shelled Israel, particularly in Israel’s Gaza envelope.

Hamas adheres to their “from the river to the sea” concept, threatening the very existence of Israel and the Jewish people.

Further, Hamas has no problem using Palestinian civilians as shields from gunfire and it takes refuge in hospitals and homes.

Hamas started the current war when 3,000 Hamas soldiers crossed the border into Israel and targeted civilians, men, women, and children, and brutally murdered the defenseless.

In the attack, it is estimated that Hamas killed approximately 1,200 people. Over two hundred were kidnapped, and some are still hostages as of this writing, including the son of the man who gave us the tour of Nir-Oz.

As the young lady at the festival testified, they must have the courage to go on.

Israel has come to recognize they have no choice but to eliminate the terrorist organization Hamas, because Hamas is determined to spend all of their time, efforts and money to eliminate the State of Israel.

While I continue to pray for peace, without the courage of the Israelis to live on and defend themselves, Israel would not have a flag on the mast to wave.

What makes the flag on the mast to wave? Courage.

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>.

## Who Wants More Taxes?

Some friends and I had a conversation awhile back, and we were wondering how the size of government expanded so much. Someone commented that if we believe there is “Too much bureaucracy - blame Congress. Too many rules - blame Congress. Unjust tax laws - Congress wrote them. What about out-of-control bureaucracy - Congress authorizes everything bureaucracies do. The ever-increasing out-of-control annual deficits - Congress votes for them. The \$24-trillion plus debt? Congress created it.”

That means that 100-percent of the power of the federal government rests in 435 members of the U.S. House, 100 Senators, one President, and nine Supreme Court Justices. As of Monday, April 15th, the U.S. population was 336,299,950 (not including illegal immigrants). Wouldn’t you think that with so many people we could find representatives who would listen and serve “We the People” more than themselves? Such a small fraction of the population wields unprecedented power over our individual lives.

Back before 1776, there were no income taxes, no corporate taxes and no payroll taxes. American Colonists paid excise taxes and tariffs to Great Britain; which many Americans felt were excessive. In 1789, when the United States of America elected our first President, citizens were paying 2-percent of their income in taxes.

Because of the financial cost of the Civil War, in 1861 Congress instituted a 3-percent tax on all incomes over \$800. This tax was repealed in 1872.

But Congress was not likely to give up a gift-horse like this, so in 1913, they ratified the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, allowing the federal government to collect income taxes as it does today (progressive income

## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

tax). In 1913 the national debt was a mere \$2,916,204,913.66. (That’s \$2.9 billion)

Before this amendment, the Supreme Court had ruled that a federal income tax was unconstitutional, because it would have had to collect the tax revenue among the states based on population (aka apportionment) — Meaning each state would have been responsible for a percentage of the total tax equal to their share of the population. Congress used the cost of WWI as the reason to begin collecting federal income tax.

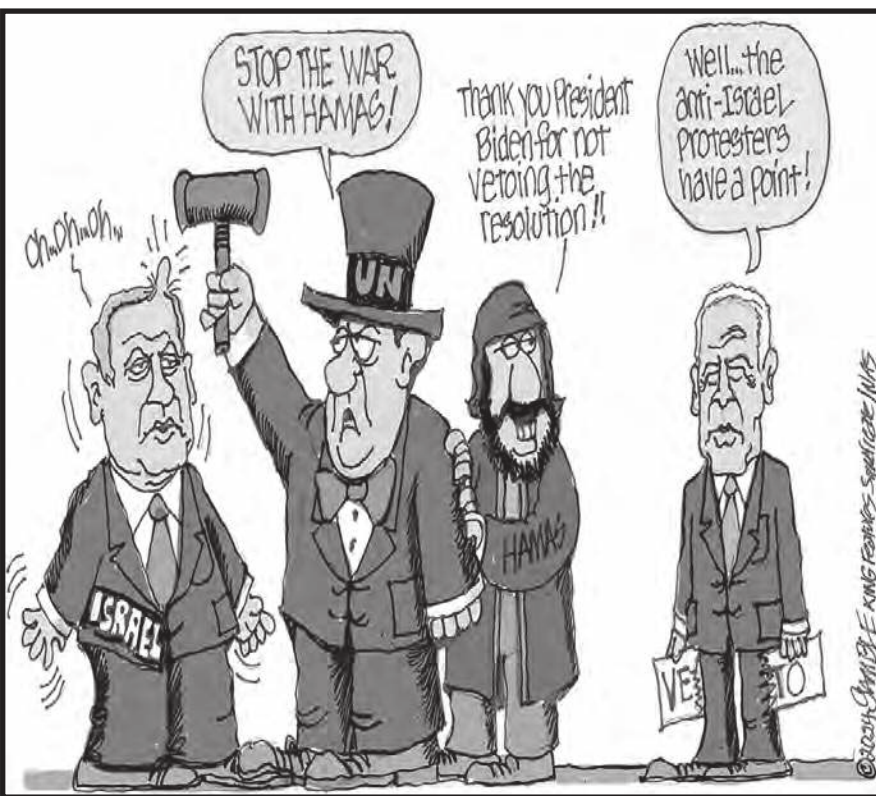
Here are the tax rates for 1913: 1-percent on income of \$0 to \$20,000; 2-percent on income of \$20,000 to \$50,000; 3-percent on income of \$50,000 to \$75,000; 4-percent on income of \$75,000 to \$100,000; 5-percent on income of \$100,000 to \$250,000; 6-percent on income of \$250,000 to \$500,000; and a whopping 7-percent on income of \$500,000 and up.

The latest government data show that in 2018, the top 10-percent of income earners collectively earned 48-percent of the income; and paid 71-percent of the federal income taxes!

Common sense tells us that Congress needs to quit spending our tax dollars so capriciously. According to the USDEBTLOCK.org, at this writing, our current national debt is \$34,662,180,635. (That’s \$34.6 TRILLION)

So, let’s dedicate this Tax Poem to our Congress-persons and hope it opens their eyes to their spending folly. That works out to \$102,997 for

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## Returning to Richmond

When the General Assembly returns to Richmond on April 17th to consider Governor Glenn Youngkin’s amendments and vetoes of legislation from the 2024 legislative session, we will have the opportunity to pass a compromise budget that was recently unveiled by the Governor. Those who have been following along during the budget process are already aware that the Democrat-controlled General Assembly sent the Governor an expensive spending plan that would make life costlier for Virginians. The compromise revealed by Governor Youngkin — dubbed the “Common Ground” budget — is a good-faith effort to fully fund the necessary components of our state government, while not increasing or implementing any new taxes. In total, the Governor proposed more than 230 amendments to the budget, and it includes many items that should resonate across the partisan divide.

By way of background, Virginia’s revenues continue to rise steadily. Yearly tax collections in the Commonwealth have risen by 45% over the past five years; which is due mostly to job and economic growth. In fact, our job growth over the past two years bests that of forty-two other states. When you combine this

## Delegate Jason Ballard

42nd District

news with the \$4.2 billion already in Virginia’s reserve fund and future revenues projected to be above forecasts, it’s plain to see that no new taxes need to be raised in order to fund the Commonwealth’s priorities. The Governor proposed over \$1 billion in tax relief in the initial budget he presented to the General Assembly this past legislative session, while the budget passed by House and Senate Democrats included tax increases that would cost Virginians \$2.6 billion in total. The compromise sent back to the General Assembly is a good faith effort to pass a budget that does not burden Virginians with tax increases, while recognizing that the Democratic-led body is unlikely to go along with tax cuts.

Even with no tax increases, Virginia is well-positioned to invest in several areas of public importance. I’m pleased to report that the Common

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

## The Bible is America’s book

Of all the objectionable things Donald Trump has ever done, selling a Bible would seem to rank pretty far down the list.

Yet his marketing, along with Lee Greenwood, of a God Bless the U.S.A. Bible for \$59.99 has occasioned a couple of news cycles of outrage. The Bible has an American flag cover and accompanying American historical documents, including the Declaration of Independence, as well as the words to Greenwood’s iconic patriotic song.

Hawking the Bible like it’s a digital trading card or a personalized sneaker -- to name a couple of other products Trump has pushed in his inimitable style -- is tasteless and unpresidential, needless to say.

Dwight Eisenhower didn’t market golf balls, and it was notoriously Jimmy Carter’s brother -- not the president -- who sold a specially branded beer.

Nor should anyone confuse the handiwork of Thomas Jefferson -- or Lee Greenwood -- with the Word of God.

But the incensed commentary makes it sound as though Trump is the first person to sell an edition of a Bible catering to a niche market. In reality, there’s a dizzying array of Bibles in this country for people with different interests, whether it’s the law enforcement Bible, busy mom’s Bible or outdoorsman’s Bible with a camouflage cover and “devotions that tie directly to the sports of hunting, fishing, backpacking or any outdoor activity.”

The God Bless the U.S.A. Bible was first published in 2021 and already had competition in the American Patriot’s Bible from 2009.

The fact is that selling Bibles is a very American venture, and the Bible, particularly the King James Version endorsed by Trump, is a very American book, in fact, the American book.

The ship’s carpenter on the Mayflower might have brought the first copy of the King James Bible to our shores. The historian of Christianity Mark Noll notes that the Bible was often the only book that families owned.

By around 1800, traveling Bible salesman Parson Weems (famous for his biography of George Washington) was marveling at the hot market: “I tell you, this is the very season and age of the Bible. Bible dictionaries, Bible tales, Bible stories -- Bibles plain or paraphrased, Carey’s Bibles, Collins’ Bibles, Clarke’s Bibles, Kimpton’s Bibles, no matter what or whose, all, all will go down, so wide is the crater of public appetite at this time.”

According to Noll, between 1794 and 1815, 186 novels were published in America compared to 246 editions of the New Testament or the full Bible. Almost all of the Bibles published before 1840 were the King James Version. Already early in the 19th century, he writes, “printer-publishers were creating and meeting demand by packaging the King James Version in many sizes, shapes,

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 agencies assess the current state of a department with regard to gender equity, identify factors that may be driving any disparities, and develop and implement strategies and solutions to eliminate barriers and advance women in policing. These actions address recruitment, assessment, hiring, retention, promotion, and agency culture.

The Pledge is the foundational effort of the 30x30 Initiative – a coalition of police leaders, researchers, and professional organizations who have joined together to advance the representation and experiences of women in all ranks of policing across the United States. The 30x30 Initiative is affiliated with the Policing Project at NYU School of Law and the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE).

The ultimate goal of the 30x30 Initiative is to reach 30 percent of women in police recruit classes by 2030 and to ensure policing agencies are truly representative of the jurisdiction the agency serves. While 30x30 is focused on advancing women in policing, these principles apply to all demographic diversity, not just gender.

Chief Shumate stated, “This pledge means that the Pulaski Police Department is actively working toward improving the representation and experiences of women officers in our agency.” Chief Shumate “We are honored to be among the first in the nation to make this critical commitment, and we look forward to working with and learning from agencies across the country who share our priority.”

More than 300 agencies – from major metro departments including the New York City Police Department, to mid-sized, rural, university, and state policing agencies – have signed the 30x30 Pledge. The Pledge is based on social science research that greater representation of women on police forces leads to better policing outcomes for communities.

Currently, women make



**Pulaski Police Department has some of the most fierce women in policing on our force and in our leadership and the Command Staff as well as the rest of the department are proud of each and every one of their accomplishments, which are too numerous to mention. We celebrate them and look forward to signing this pledge to show our commitment to our department and our community to ensure hiring only the best candidates to serve the Town of Pulaski while reinforcing our goals of advancing women in policing!**  
**Pictured are some of the best women in Law Enforcement: Captain Sarah Grim (second row, top photo), and left to right front row: Detective Breanna Terry, Officer Jamie Bolt, Officer Jenny Lucas, Officer Hunter Jones, and Lieutenant Paula Linkous. Not pictured: Officer Danielle Stephens.**  
**Supporting them in this picture and every day are the rest of the Command Staff of the Department (Captain Grim is part of Command Staff).**

up only 12 percent of sworn officers and 3 percent of police leadership in the U.S. This underrepresentation of women in policing has significant public safety implications. Research suggests that women officers:

- Use less force and less excessive force

- Are named in fewer complaints and lawsuits

- Are perceived by communities as being more honest and compassionate

- See better outcomes for crime victims, especially in sexual assault cases

“We are grateful to the Pulaski Police Department for being one of the first in the nation to commit to being a part of this growing movement,” said Maureen McGough, co-founder of the 30x30 Initiative, Chief of Staff of the Policing Project at the New York University School



of Law, and former policing expert at the U.S. Department of Justice. “We believe strongly that advancing women in

policing is critical to improving public safety outcomes. We look forward to having more agencies follow Pulaski Police

Department’s lead by signing the pledge and improving the representation and experiences of women in policing.”

# Ballard

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 Ground budget includes a 3% pay raise for teachers and other state employees each year for the next two years. After next year’s raise, Virginia’s teachers’ annual pay will be raised – on average – nearly \$3,500 higher than the national average for teacher pay. This is a worthy investment in those who do so much to prepare our children for gainful employment, as well as all others who perform important public functions. Other investments in education include \$1 billion in additional higher education funding, and \$196 million in funding for at-risk students.

Additionally, important investments in the Common Ground budget include \$70 million to expedite projects in the I-81 corridor, making travel safer and more efficient. \$72.5 million will be allotted to community violence intervention, to include proven programs like Operation Ceasefire, Safer Communities, and the Community Violence Intervention Program. \$20 million will go toward additional support for local police departments, and \$3 million toward law enforcement officer wellness

programs. The compromise budget also includes \$114 million in investments toward biotechnology and life science commercialization, and \$30 million to help with broadband expansion.

These are but a few examples of Governor Youngkin’s desire to negotiate in good faith with General Assembly Democrats on a responsible spending plan. While it does not include everything that either side of the debate wants, it meets

## Abingdon man dies in motorcycle crash

Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred Sunday (April 14, 2024) at 3:00 p.m. on Interstate 77 northbound in Bland County.

A 2011 Harley Davidson HARLX1200 was heading northbound on I-77 at the 56-mile marker when it veered off the Interstate to the right and struck a guardrail.

The driver, Jarrod B. Chafin, 34, of Abingdon, Va., died at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation.

the core goal of funding public necessities while not raising taxes on hard working Virginians. We’ll soon learn whether these are also priorities of Virginia Democrats.

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at

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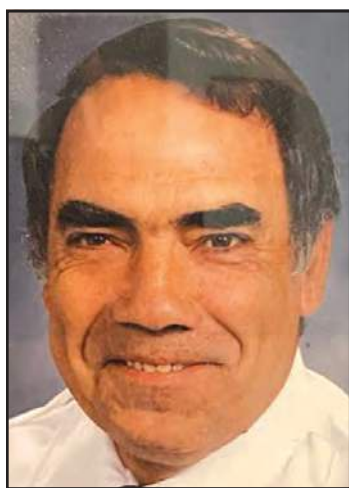
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Those who wish to drive/carpool may do so, of course.

# OBITUARIES



**DONALD REX JONES, SR.**  
Donald Rex Jones, Sr., age 87 of Pulaski went home to Jesus Sunday, April 14, 2024 from the New River Valley Medical Center. Born September 9, 1936 in Mississippi, he was the son of the late Bilbo & Virginia Jones. He was also preceded in death by his daughter Robin Lynn Lokey and sister, Lou Rogers.

Donald was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving 8 years for his country, he then served with the Norfolk Fire Department, where he retired as a Lieutenant with 33 years of service, for the City of Norfolk.

Donald was a great and faithful man of God, who lived his life giving all the Glory to God. He loved his Lord, his family, and his country. Many lives were affected by his Christian Life.

He is survived by his Wife - Hazel Christine Jones - Pulaski

Children - Donald (Sandra) Jones - Radford, Arlette (John) Jones - Hertford, NC

Grandchildren - Brandon & Stacey Kenney, Eric & Kimberly Kenney, David & Laranda Kenney, Mark & Vanessa Kenney and Benjamin & Caitlin Jones

10 Great Grandchildren  
Sisters - Kate O'Brien - FL, Margie Blankenship - GA.

Brothers - Carroll Jones - Mississippi.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at the Pulaski Church of God (Bobwhite Blvd.) with Pastor Randy Wooden and Pastor Donald Jones officiating.

Interment was Thursday, April 18, 2024 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin where he received full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the City of Refuge

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**HAROLD CLAYTON RUPE**

Harold Clayton Rupe, age 82 was called home by our heavenly father on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Harold was preceded in death by his father, Charlie Basil Rupe, his mother Eunice Cecil Rupe Turpin, his wife of 35 years Jewel White Rupe, his first grandson Trey Parris and his brother Elwood Rupe of Draper.

He is survived by his son, Curtis Rupe of Roanoke, Virginia and his daughter Cindy Rupe of Christiansburg, Virginia and grandson Seth Parris of Christiansburg.

Harold was a 1960 graduate of Pulaski High School. In 1964 Harold went to work for United Parcel Service and enjoyed 31 years of employment with them. He retired from UPS in 1995.

Prior to Harold's passing, he had requested no funeral service. Respecting his wishes he will be laid to rest at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Harold's name to The American Cancer Society.

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

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



**ELLEN MARGARET MULLINS REIST**

Ellen Margaret Mullins Reist, age 78 of Dublin passed away Wednesday evening April 10, 2024 at her home with her family. Born May 29, 1945 in Davy, West Virginia she was the daughter of the late William Miller Mullins & Rinda Elizabeth Lester Mullins. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Annie Mae Freeman and two brothers, David A. Mullins and Raymond Mullins.

Ellen is survived by her Husband - Ralph Dennis Reist - Dublin

Children - Mary Elizabeth (Jeff) Wall - Pulaski, Douglas Luther Bowers - Pulaski, Marsha Ellen (Anthony) Thurmer - Pulaski, Bobbie Jo - Staunton, VA, Amy Maxine Reist - Staunton, VA, Ashley Dawn Hilton - Staunton, VA

Numerous Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchildren

Sisters - Marie Mann - Pulaski, Bertha Jane McPeak - Pulaski, Frances Gaye (John) Erskine - Lewisburg, WV, Sarah Catherine (Charles) Blackburn - Frankford, WV

Sister-in-law - Mary Mullins - Ballard, WV

Brother-in-law - Larry Freeman - Pulaski

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Don Sizemore officiating. Interment followed at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

To sign Ellen's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) - Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



**VICTOR LENEAL MATTHEWS**

Victor Leneal Matthews, 71, of Radford passed away in the early morning hours on April 9, 2024 at Lewis-Gale Montgomery Hospital after a brief illness.

Vic, as he was often called, was born on October 6, 1952 in Radford, Virginia to Irma Jean Matthews Tinner and the late William Robert Matthews. After Vic graduated from Dublin High School in 1971 he studied at New River Community College and later at the Pistis School of Ministry through Faith4Life Church located in Round Rock, Texas. He also completed ministerial training in 2021 through the Church of God in Christ and became an ordained Elder at Radford COGIC.

In 2004, Vic married Shannon Free in Round Rock, Texas. Vic and Shannon went on to have one child, Zakk who is dearly loved.

In 2016 Vic retired from the security industry and spent his time as an entrepreneur, ministering, fishing and golfing with his son, and enjoying family cookouts at Claytor Lake.

Vic was preceded in death by his father William Robert Matthews, sister Bryce Matthews, grandmother Ossie Steger, step-father Warren Tinner, and father-in-law Glenn Free. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Shannon and their son Zakk of Radford, Virginia; daughter Ayanna Matthews of Powder Springs, Georgia; mother Irma Jean Tinner of Radford, Virginia; grandchildren London (Jasmine) Matthews and Zicari Matthews of Atlanta, Georgia; brother William (Felicia) Matthews III of Austin, Texas; brother Dean (Kim) Matthews of Fairlawn, Virginia; sisters-in-law Tracy (Rod) LaVelle of Vail, Arizona and Natasha (Isaac) Hall of Cedar Park, Texas; special nieces and nephews Mia, Will, Nadine, Hailey, McKinley, Garrett, and Quaid; and a host of cousins, family members and close friends.

A memorial service will be held 12:00 p.m. noon - Saturday, April 27, 2024 at the Radford Church of God in Christ located at 206 Russell Avenue, Radford.

Repast will be immediately following the service at the Church Fellowship Hall.



**KAREN DISHON VAN CUREN**

After a long battle with cancer, Karen Dishon Van Curen, age 59 of Clover, South Carolina and formerly of Snowville, Virginia passed away Thursday, April 11, 2024 in her home surrounded by family.

Known for her love of people, positive outlook on life and love for vacationing with family and friends, Karen will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Born April 2, 1965 in Pulaski, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Marvin "Elroy" Dishon & Helen "Blanche" Carpenter Dishon. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Terry Wayne Dishon and Father-in-Law, Jonathan "Jack" Van Curen.

Karen is survived by her Husband - Jon Van Curen - Clover, SC

Daughter - Audrey Ellen (Charlie) Warnick - Clover, SC

Grandchildren - Marley Jane Warnick, Charles Joshua "CJ" Warnick

Mother-in-law - Elaine Van Curen - Lake Wylie, SC

Brother-in-law - James "Michael" (Lori) Van Curen - Blue Ridge, VA

Sister-in-law - Leah Van Curen - Lake Wylie, SC

She is also survived by various nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 noon - Friday, April 19, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Vernon Greene officiating. Interment will follow at the Dishon Family Cemetery, Hiwassee, VA (Snowville Community).

The family will receive friends Friday, from 11:00 a.m. until service time at the Funeral Home.

Karen's family asks that she be remembered for the joy she brought to others in life, not the sadness of her passing. In lieu of flowers, the family asks per Karen's wish, that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

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

A Celebration of life will be held at a later date at New River Church in Lake Wylie, SC.

**MARY BYRD QUESENBERRY**

Mary Byrd Quesenberry, age 92 of Pulaski, died Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at her residence. She was born on October 20, 1932, in Wythe County, and was the daughter of the late Sally Byrd and Bill Byrd.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Jimmy Blevins: five brothers, and two sisters, and a grandchild: Freda Semones.

She is survived by her husband, Arvil Quesenberry of Pulaski: a son, Robert F. (Judy) Newman of Roanoke: two grandchildren; Robyn (Mark) Skidmore of Roanoke, and Steve (Shelia) Manning of Roanoke: several great-grandchildren: several nieces and nephews, and a special friend, Eddie Duncan of Dublin.

Graveside funeral services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. There was no visitation at the funeral home.

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

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**JO JEAN MCCOY COKER**

Jo Jean McCoy Coker, age 84 of Pulaski County, died Sunday, April 7, 2024 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was born on February 14, 1940, and was the daughter of the late Ruth Maria Sparks McCoy and the late Richard McCoy. She was a retired secretary at Radford Army Ammunition Plant. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband James "Jim" Coker.

Born on Valentine's Day, Jo was definitely a rose from heaven, sassy and spicy, full of life. Jo was dearly loved by everyone that befriended her and she was blessed with a band of lifelong friends. Her humor and contagious laugh were a gift to all who knew her. Jo never met a stranger and she loved to make people laugh. She loved animals with a passion and was a giver by nature. Because she shared her heart so freely, Jo left memorable stories with all who know her.

Head strong and independent, Jo lived life to the fullest. She always loved an adventure and was a lifelong fan of Elvis. She loved horses and horseback riding all of her life. Jo enjoyed many years of round and square dancing in the New River Valley. She loved to paint, creating many ceramic gifts over the years. With Jo, everything from bingo to cruising became an adventure. No matter where she went or who she was with, she was always looking for the "big one" be it a Cadillac or a nice slice of cake! Peach schnapps was her signature tonic! She is one who will never be forgotten.

Jo is survived by two daughters; Ramona Ruth (Douglas) Longbottom of Mineral Bluff, GA, and Annette Elizabeth Manning of Dublin: one son; Larry Ferriell Manning, II of Draper: three step-sons; Mark (Deborah) Coker of Roanoke, Kevin Coker of Roanoke, and Troy (Jackie) Coker of Appomattox. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Samantha Ruth Longbottom, Connor Douglas Longbottom, Rayne Felicity

Jean (David) Arthur, Miranda Elizabeth (Jason Williams) Lyle, Lennon Lyle, Zane Coker, Katelyn Coker, Arlen Coker, Kourtney Coker, Suzanne Coker, and Nicholas Coker. She was a great-grandmother to Jake Williams, Hannah Williams, Braiden Lyle, and Mikala Lyle.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home in Pulaski, Virginia with Charles Henderson, pastor of Thessalia Community Church, officiating. Interment will be private.

For those who wish, they may make memorial contributions in Jo's memory to the Thessalia Community Church, your local animal rescue, or the American Diabetic Association.

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



**JAMES ELBERT PHILLIPPI, SR.**

James Elbert Phillippi, Sr., age 81 of Draper passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at his home. Born October 30, 1942 in Wytheville, Virginia, he was the son of the late Lawrence Phillippi & Ella Canoy Phillippi. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Martha Diana Phillippi.

James was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

James is survived by his Daughter – Melissa Gregory & husband, Paul – Barren Springs

Sons – James Phillippi, Jr. & wife, Laura – Draper, Alan Phillippi – Pulaski

Granddaughters – Andrea

**Jones**

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

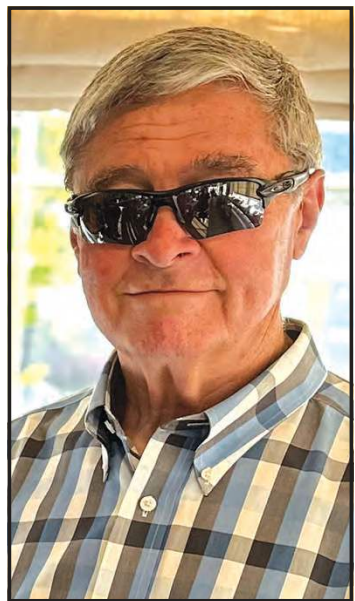
Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

**DOUGLAS EDGAR HUGHETT**

Mr. Douglas Edgar Hughett, 71, passed away Thursday, April 11, 2024, at his home. He was born in Roanoke, VA on May 2, 1952, to the late Edgar Allen and Nina Ballard Hughett.

Mr. Hughett retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad with 39 years of service. He served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen for eighteen years. Mr. Hughett loved nature and being outside. When wasn't spending time with his beloved grandchildren—who knew him affectionately as Poppy—he enjoyed biking with his wife and friends, bird watching, reading his Bible, and walking.

Surviving is his loving wife of 47 years, Cecilia Robinson Hughett; son, Luke Hughett; daughter, Megan Hughett Russell (Darryl); seven grandchildren, Cory Lawson (Rachel), Jordan Russell (Kristen), Ezekiel Russell, Hadassah Russell, Pallu Russell, Salem Russell, and Willa Campbell-Hughett; two great-grandchildren, Tate Lawson and Tucker Lawson; also surviving are two sisters, Brenda Rowland



(Bob) and Barbara Jacks (Sam).

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Redland Church with Pastor David Richardson officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Redland Church, 137 Baltimore Rd. Advance, NC 27006. Online condolences may be made at [www.hayworth-miller.com](http://www.hayworth-miller.com).

(Clinton) Meadows, Katie Lyons (Hunter Thomas), Kayla Smith, Adalaide Phillippi and Lauralai Phillippi

Grandsons – Doug (Tara) Phillippi, Danny (Lauren) Phillippi and Mikey Phillippi

Great Grandchildren – Kaylee Lyons, Grace Lyons, Chet Smith, Blair Smith, Aly Meadows, Jackson Thomas, Lynnix Jennelle, Clint Meadows, Alex Phillippi, Ada

Phillippi, Bennett Phillippi and Marley Phillippi

Sisters – Jean Rhodes – WV, Nancy Morris – NC

Many nieces and nephews Funeral services were held Monday, April 15, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski with Bishop Randall Lawrence officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin where James received full

military honors.

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

Special thanks, from the family to Medi-Home Health and Hospice for their loving care, especially to our nurse Sally and CNA's Bailey, Kayla and Arianna.

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# Radford Council considers proposed city, school budgets

By DAVID QUESENBERRY  
Patriot Publishing

At its special meeting on April 16th, Radford City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed FY 2025 City Budget; FY 2025 School Budget and the proposed Real Estate Tax rate.

In his review of the City Budget, City Manager David Ridpath said that several factors placed pressure upon the budget such as rate increases by Appalachian Power for wholesale power purchases, the general rate of inflation, increases for treatment costs by Pepper's Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority and supply chain issues.

According to Ridpath, the General Fund is budgeted at \$35,411,361 and covers the main operations of the city such as public safety, administration, social services, educational support, courts, and other functions.

The main source of revenue for the General Fund is real estate taxes. Due to the latest reassessment, taxable property values increased on average 31 percent from \$888 million to \$1.196 billion. This represented 55 percent of the total valuation of the city, with 45 percent of the total valuation being non-taxable.

For the current reassessment, the current real estate tax rate of \$0.84/\$100 of assessed value was rolled back to a rate of \$0.64/\$100 of assessed value as required by state law to get the same amount of revenue as before the reassessment. The proposed real estate tax rate is \$0.69/\$100 of assessed value – an anticipated increase of 7.8 percent.

The Water/Wastewater Fund is budgeted at \$6,320,498 and covers the production, transmission and distribution of water and treatment and distribution of wastewater. The rate for 2000 gallons of wastewater is proposed to be raised by \$2.00 from \$14.24 to \$16.24 to cover increases in treatment costs from Pepper's Ferry and needed improvements to sanitary sewer pumps. In addition, the Water Connection Fee would increase from \$1,300 to \$2,000 to cover the cost of meters and connections.

The Solid Waste Fund is budgeted at \$1,688,841 with no increases in rates anticipated.

The Electric Fund is budgeted at \$28,854,443 and deals with the administration, transmission, servicing and distribution of the City's electrical grid. Ridpath emphasized the increase in the cost of wholesale power purchases from \$12,424,346 in 2020 to a proposed \$20,026,219 for FY 2025. The increases were due to rising fuel costs, PJM transmission costs, APCO's energy demand, contract increases and inflation.

Of importance Ridpath noted was the transfer in funds from the Electrical Fund to the General fund of some \$3 million which helped support the General Fund. Since nearly 50% of properties in the City were tax exempt, the real estate tax alone would not generate sufficient revenue for the budget. The transfer from the Electric Fund was crucial to the welfare of the General Fund.

Because of proposed changes in the electric base rates from \$104.65/ 1000 kWh to \$107.97/1000 kWh and the residential rate to .056087/ kWh, the



average bill for 1,000 kWh of use is projected to result in a monthly increase of \$29.23.

The Street Fund is budgeted at \$2,829,359 with most of the funding coming from VDOT, while the Transit Fund is budgeted at \$2,860,488 and funded mostly by federal and state funds.

Ridpath said that the total City budget was balanced at \$79,043,310.

Concerning year end fund balances, Ridpath said the total fund balance was projected to be \$3,347,003. In response to a question asking how much fund reserves should be, Ridpath said about \$5 million but he preferred to have \$6 million.

Council next heard a presentation on the school budget from Superintendent Dr. Adam Joyce.

For the upcoming fiscal year, the School Board Budget totaled \$44,230,789. Dr. Joyce told Council that since the state budget has not been passed, the amount of funding received from the state remains uncertain.

The Local Composite Index, used to determine state funding to localities, had dropped making the City eligible for more state funding. However, the lower index also indicated more fiscal stress in financing education. The City was fortunate he said, to have avoided a sharp downturn in state aid as compared to some surrounding school districts.

Dr. Joyce then reviewed the proposed fund expenditures for the eight funds making up the school budget. They were as follows: Textbook Fund - \$852,102; Operating Fund - \$38,098,260; School Nutrition Fund - \$1,033,057; Grants Fund - \$2,694,745; Health Insurance Fund - \$2,858,251; School Capital Projects - \$220,000; Region 7 Virtual Academy - \$184,478; and the Southwest Virginia Governor's School - \$862,896.

The top priority for the upcoming fiscal year was a 7 percent increase in salaries for school system personnel. Four percent of the salary increase would come from local funds while the remaining three percent would be state funded. Dr. Joyce said that it was necessary to address compensation to attract and retain quality personnel for the system. He mentioned that not only were the schools competing with other districts to attract personnel, but were also competing with large retail stores.

Mentioned as initiatives for the upcoming year were: provision of school supplies for students and maintenance funding for "shared spaces" of the school used by the schools and the community.

Regarding personnel, he proposed the system add: a part-time school psychologist; two specialty positions for art and music in the elementary schools; a library aide; an additional CTE teacher in the school's agriculture program; an apprentice

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# Taxes

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each citizen; and \$266,951 for each taxpayer.

Tax his land, Tax his bed, Tax the table, At which he's fed.

Tax his tractor, Tax his mule, Teach him taxes are the rule.

Tax his work, Tax his pay, He works for peanuts anyway!

Tax his cow, Tax his goat, Tax his pants, Tax his coat.

Tax his ties, Tax his shirt, Tax his work, Tax his dirt.

Tax his tobacco, Tax his drink, Tax him if he Tries to think.

Tax his cigars, Tax his beers, If he cries Tax his tears.

Tax his car, Tax his gas, Find other ways To tax his a...

Tax all he has Then let him know That you won't be done

Till he has no dough.

When he screams and When he hollers; Tax him more, 'till He's good and sore.

Then tax his coffin, Tax his grave, Tax the sod in Which he's laid...

Put these words Upon his tomb, Taxes drove me to my doom...

When he's gone, Do not relax, Its time to apply The inheritance tax!

Here is an eye-opener for you to think about – an alphabetical list of some of the Taxes we pay.

- Accounts Receivable Tax
- Building Permit Tax
- CDL license Tax
- Cigarette Tax
- Corporate Income Tax
- Dog License Tax
- Excise Taxes
- Federal Income Tax
- Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)
- Fishing License Tax
- Food License Tax
- Fuel Permit Tax
- Gasoline Tax (currently 44.75 cents per gallon)
- Gross Receipts Tax
- Hunting License Tax
- Inheritance Tax
- Inventory Tax
- IRS Interest Charges IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
- Liquor Tax
- Luxury Taxes
- Marriage License Tax
- Medicare Tax
- Personal Property Tax
- Property Tax
- Real Estate Tax
- Recreational Vehicle Tax
- Road Usage Tax
- Sales Tax
- School Tax
- Service Charge Tax
- Social Security Tax
- State Income Tax
- State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)
- Telephone Federal Excise Tax
- Telephone Federal Universal

- Service Fee Tax
- Telephone Federal, State and Local Surcharge Taxes
- Telephone Minimum Usage Surcharge Tax
- Telephone Recurring and Nonrecurring Charges Tax
- Telephone State and Local Tax
- Telephone Usage Charge Tax
- Utility Taxes
- Vehicle License Registration Tax
- Vehicle Sales Tax
- Watercraft Registration Tax
- Well Permit Tax
- Workers Compensation Tax

According to a Facebook blogger, not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, & our nation was the most prosperous in the world. We had limited national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids. What in the heck happened? Could it be due to the rise of career politicians? Thinking about this all these taxes, really taxes my brain and gives me a headache. I think I need a nap now. Hopefully naps will never get taxed!

# Constitution Alive classes offered in Pulaski

As we approach the "all campaigning, all of the time" season that leads to the presidential election in November, are you prepared to cast your vote on purpose? Most Americans are not confident about what the responsibilities of the chief executive officer of our nation are.

If you would like to refresh your understanding, come to next week's episode of Constitution Alive and hear the engaging interchange between one of America's greatest historians, David Barton, and constitution coach Rick Green, as they unpack the background, original intent, and Article II of our constitution, which is the job description of our President.

Constitution Alive is hosted at Pulaski Presbyterian Church on Memorial Drive on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. You are welcome to join us for the on upcoming class. If you like it, come back every week to learn more about the plans our founding fathers laid out to establish a free and prosperous society.

If you'd like additional information on this or other Patriot Academy courses, please contact me.

Susan Peters  
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# Pulaski County land transfers

Pulaski County property transfers for February 2024 as reported by the Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

Christopher L Martin to West Street Properties, LLC, property off Cougar Trail Rd, Dublin, \$70,000.

Sandra G Harris to Daniel Schroeder, property at 5597 Riggs St, Dublin, \$115,000.

Paige J Selvey to Courtney H Martin, property at 176 Bentley Lane, Pulaski, \$146,500.

James D Bowman Jr to

Larry Bonagura, property at 4684 Clarks Ferry Rd, Draper, \$105,000.

Teresa Diane Mannon Bolling to John Jewell, property at 5750 Jones Drive, Dublin, \$247,000.

Julie H Sexton to CRM Properties, LLC Virginia, property at 7527 Orchard Rd, Fairlawn, \$105,000.

Stephen P Newberry Jr to Heather Bartley, property at 4659 Heavener Rd, Snowville, \$665,000.

Lewis Properties III LLC to

Valley Key Properties LLC, property at 201 Newbern Rd, Dublin, \$515,000.

George William Hager to Karen Renee Hodge, property at 248 First St SE, Pulaski, \$54,000.

Walter Timothy Saville to Stephen P Newberry Jr, property at 4138 Old Mill Rd, Pulaski, \$660,000.

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

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# Lowery

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and prices." Constant innovations in printing and distribution meant that the Bible and Bible-related literature led to what another historian calls "the birth of mass media in America."

The King James Version played an enormous role in shaping America's anti-monarchical attitudes during the Revolution. And the way the Bible pervaded and shaped American life was one reason that the country's early leaders hoped a state establishment of religion was unnecessary -- thanks to the Bible, they could have Christianity, and a virtuous society, without Christendom.

The King James Bible became foundational to American rhetoric and literature such that it is impossible to

imagine the work of the likes of Martin Luther King Jr. or William Faulkner without it. Even as its influence has declined, we often quote or echo it without even realizing it.

"The great influence of the King James Version in American history," Noll has said, "came precisely because it was so widely available; because precisely its words, and what the words communicated, had entered so deeply into the consciousness of so many Americans, and particularly of otherwise voiceless Americans."

The God Bless the U.S.A. Bible won't be a signal contribution to this tradition, but neither is it a betrayal of it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# CarePortal will offer Care Sharing online connections

By WILLIAM PAINE  
Patriot Publishing

Representatives for the CarePortal recently gave an informational presentation at Pulaski County's Emergency Management Department, with the goal of establishing a presence in Pulaski County.

CarePortal is an internet platform designed to expose the needs of children and families in the community and then connect those families with churches whose members provide the resources to help these at-risk families.

"CarePortal was launched out of a nonprofit in Kansas City called the Global Orphan Project and one of the things that CarePortal is really focused on is helping families in crisis and children in crisis before social services has to step in and remove children from their homes," said CarePortal Ambassador Lynnanne Catron.

According to resources provided by CarePortal, nearly 4 million children teeter on the brink of entering foster care with more than 400,000 children currently in foster care. Half of the homeless population, 60% of girls and women rescued from sex trafficking raids and 75% of those who have been incarcerated spent time in foster care. In addition, 89% of kids that age out of the foster care system are homeless, pregnant, trafficked, incarcerated or addicted within 24 months.

The CarePortal works by linking child serving agencies to churches in the community through the CarePortal internet platform. These child service agencies, a.k.a. implementing partners, deal with the needs of children daily and are therefore ideally situated to recognize the



William Paine/Patriot Publishing

Kelly Blankenship stands in the Care Closet at the City of Refuge. Kelly calls this room full of necessities the Momma Bear Closet.

needs of struggling families.

Pulaski based City of Refuge has opted to act as the implementing agency for CarePortal in Pulaski County. As such, they will vet the needs of families before sharing them on the CarePortal website. Once those needs are posted, churches participating in the CarePortal program will have the ability to meet those needs.

"We got the call about six

months ago saying they wanted to come into this area," said the City of Refuge's Kelly Blankenship. "Joe (Blankenship) and I were very excited when we first heard about it. We wanted to be on board. We wanted this to come to Pulaski County and help make it big."

Brandy Page, Executive Director at SWVA Crossroads Coalition for Orphan and Foster Care, first introduced the idea of bringing CarePortal to this area to Mandy Farris of the Northstar Church.

Farris, whose husband Dave is the pastor of Northstar, has worked with Brad Wright, Pulaski County Director of Emergency Services, several times in the recent past. This is why the meeting was held at Pulaski County's Emergency Services building.

"Mandy Farris reached out to me because when I have emergencies, I've been reaching out to Northstar Church," said Wright. "A family got stranded on the interstate on Christmas Eve and she found a hotel to put them up through the night with her network of churches. When I had the warming shelter up, she blasted it out to the other churches and she had meals set out for every day that we had warming shelters open. The CarePortal has an element for Emergency Management for when after a fire or flood and help is needed ... that's how I'm on board with it."

"Brad called us about multiple fires last year and the warming center this year," said Farris. "So, I'm happy to have a team of people that can help. We know a lot of people but we don't know everybody so I'm happy to have so much more reach with all these extra churches."

Northstar Church is the first church to formally commit to CarePortal project and Draper Valley Presbyterian has also committed to CarePortal. Regina Szerokman, another CarePortal Ambassador, is speaking to several other churches in Pulaski County to see if they would be willing to sign on.

"We need to get 5 or six churches actively engaged and we don't have that yet," said Lynnanne Catron. "When we say engaged, we want a point person who has a couple or 10 people that want to work with me and get them trained and then they're ready. Everybody that we've talked to has been

interested and encouraged and I feel like it's just a matter of time before getting the right puzzle pieces in the right place and get rolling with it."

According to Brandy Page, CarePortal is currently operating in 35 states across the country with Georgia, Tennessee, New York and Oklahoma using their state's Department of Social Services to act as CarePortal's "Implementing Partners." As such, these state agencies vet the needs of these families and use the CarePortal website to bring it to the attention of participating churches.

Thirty-five localities in Virginia are currently signed up for the CarePortal program, often times utilizing their county social services departments to help find families that can benefit from this Care Sharing service.

In addition to local social services departments, school systems often become implementing partners in the CarePortal program but it is not free to join. It costs about 50 cents per student for a school system to become an implementing partner for CarePortal; that works out to approximately \$2000, if Pulaski County Public Schools decided to join.

Often times local business entities or state grants cover those costs. S&W Fertilizer sponsors Wythe County Schools' participation in CarePortal and a grant from the Twin County Foundation covers the cost of participation for both Grayson County and Galax City

schools.

To be most effective in finding and vetting the needs of children and their families, both Pulaski County Social Services and Pulaski County Public Schools would need to act as Implementing partners for CarePortal. But neither have committed.

For now, the City of Refuge is the only local entity that has agreed to fill that role with the cost of their participation (approximately \$2,500 a year) to be waived for the first year. Joe and Kelly Blankenship are already actively supporting those in need in Pulaski County by providing a myriad of services including food giveaways every Monday and Friday afternoon. The City of Refuge also maintains a Care Closet filled with necessities for those in need. Another bigger Care Closet is set to open this month at the Pulaski Youth Center in Fairlawn. Social Workers representing foster care families and CarePortal volunteers will both have access to this new Care Closet, which will include large items including furniture.

Churches, businesses or even individuals interested in being a part of the CarePortal project can go to the CarePortal website for more information or to sign up online. Or contact Kelly or Joe Blankenship at the City of Refuge and they will provide contact information with one of the CarePortal Ambassadors.

For now, the plan is to launch CarePortal in early June, if enough churches sign on to be a

## Radford

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from Radford University; and four Americorps teachers.

The portion of the school budget contributed by the City would be \$5,839,528 which is level funded from last year.

Following the presentation Councilwoman Jessie Foster said she was concerned that school personnel would receive a raise while City employees would not. Councilwoman Kellie Artrip asked for information on school system reserves.

During the public comment period on the budgets, Mrs. Marsha Compton said it was hard on First Responders to not get a raise while teachers received one. She added there were other needs besides schools, with respect to retirees who were more involved with First Responders. The hearing was then closed.

Council next opened the public hearing on the proposed tax rate of \$0.69/ \$100 of assessed value.

John Compton questioned the assessment on his property and how that assessment was determined. He noted that assessments on neighboring properties varied widely with 22 of his neighbors' properties assessed lower than his property.

He asked for clarification on

the criteria for assessment and asked what recourse he had since the Board of Equalization would not meet until fall.

Mayor David Horton said that there were changes at the state level regarding the time during which Boards of Equalization would meet, with the time apparently being moved to the fall. He emphasized that the City had no control over when the Board would meet. Councilwoman Foster asked Compton to keep her apprised of developments as the matter moved forward.

Following discussion on procedural matters, Council unanimously approved on the first reading of Ordinance 1802 approving the City and School Board Budgets and Ordinance 1803 setting the real estate tax rate. The second reading is scheduled for Council's next regular meeting on Monday, April 22nd.

Council agreed to consider at its Monday meeting the issue of raises and School Board reserves. If an additional meeting is required, it will be held on Thursday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Radford City Council will be at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 22, 2024 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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## State Police investigate two-tractor-trailer crash

Virginia State Police is investigating a two-vehicle crash involving two tractor-trailers that occurred Monday (April 15, 2024) at 9:50 p.m. at the interchange of Interstate 81 northbound and Interstate 77 in Wythe County.

One tractor-trailer had parked partially in the emergency lane and partially in the right northbound lane of Interstate 81 when it was struck in the rear by another northbound second tractor-trailer. The impact of the crash pushed the first tractor-trailer into the guardrail and then both vehicles caught fire.

The driver of the first tractor

trailer, Ricky G. Hammond, 29, of Phoenix, Ariz., suffered minor injuries in the crash. Hammond was charged with improper stopping on a highway.

The driver of the second tractor trailer, Khamid Eshkobilov, 34, of Brooklyn, N.Y., suffered serious injuries. Both drivers were transported to area hospitals.

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not lost His touch. (Mt. 8:14-17) Blind Bartimaeus would say, He has not lost His touch. (Mk. 10:46-52) I've seen more people than I can remember who would say, He has not lost His healing touch. Ephesians 3:20 says that He is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." If you need healing, have faith in God, because He has not lost His touch.

He has not lost His touch to supply your needs. He is the Great Supplier. Philippians 4:19 tells us, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." He supplied the needs of a widow, whose story is told in 2 Kings 4. He supplied the needs of two hungry crowds that had followed Him listening to Him preach. He has supplied by needs. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. He said all the gold and silver belonged to Him. If you need it, He's got it. He can supply your every need. God has not lost His touch and He never will.

He has not lost His creative touch. Isaiah 40:31 calls Him the Creator of the ends of the earth. If you see it, if you hear it, or if you touch it, God created it! He created our world in six days, and He has not lost His touch. "All things were made by Him, and without him was not anything made that was made." (John 1:3) He not only creates, He recreates. He recreates hearts. He takes hearts that are stained by sin and recreates them into pure and holy hearts. He has the touch.

He still heals those who are sick and hurting. Ex. 15:26 says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Peter's Mother-in-law would say, He has

## African UMC churches weigh future

By PETER SMITH  
Associated Press

The United Methodist Church lost one-fourth of its U.S. churches in a recent schism, with conservatives departing over disputes on sexuality and theology.

Now, with the approach of its first major legislative gathering in several years, the question is whether the church can avert a similar outcome elsewhere in the world, where about half its members live.

The question is particularly acute in Africa, home to the vast majority of United Methodists outside the U.S. Most of its bishops favor staying, but other voices are calling for regional conferences to disaffiliate.

At the upcoming General Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, delegates will tackle a wide range of proposals — from repealing the church's ban on same-sex marriage and ordaining LGBTQ people, to creating more autonomy for regional conferences to set such rules, to making it easier for international churches to leave the denomination.

Delegate Jerry Kulah of Liberia said he believes it's time for African churches to leave.

He said that when he first attended a General Conference in 2008, he was shocked by proposals to liberalize church rules. Since then, he helped mobilize African delegates to vote with American conservatives to create ever-stricter denominational rules against same-sex marriage and ordaining LGBTQ people.

But progressive American churches have increasingly been defying such rules and now appear to have the votes to overturn them.

"We know that we are not going to the General Conference to necessarily win votes," said Kulah, general coordinator of the advocacy group UMC Africa Initiative. "So our goal is to go and articulate our position and let the world know why it has become very necessary to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, because we cannot afford to preach different gospels."

But Jefferson Knight, also a delegate from Liberia, opposes disaffiliation. He said a schism would amount to forsaking the rich spiritual legacy of the UMC in Africa and would sever its valuable international bonds.

"Liberia was the birthplace of the United Methodist Church on the continent of Africa in the 1800s," said Knight, of the advocacy group United Methodist Africa Forum.

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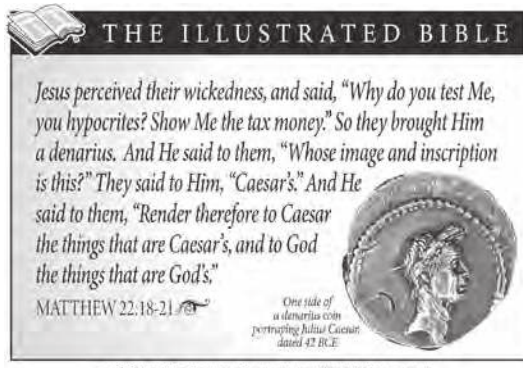
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3. From Ephesians 5, what did Paul recommend as a substitute for wine? Water, Laughter, Love, Holy Spirit
4. Who condemns drinkers who start early in the morning? Job, Isaiah, Ezra, Esther
5. Which king had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen? David, Jehoshaphat, Solomon, Neco
6. Who wrote the book of Revelation? John, Jude, Matthew, Peter

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nehemiah, 3) Holy Spirit, 4) Isaiah, 5) Solomon, 6) John (the Revelator)  
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# SPORTS

## Reports: Roan to be next JMU AD



Matt "Tater" Roan

### Staff Report

A Harrisonburg TV station is reporting that former Pulaski County Cougar Matt "Tater" Roan will be hired as the next athletic director at James Madison University.

WHSV TV reported Tuesday afternoon that Roan would be the pick to succeed Jeff Bourne, who will retire at the end of the month.

Currently, Roan is athletic director at Eastern Kentucky where he has worked since January 2020.

Prior to that he was AD at

Nicholls State.

According to Virginia Tech's football archives, Roan, 40 is the son of Kenneth and Debbie Roan of Dublin.

According to Tech, Roan lettered two seasons as a tight end and outside linebacker for Coach Joel Hicks at Pulaski County High, helping the team to a pair of district and regional titles. Roan caught nine passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns. Roan hauled in three passes for 48 yards and a touchdown against William Byrd. He grabbed two passes for 33 yards and a

TD versus William Fleming. Roan contributed 52 tackles and an interception on defense. He also lettered three years in basketball and was a member of the National Honor Society.

According to Eastern Kentucky University, Roan earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky School of Law in 2012. A transfer from Virginia Tech, he graduated summa cum laude with a political science degree from Southern Utah University in 2007 following a standout football career that included

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## Game Day Banter

Jeramey Fleenor

## We're seeing a generational shift in sports

It is always good to be alive long enough to see a generational shift, and though women's basketball has been played at a high level for many years, the next level is also on the horizon.

For example, a record 2.45 million viewers tuned in to the 2024 WNBA draft on ESPN to witness the Indiana Fever select Caitlin Clark with the first overall pick on Monday, demolishing the previous record. Additionally, for the first time, the women's title game drew more viewers than the men's, averaging 18.7 million viewers on ABC and ESPN and peaking at 24 million viewers. On a side note, that is an impressive number, considering the men's tourney was in prime time.

For years, some in the women's professional sports world have been very vocal about equity in pay, facilities and opportunities in comparison to the men's leagues. If memory serves me correctly, a couple of years ago, there was a huge blow-up over how the NCAA women's tourney was not even close to the elaborate event the men got to enjoy.

I have also heard all of the same answers. The men have the revenue in both pro and college. The men have the star power, which, in turn, pulls in more sponsorships, ticket sales, merchandise sales, and revenue. Though this may be an unpopular opinion, I agree; one of the hard facts is that professional men's basketball has been around longer, has held the spotlight longer, and has and will continue to produce more revenue than the Women's game. Now, before we get all offended or proud (depending on which side of the coin you are on), it is safe to say that the WNBA and women's college basketball are gaining traction! Please, don't misunderstand. I hope these highly talented women can make millions instead of hundreds of thousands. I am a sports card collector, and that market is starting to pick up for the women's side of basketball. A few years ago, we were able to catch an Indiana Fever game; I would love for the Fever to get an arena and not have to play at the Indiana State Fairground. And I will say again: I think a lot of this is about to change.

Caitlin Clark, Cameron Brink, Kamilla Cardoso, Angel Reese, Kate Martin, and Elizabeth Kitley, to name a few, are making progress up a very steep hill. Though they have made great bounds, it will be the talent they have that paved the way, so that the dream of many can come to reality. Like any other significant moment in sports history, this is not created overnight; the fact is, generations of female athletes have pioneered moments in sports that have gotten to this point. Though I am not a betting man, a safe wager would be the WNBA will be taken to another level this year, and as young ladies continue to want to be better than their heroes, it will continue to improve. It's going to be a fun trip, so stay tuned!

In other basketball news, looking back at the WNBA draft, the Fever just leveled up in talent and popularity, leading to revenue. The returning champion Chicago Sky continues to add weapons

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Pulaski County Public Schools

## PCHS wrestling team members recognized

Members of the Pulaski County High School wrestling team excelled this season, with several making it to the State Championship tournament. They were recently recognized by the School Board.

Senior Xavier Ramsey went into the State meet as the Region 3D Champion in the 120-pound division, boasting a record of 32-3 on the season and having earned his 100th win in his high school career. This is an accomplishment only a handful of Pulaski County wrestlers have achieved in the history of the school. Xavier started the day off at the State meet with a pinfall win over a wrestler from Alleghany County, but fell in his second match to move to the consolation rounds. He won his next match by pinfall, then earned a win in his next match by decision. After dropping his next

match by pinfall, he won a 4-0 decision in his final match to secure fifth place in the state. He ends his senior season with a record of 36-5.

Senior Parker Midkiff went into the State tournament as the third-place finisher for the 175-pound division at the Region meet and with an overall record of 13-6. Unfortunately, he was pinned in both of his matches, ending his season with a record of 13-8.

Sophomore Braydon Fowlkes finished the Region meet in fourth place overall in the 132-pound division with an overall record of 19-12. Unfortunately, he was pinned in both of his matches, ending his season with a record of 19-14.

Two wrestlers, Emily East (9th grade) and Patricia Eubanks (10th grade), were among 408 female wrestlers to compete at the VHSL Girls State Championships at Gar-Field Senior High School in Woodbridge February 23. The women's division is a new program that is helping promote the sport of wrestling among the female students. While they weren't able to get a gold medal just yet, East and Eubanks showed consistent improvement in their abilities throughout the season and continued to help the women's division grow in our school system and the Commonwealth.

Expectations will continue to rise for all of our wrestlers in the Cougar wrestling program.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### Abby Shockley

Abby Shockley is this week's Athlete of the Week. According to her coach, Shockley went 3-0 in her matches recently, including an 8-6 win against her Christiansburg opponent on April 12.

From NASCAR

With six different winners in the first nine races of the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series season, this weekend's GEICO 500 (Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. ET on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) offers a plethora of opportunity for a seventh

different winner to pull into Victory Lane and secure their spot in the Playoffs.

Talladega Superspeedway has seen seven different winners in the last seven races; including this Sunday's defending winner, Richard Childress Racing's Kyle Busch, who is still looking for

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## Talladega offers chance for seventh different winner

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# LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE TO ALL PULASKI COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY CUSTOMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Pulaski County Public Service Authority will hold a public hearing on Tuesday May 7, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the EOC/IT Training Room, 89 Commerce Street, S. W., Maple Shade Plaza, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, on the proposed revision of water, sewer and refuse rates at which hearing owners, tenants and occupants of property to be served or served by the Authority and all others interested will have an opportunity to be heard.

A copy of the current and proposed rate schedules are included below:

- Note: In all current and proposed water and sewer scenarios below the monthly bill is calculated as follows:
  - Base Rate + (Gallons Used X Usage Rate ÷ 1,000)
- **Water**
  - **Current (Effective July 1, 2023)**

Base Rate (\$/mo):  
 Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 13.85  
 Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 81.44  
 Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 162.90

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):  
 up to 50,000 gal ..... \$ 6.52  
 50,000 to 100,000 gal ..... \$ 6.11  
 over 100,000 gal ..... \$ 5.69
  - **Proposed (Effective July 1, 2024)**

Base Rate (\$/mo):  
 Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 14.89  
 Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 87.55  
 Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 175.12

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):  
 up to 50,000 gal ..... \$ 7.01  
 50,000 to 100,000 gal ..... \$ 6.57  
 over 100,000 gal ..... \$ 6.12
- **Sewer**
  - **Current (Effective July 1, 2023)**

Base Rate (\$/mo):  
 Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 16.30  
 Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 117.51  
 Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 244.32

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):  
 up to 50,000 gal ..... \$ 9.36  
 50,000 to 100,000 gal ..... \$ 8.97  
 over 100,000 gal ..... \$ 8.54
  - **Proposed (Effective July 1, 2024)**

Base Rate (\$/mo):  
 Residential/Small Business (Less Than 50,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 17.52  
 Medium Commercial (50,000 to 100,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 126.32  
 Large Commercial/Industrial (Over 100,000 gal/mo) ..... \$ 262.64

Usage Rate (\$/1,000 gallons):  
 up to 50,000 gal ..... \$ 10.06  
 50,000 to 100,000 gal ..... \$ 9.64  
 over 100,000 gal ..... \$ 9.18
- **Current Connection Fees (Effective July 1, 2022)**

Residential

  - Water
    - 1 Connection\* ..... \$ 1,000.00
    - 2 – 10 Connections\*\* ..... \$ 600.00
    - 11 – 19 Connections\*\* ..... \$ 500.00
    - 20 or more Connections\*\* ..... \$ 400.00
  - Sewer
    - 1 Connection\* ..... \$ 1,200.00
    - 2 – 10 Connections\*\* ..... \$ 800.00
    - 11 – 19 Connections\*\* ..... \$ 700.00
    - 20 or more Connections\*\* ..... \$ 600.00

\* Single Residential Connection Includes Appurtenances  
 \*\* Developer Provides and Installs Appurtenances with Multi-Connection Rate

Water connection appurtenances include: tap into main line, service line from main to meter, corporation stop, meter box, meter setter, meter, service line stub out and meter lid. Water connection fees only apply where a PSA line is directly adjacent to the meter location. Water line extensions, rock removal, creek crossings, road borings over 30 ft. in length or other unusual costs are added to the above fee.

Sewer connections include: tap into main line, service lateral from main to property line and/or right of way, and cleanout. Sewer line extensions, rock removal, creek crossings, road crossings, or other unusual costs are added to the above fee.

Commercial

Water.....	\$2,400.00
Sewer.....	\$2,400.00

➤ **Proposed Connection Fees (Effective July 1, 2024) – NO CHANGE**

Residential

- Water
  - 1 Connection\* ..... \$ 1,000.00
  - 2 – 10 Connections\*\* ..... \$ 600.00
  - 11 – 19 Connections\*\* ..... \$ 500.00
  - 20 or more Connections\*\* ..... \$ 400.00
- Sewer
  - 1 Connection\* ..... \$ 1,200.00
  - 2 – 10 Connections\*\* ..... \$ 800.00
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Commercial

Water.....	\$2,400.00
Sewer.....	\$2,400.00

➤ **Current PSA Refuse Rates (Effective July 1, 2023)**

- **Basic Services**

Residential

  - Standard..... \$ 23.00
  - Low Volume ..... \$ 15.00

Commercial

  - Barrel
    - Standard (2 Barrels) ..... \$ 25.00
    - Additional, ea ..... \$ 5.00
  - Dumpster (6 Yard Container)
    - Rent, per month ..... \$ 25.00
    - Haul, ea ..... \$ 35.00
  - Rolloff (30 Yard Container)
    - Rent, per month ..... \$ 95.00
    - Haul, ea ..... \$ 100.00
    - Tipping Fee, per ton
      - Up to 500 ton ..... \$42.00
      - 500 to 2,000 ton ..... \$38.00
      - over 2,000 ton ..... \$33.00
- **Special Services**

Residential

  - Brush/Debris
    - Small Load (One Grapple) ..... Free
    - Additional Grapple(s), ea ..... \$ 34.00
    - Full Truck, ea ..... \$ 230.00
  - Rolloff (30 Yard Container)
    - Each use ..... Discontinue this Option

Commercial

  - Boom Truck
    - Haul, ea ..... \$ 100.00
    - Tipping Fee, per ton ..... \$ 42.00
  - Compactor
    - Rent (30 Yard Container), per month ..... \$ 350.00
    - Rent (40 Yard Container), per month ..... \$ 400.00
    - Haul, ea ..... \$ 100.00
    - Tipping Fee, per ton
      - up to 500 ton ..... \$42.00
      - 500 to 2,000 ton ..... \$38.00
      - over 2,000 ton ..... \$33.00
  - Special Event
    - Truck, per hour ..... \$ 150.00

Additional related information may be obtained from the Pulaski County Engineering Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, 143 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia or by calling 540-980-7710. For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made available by the county upon request. Please contact the county's ADA Compliance Officer at 540-980-7800 (TDD accessible) or 540-980-7710, ten days prior to the above public hearing date to arrange for these special accommodations.

- Haul, ea ..... \$ 31.50
- Rolloff (30 Yard Container)
  - Rent, per month ..... \$ 84.00
  - Haul, ea ..... \$ 89.25
  - Tipping Fee, per ton
    - Up to 500 ton ..... \$38.85
    - 500 to 2,000 ton ..... \$34.65
    - over 2,000 ton ..... \$30.45
- **Special Services**

Residential

  - Brush/Debris
    - Small Load (One Grapple) ..... Free
    - Additional Grapple(s), ea ..... \$ 31.50
    - Full Truck, ea ..... \$ 210.00
  - Rolloff (30 Yard Container)
    - Each use ..... 472.50

Commercial

  - Boom Truck
    - Haul, ea ..... \$ 94.50
    - Tipping Fee, per ton ..... \$ 38.85
  - Compactor
    - Rent (30 Yard Container), per month ..... \$ 315.00
    - Rent (40 Yard Container), per month ..... \$ 367.50
    - Haul, ea ..... \$ 89.25
    - Tipping Fee, per ton
      - up to 500 ton ..... \$38.85
      - 500 to 2,000 ton ..... \$34.65
      - over 2,000 ton ..... \$30.45
  - Special Event
    - Truck, per hour ..... \$ 131.25

- **Proposed PSA Refuse Rates (Effective July 1, 2024)**
- **Basic Services**

Residential

    - Standard..... \$ 23.00
    - Low Volume ..... \$ 15.00

Commercial

    - Barrel
      - Standard (2 Barrels) ..... \$ 25.00
      - Additional, ea ..... \$ 5.00
    - Dumpster (6 Yard Container)
      - Rent, per month ..... \$ 25.00
      - Haul, ea ..... \$ 35.00
    - Rolloff (30 Yard Container)
      - Rent, per month ..... \$ 95.00
      - Haul, ea ..... \$ 100.00
      - Tipping Fee, per ton
        - Up to 500 ton ..... \$42.00
        - 500 to 2,000 ton ..... \$38.00
        - over 2,000 ton ..... \$33.00
  - **Special Services**

Residential

    - Brush/Debris
      - Small Load (One Grapple) ..... Free
      - Additional Grapple(s), ea ..... \$ 34.00
      - Full Truck, ea ..... \$ 230.00
    - Rolloff (30 Yard Container)
      - Each use ..... Discontinue this Option

Commercial

    - Boom Truck
      - Haul, ea ..... \$ 100.00
      - Tipping Fee, per ton ..... \$ 42.00
    - Compactor
      - Rent (30 Yard Container), per month ..... \$ 350.00
      - Rent (40 Yard Container), per month ..... \$ 400.00
      - Haul, ea ..... \$ 100.00
      - Tipping Fee, per ton
        - up to 500 ton ..... \$42.00
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    - Special Event
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF 30.8149 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED OFF OF LEE HIGHWAY BETWEEN DUBLIN AND FAIRLAWN, PULASKI COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to an Order of sale entered by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County on December 18, 2023 in the case of County of Pulaski, Virginia v. Dublin Land, L.C., case # 2023-197, Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner, shall offer the following real property for sale at public auction on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Pulaski County Circuit Courthouse, 45 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia:**

A 30.8149 acre parcel of land located off Lee Highway, between Dublin and Fairlawn in the Cloyd Magisterial District of Pulaski County, Virginia, currently bearing tax map/parcel # 37-1-33, tax account # 20284, as depicted on a survey plat recorded in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Plat Cabinet 1 slide 339, page 8, being part of the real properties acquired by Dublin Land, L.C. (then, as Dublin Properties, L.C.) by deed recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 532, page 335.

**Terms of Sale:** Cash deposit of 20% of the selling price (highest bid) on the day of sale, full balance of the purchase price in collected funds (no personal checks) within 10 calendar days after the date of entry of an Order of confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. If the successful bidder defaults, then the property may be sold to the next highest bidder and the deposit shall be deemed forfeited. Additional terms of sale may be announced at the time of sale. The property will be sold and conveyed in "AS IS" condition, in all respects and aspects, and title will be transferred by special commissioner's deed with special warranty of title, subject to any and all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, and/or regulations of record affecting the property. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. Notice is hereby given that the title owner of record of the above-identified property, Dublin Land, L.C., f/k/a Dublin Properties, L.C., may redeem its property prior to 4:30 p.m. on April 30, 2024 by paying in full to the Treasurer of Pulaski County all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and publication and litigation costs, pursuant to Virginia Code §§58.1-3965 et seq. In accordance with the aforesaid Order of sale, a special commissioner's bond has been posted with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County for this sale.

Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 5889 MINES ROAD, PULASKI, PULASKI COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to an Order of sale entered by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County on March 27, 2024 in the case of County of Pulaski, Virginia v. Edward Jermaine McClanahan, case # 2023-517, Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner, shall offer the following real property for sale at public auction on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the front of the Pulaski County Circuit Courthouse, 45 Third Street, N.W., Pulaski, Virginia:**

A parcel of improved land located at 5889 Mines Road, Pulaski, the Robinson Magisterial District of Pulaski County, Virginia, currently bearing tax map/parcel # 44-2-3, tax account # 8526, known as Revised Parcel E of Givens Estate Farm subdivision, as referred to in deeds dated June 17, 2009 and February 17, 2010, respectively, recorded in the Clerk's Office of this Court as land instrument ## 2009-2329 and 2010-554.

**Terms of Sale:** Cash deposit of 20% of the selling price (highest bid) on the day of sale, full balance of the purchase price in collected funds (no personal checks) within 10 calendar days after the date of entry of an Order of confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. If the successful bidder defaults, then the property may be sold to the next highest bidder and the deposit shall be deemed forfeited. Additional terms of sale may be announced at the time of sale. The property will be sold and conveyed in "AS IS" condition, in all respects and aspects, and title will be transferred by special commissioner's deed with special warranty of title, subject to any and all easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, and/or regulations of record affecting the property. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County. Notice is hereby given that the title owner of record of the above-identified property, Edward Jermaine McClanahan, may redeem his property prior to 4:30 p.m. on April 30, 2024 by paying in full to the Treasurer of Pulaski County all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and publication and litigation costs, pursuant to Virginia Code §§58.1-3965 et seq. In accordance with the aforesaid Order of sale, a special commissioner's bond has been posted with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County for this sale.

Samuel D. Campbell, special commissioner

### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 5176 Bowling Street, Dublin, VA 24084

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$43,558.00 dated August 6, 2010 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Pulaski County on August 12, 2010 as Instrument Number: 100002556, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, 45 3rd St NW, Pulaski, VA 24301 on May 15, 2024 at 9:00 AM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: ALL that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being in the Draper Magisterial District of Pulaski County, Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

ALL that certain lot or parcel of land containing 0.3188 acre, as shown on a survey plat dated November 21, 1997, prepared by Dennis J. Hall, CLS, designated Job No. 554, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Virginia, in Deed Book 611, page 214, with the deed of record as Instrument Number LR1998000830. and reference is hereby made to said plat of survey for a more accurate description of the subject property, and also being known as part of Lot 2, Block 5 Fair Acres Subdivision. 1997 Regal CMH Manufacturing Home. HUD Label Number Ten 393660/ TEN 393661 Manufactured Serial Number CLH023077TN 24x48 Which is affixed and attached to the land and is part of real property. Tax ID: 056-002-0005-002A.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A bidder's deposit of \$5,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 24-002122)

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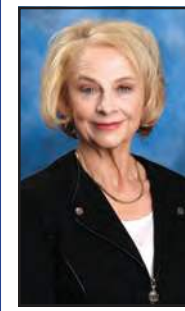
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### Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors intends to hold Public Hearings beginning at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as can be heard, on Monday, April 22, 2024, in the Board Room of the Pulaski County School Board Office, 202 N. Washington Avenue, in the Town of Pulaski to receive citizens' comments on the following matters:

1. Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Ordinance Providing Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled
2. To authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a deed accepting the conveyance of the Pulaski County Motorsports Park Property to the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and approving a lease of that property to DLR Group, LLC
3. To authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a deed accepting the conveyance of Calfee Park and its adjacent properties to the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and approving a lease of those properties to Calfee Park Baseball, Inc. and Calfee Park Concessions, LLC

Comments may be presented orally or in writing via mail to County Administration, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, Virginia 24301; fax (540-980-7717), or e-mail to bos@pulaskicounty.org. A copy of the plat, resolution and/or proposed amendments are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7705.

If you are a disabled individual and would like special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County's ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date.

## Advertising Deadlines

The deadline for all advertising - including yard sales, legal notices, classifieds and display ads is noon on Wednesday for that Friday's paper. Send your ad via email to: pulaski@pcpatriot.com or swt@pcpatriot.com OR call us at 540-808-3949 or 540-980-5220.

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE 627 East Main Street, Pulaski, Virginia 24301 Tax Map No. 072-051-0246-0013 PULASKICOUNTY,VA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated December 17, 2014 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Pulaski, Virginia, as Instrument No. 140003723, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at the front steps of the Pulaski County Courthouse, 45 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, Virginia 24301, on **May 1, 2024, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.**, property located at or near 627 East Main Street, Pulaski, Virginia, which property is more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Town of Pulaski, Massie Magisterial District of Pulaski County, Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows: to-wit:

Lot No. 13 of Block 246, as shown on the official map of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia. Tax Map Number 072-051-0246-0013; Account Number 1651 Property Address: 627 E. Main Street, Pulaski, Virginia 24301.

This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of

them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A bidder's deposit of up to ten percent (10%) of the successful bid in certified funds required (certified or cashier's check made payable to Spilman, Thomas & Battle, PLLC). Settlement within thirty (30) days of sale with balance of purchase price paid in cash. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale outlining additional terms of sale and settlement that will be available for review prior to the announcement of sale.

Bryson J. Hunter,  
Peter M. Pearl, and  
Brian H. Richardson,  
Substitute Trustees

For Information Contact:  
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to the arsenal. Cordoso, Reese, and Maxwell from Gonzaga are great additions that give the Sky a very deep bench. The Vegas Aces had the second-best night, adding Kitley (who will be a force once she recovers) and Kate Martin from Iowa.

It's always fun when the time comes for any athlete to level up; beyond abilities improving, it's fun to see athletes cohabitate with their "rivals." This happens at every level of sports and can be very entertaining. Our rec league athletes play together at the middle school, our travel team athletes come together at the high school, even high school rivals end up at the same colleges and become friends, and finally, college rivals come together as professionals. Isn't it amazing what can be accomplished when people have to come together to compete for a common goal? In this case, we are talking about championships!

## Roan

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three all-conference selections. Roan and his wife, Mallory, have two daughters, Gattlyn and Radley; and two sons, Catcher and Shepard.

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## LEGAL NOTICE



### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024, in the Board Room of the Pulaski County School Board Office, 202 N. Washington Avenue, in the town of Pulaski on an amendment to the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget as follows:

#### GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

Transfer from Reserves	\$ 5,654,516.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,654,516.57</b>

#### EXPENDITURES:

Transfer to EDA Fund	5,654,516.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,654,516.57</b>

#### EDA FUND REVENUES:

Transfer from General Fund	\$ 5,654,516.57
Miscellaneous Revenue	796,809.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,451,326.00</b>

#### EXPENDITURES:

Purchase of Property	6,450,000.00
Legal Services	1,326.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,451,326.00</b>

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting by contacting the County Administration office at (540) 980-7705.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Section 33.1-70.01 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the Board Room of the Pulaski County School Board Office, 202 N Washington Avenue, Pulaski, Virginia at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024/25 through 2029/30 in Pulaski County and on the Secondary System Construction Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25. Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget may be reviewed at the Christiansburg Residency Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation, located at 105 Cambria Street, Christiansburg, Virginia or at the Pulaski County Administration Office located at 143 3rd Street NW, Pulaski, Virginia. All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which documents how Virginia will obligate federal transportation funds. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at (540) 381-7201. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors at (540) 980-7705.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ012513-01-00 Pulaski J&DR - Juvenile Division

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* CHOCON, CRISTIAN NOE CHAVAC

The object of this suit is to: GRANT CUSTODY OF THE MINOR TO HIS BIOLOGICAL MOTHER

It is ORDERED that the defendant WILLIAM MATIA SUCHIETE appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before MAY 20, 2024 AT 1 P.M.

APRIL 9, 2024

AMANDA N. BLAIR,  
Clerk

## LEGAL NOTICE

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ012512-01-00 Pulaski J&DR - Juvenile Division

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* CHOCON, LUISA FERNANDA CHAVAC

The object of this suit is to: GRANT CUSTODY OF THE MINOR TO HER BIOLOGICAL MOTHER

It is ORDERED that the defendant WILLIAM MATIA SUCHIETE appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before MAY 20, 2024 AT 1 P.M.

APRIL 9, 2024

AMANDA N. BLAIR,  
Clerk

## LEGAL NOTICE



### Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing to consider this application for the Month of April. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024 in the Board Room of the Pulaski County School Board Office, 202 N Washington Ave, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

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



# Sports physicals offered May 1

Pulaski County High School, in conjunction with LewisGale Hospital Pulaski, will again be providing sports physicals to Pulaski County Public School students who will be enrolled in the 6th through 12th grades during the 2024-2025 school year.

The physicals will take place at PCHS in the Career and Technical Education Building on Wednesday, May 1st beginning at 3:20 pm. The cost will be \$10 dollars and students should arrive with their Virginia High School League physical form (pages 1, 2 and 4) completed and signed by both student AND parent/guardian.

Parents, please be aware that to participate in school sports during the 24-25 school year, student physicals MUST BE DATED 05/01/24 OR AFTER.

Physical forms are available in the front offices of Pulaski County High School and Pulaski County Middle School, or can be printed at vhs.org

In an attempt to expedite this process, the start time for current PCHS students is 3:20 pm. Current middle school students should arrive no earlier than 4:15 pm to prevent overcrowding and congestion.

**Scott Vest**  
Athletic & Activities Director

# NASCAR

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his first win of 2024. The streak began with Denny Hamlin's win in October 2020, followed by Brad Keselowski (April 2021), Bubba Wallace (Oct. 2021), Ross Chastain (April 2022), Chase Elliott (Oct. 2022), Kyle Busch (April 2023), Ryan Blaney (Oct. 2023).

Thus far, six drives have earned a spot in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs by virtue of the wins this season – William Byron, Denny Hamlin, Kyle Larson, Chase Elliott, Christopher Bell and Daniel Suarez.

## Speedy History: Talladega Superspeedway

Construction began on what was then known as the Alabama International Motor Speedway on May 23, 1968. The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Talladega Superspeedway was held on September 14, 1969, and the event was won by Richard Brickhouse, from Rocky Point, North Carolina, driving a Dodge for car owner Ray Nichols. The average speed of the first race at the 2.66-mile track was 153.778 mph.

The name of the facility changed to Talladega Superspeedway in 1989, and the surface underwent its fourth repaving on September 19, 2006. In total, there have been 109 NASCAR Cup Series races at Talladega Superspeedway; one series event in 1969, and two races per year since 1970.

NASCAR Hall of Famers hold the qualifying and race records at Talladega Superspeedway. Bill Elliott holds the qualifying record, which he set on April 30, 1987 with a lap at 212.809 mph (44.998 secs.) and Mark Martin holds the race record with his win on May 10, 1997 at an average speed of 188.354 mph (2 hours, 39 mins., 18 secs.).

## No matter where you start you got a chance at 'Dega

One of the best parts about drafting tracks is a driver can move to the front from any starting spot, and this weekend at Talladega Superspeedway should be another showcase of the competitive intensity that is the Cup Series.

Eight different times the NASCAR Cup Series race at Talladega has been won from starting spot outside the top-20. The deepest in the field that a race winner has started at Talladega is 36th, by NASCAR Hall of Famer Jeff Gordon in the 2000 spring race. The deepest in the field that an active NASCAR Cup Series race winner has started at Talladega is 34th, by Denny Hamlin in the 2014 spring race.

### NOTICE

Pursuant to provisions of Title 15.2 Section 2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors has ordered the publication of the following budgetary synopsis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. It should be noted that the revenue and expenditure estimates contained herein are tentative and are calculated for financial planning purposes. Eventual adoption of the budget outlined below will not necessarily constitute an appropriation of the governing body.

REVENUE PROJECTIONS			
	Original Budget FY 23-24	Proposed Budget FY 24-25	Difference Increase (Decrease)
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>			
<u>Revenue from Local Sources</u>			
General Property Taxes:			
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 23,138,000	\$ 23,638,000	\$ 500,000
Public Service Corp. Property Taxes	1,600,000	1,000,000	(600,000)
Personal Property & Mobile Homes & Airplane Taxes	8,395,000	8,642,000	247,000
Machinery & Tools	4,900,000	5,396,100	496,100
Penalties/Interest	675,000	676,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 38,708,000</b>	<b>\$ 39,352,100</b>	<b>\$ 644,100</b>
<u>Other Local Revenue:</u>			
Local Sales Tax	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,990,000	\$ 490,000
Consumer Utility Tax	590,000	585,000	(5,000)
Motor License Vehicle Tax	650,000	675,000	25,000
Transient Occupancy Tax	475,000	550,000	75,000
Meals Tax	1,600,000	2,060,000	460,000
BPOL Tax	1,000,000	1,050,000	50,000
License, Bank, Recordation Taxes	495,300	422,600	(72,700)
Permits, Fees & Licenses	136,300	168,400	32,100
Fines	172,000	277,400	105,400
Revenue Use of Money & Property	620,328	2,113,802	1,493,474
Charges for Services	1,390,820	1,510,201	119,381
Expenditure Refunds & Miscellaneous	488,639	653,996	165,357
Recovered Costs	1,513,537	2,261,365	747,828
<b>TOTAL OTHER LOCAL SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 13,631,924</b>	<b>\$ 17,317,764</b>	<b>\$ 3,685,840</b>
<u>Revenue from Commonwealth</u>			
Non-Categorical Aid	\$ 2,407,529	\$ 2,317,229	\$ (90,300)
Shared Expenses	4,010,461	4,430,591	420,130
Other Categorical Aid	1,632,302	1,774,409	142,107
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH</b>	<b>\$ 8,050,292</b>	<b>\$ 8,522,229</b>	<b>\$ 471,937</b>
<u>Revenue from the Federal Government</u>			
Non-Categorical Aid	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ (50,000)
Other Federal Revenues	223,000	135,989	(87,011)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$ 273,000</b>	<b>\$ 135,989</b>	<b>\$ (137,011)</b>
<u>Non-Departmental</u>			
Transfer from Reserves	\$ 779,642	\$ 15,274	\$ (764,368)
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$ 779,642</b>	<b>\$ 15,274</b>	<b>\$ (764,368)</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 61,442,858</b>	<b>\$ 65,343,356</b>	<b>\$ 3,900,498</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:</b>			
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ (30,000)
Revenue from Commonwealth	173,872	-	(173,872)
Transfer from General Fund	4,400,500	2,750,705	(1,649,795)
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$ 4,604,372</b>	<b>\$ 2,750,705</b>	<b>\$ (1,853,667)</b>
<b>COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>			
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 159,374	\$ 153,609	\$ (5,765)
<b>TOTAL COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 159,374</b>	<b>\$ 153,609</b>	<b>\$ (5,765)</b>
<b>SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>			
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 4,913,011	\$ 4,925,430	\$ 12,419
Miscellaneous Revenues	56,345	53,559	(2,786)
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 4,969,356</b>	<b>\$ 4,978,989</b>	<b>\$ 9,633</b>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND CHARGES</b>			
Revenue Use of Money & Property	\$ 29,400	\$ -	\$ (29,400)
Charges for Services & Other Local- Revenues	3,020,500	2,926,166	(94,334)
Transfer from General Fund	628,822	1,055,362	426,540
<b>TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 3,678,722</b>	<b>\$ 3,981,528</b>	<b>\$ 302,806</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND</b>			
Revenue Use of Money & Property	\$ 1,408,615	\$ 1,691,192	\$ 282,577
Expenditure Refunds & Miscellaneous	134,000	124,950	(9,050)
Recovered Costs	3,415,917	3,481,573	65,656
Transfer from Reserves	482,657	-	(482,657)
<b>TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND</b>	<b>\$ 5,441,189</b>	<b>\$ 5,297,715</b>	<b>\$ (143,474)</b>
<b>SCHOOL, SCHOOL CAFETERIA, SCHOOL CAPITAL</b>			
<b>SCHOOL TEXTBOOK FUNDS:</b>			
Charges for Services & Other Local- Revenues	\$ 1,085,037	\$ 1,090,837	\$ 5,800
Revenue from State Government	33,305,526	41,961,971	8,656,445
Revenue from Federal Government	14,086,732	9,012,067	(5,074,665)
Transfer from General Fund (School Operating Fund)	16,580,454	17,103,095	522,641
Transfer from General Fund (School Capital Fund)	980,276	980,276	-
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 66,038,025</b>	<b>\$ 70,148,246</b>	<b>\$ 4,110,221</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FUND</b>			
Revenue from Commonwealth	\$ 2,898,017	\$ 2,898,017	\$ -
Revenue from Federal Government	3,392,035	3,392,035	-
Transfer from General Fund	860,948	860,948	-
<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>\$ 7,151,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,151,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FUND</b>			
Revenue from Commonwealth	\$ 2,830,800	\$ 2,830,800	\$ -
Transfer from General Fund	1,169,200	1,169,200	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FUND</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 157,484,896</b>	<b>\$ 163,805,148</b>	<b>\$ 6,320,252</b>

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY			
	Original Budget FY 23-24	Proposed Budget FY 24-25	Difference Increase (Decrease)
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>			
Administration	3,835,076	4,013,995	178,919
Judicial	2,485,110	2,698,768	213,658
Public Safety	16,666,502	19,344,544	2,678,042
Public Works	2,976,941	3,450,102	473,161
Health and Human Services	1,121,894	1,212,385	90,491
Education	216,161	219,440	3,279
Parks, Recreation and Cultural	2,416,732	3,013,751	597,019
Community Development	1,971,858	1,880,447	(91,411)
Non-departmental	20,000	11,299	(8,701)
Transfer to Reserves	40,000	500,000	460,000
Transfer to School Fund	16,580,454	17,103,095	522,641
Transfer to School Capital Fund	980,276	980,276	-
Transfer to Social Services Fund	860,948	860,948	1
Transfer to Comprehensive Services Fund	1,169,200	1,169,200	-
Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund	4,400,500	2,750,705	(1,649,795)
Transfer to Debt Service Fund	159,374	153,609	(5,765)
Transfer to School Debt Service Fund	4,913,011	4,925,430	12,419
Transfer to Internal Service Fund	628,822	1,055,362	426,540
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 61,442,858</b>	<b>\$ 65,343,356</b>	<b>\$ 3,900,498</b>
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<b>SCHOOL, SCHOOL CAFETERIA, SCHOOL CAPITAL AND SCHOOL TEXTBOOK FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$ 66,038,025</b>	<b>\$ 70,148,246</b>	<b>\$ 4,110,221</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FUND</b>	<b>\$ 7,151,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,151,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT FUND</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 157,484,896</b>	<b>\$ 163,805,148</b>	<b>\$ 6,320,252</b>

### PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR FY 2024-2025:

Tangible Personal Property - \$2.35 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation (No change from prior year)  
 Machinery & Tool - \$1.50 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation (No change from prior year)  
 Real Estate & Mobile Homes (when used as a residence) - \$0.74 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation (No change from prior year)

**PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing will be held on the proposed budget at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 22, 2024, at the Pulaski County School Board Office Board Room, 202 North Washington Avenue, Pulaski, Virginia. Complete copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the Office of the County Administrator, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, Virginia. Telephone inquiries may be directed to (540) 980-7705. Comments may be e-mailed to [bos@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:bos@pulaskicounty.org)

# LOCAL CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

Looking for somebody who can help care for an 80 year old senior man who has some health issues. In search of a dedicated, loyal, and dependable caregiver who is willing to work evening hours and weekends. Light housework, small dinner meals to be prepared and must pass a background check are a few of the requirements. Please call 540-250-2456 for further information.

### HELP WANTED

Plans layout, installs, tests and repairs electrical equipment, raceway systems, wiring and cabling electrical devices & fixtures, apparatus, and control equipment.

**DECI**  
Commercial-Industrial-  
Electrical  
5635 Dunlap Rd., Dublin  
Arron Morris.  
ebmorrisdec@yahoo  
Phone: 540-674-1037.  
Cell: 540-616-6330

### REAL ESTATE

For Sale: Four cemetery plots at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin. Located in the Garden of the Good Shepherd. Side-by-side near road. \$6,200. Call 540-980-2226.

Cemetery Plots for sale: Two each, side-by-side located in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. Lot No. 220, Block D, Units 1 and 2, Section 6 in Garden of the Gospels. Asking \$1,850 each. Call 336-858-8265.

### RENTAL PROPERTY

FOR RENT: 4376 Akers Road, Draper. Quiet, peaceful surroundings, country lot for rent. Electric and water hookups available. Call 785-806-5752 or 540-235-6161.

### YARD SALES

Yard Sale: May 3 - 4, Bradley's Ridge Apartments in Dublin (across from High School) off Hatcher Rd. 8 am - ?? Entire

Complex! In case of Rain, will reschedule.

Yard Sale: Saturday, April 20th, 7:30-2:00  
239 Third Street NW  
Pulaski, VA  
Household items, few clothing, GREAT DEALS!

Yard Sale: Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, 224 Valley Street, Pulaski. Weather permitting - if rain will hold the following week.

### WANTED

Wanting to buy puppy or young adult dog. Preferably Maltese, Miniature Collie or Sheldon Sheepdog. Call 540-577-5102 or 540-320-9662.

### FOR SALE: MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale: Boxes of jelly jars, bed frames, dorm-sized refrigerator, furniture and Fantasia and Heritage Princess House Crystal. Call 540-230-5386.

For Sale: If you have a booth in an antique mall, I have an assortment of unique items and collectibles I need to sell. For an appointment call 540-320-6676.

For Sale: 100-gallon propane tanks (empty). \$100 each. Three Papa Bear wood burning stoves, \$500 all three. Pot belly stove, \$75. Call 540-629-9003.

For Sale: Computer chairs, \$7; microwaves at \$15 and canning jars. Call 540-230-5386.

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

For Sale: Full set, mounted to Chevy wheels 205-55-16 tires, 4150. Full set, like new 225-60-16 Goodrich tires, \$125. 540-629-9003.

For sale: 2019 Pioneer Travel Trailer, sleeps 6, bathroom, ac, heat, kitchen. Like new. Kept under cover. Ready to go

camping with everything you need. Call 757-508-8437.

For Sale: 24 four ft. sections of roof ridge vents w/filters (new) \$100.00; Oster A5 single speed pet clippers, \$80.00. (540) 980-3877.

For Sale: Poplar wood table with two leaf extensions and six chairs. \$150. Full-size, remote controlled bed with caster wheels. Has a massage and vibration control as well. \$200. Antique porcelain dolls - the more you buy the less the price. 540-629-9003.

For Sale: Small (4 by 4?) solid wood dining table with two solid oak chairs - table needs some sanding but otherwise all in excellent condition. \$75.00. Dublin area 540-440-6389.

Pear shaped diamond ring, 14K yellow gold, size 7, price reduced to \$475. Includes information card with details about the ring. Call 540-980-5361.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Dignified Transport Service LLC, 4694 Thornspring Road, Pulaski, VA 24301, has filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing passenger transportation as a common carrier over irregular routes, providing service in the Cities of Galax, Radford, Roanoke, and Salem, Virginia and the Counties of Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, and Wythe, Virginia and Statewide throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia for passenger transportation as a Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Carrier, as defined in the Code of Virginia Section 46.2-2000.

Any person who desires to protest the application and be a party to the matter must submit a signed and dated written request setting forth (1) a precise statement of the party's interest and how the party could be aggrieved if the application was granted; (2) a full and clear statement of the facts that the person is prepared to provide by competent evidence; (3) a statement of the specific relief sought; (4) the name of the applicant and case number assigned to the application; and (5) a certification that a copy of the protest was sent to the applicant. The case number assigned to this application is MC2400253JL.

Written protests must be mailed to DMV Motor Carrier Services, Attn: Operating Authority, P. O. Box 27412, Richmond, VA 23269-0001 and must be postmarked on or before May 6, 2024.

Any protest filed with competent evidence will be carefully considered by DMV. However, DMV will have full discretion as to whether a hearing is warranted based on the merits of the protest filed.

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## LEGAL NOTICE



### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024, in the Board Room of the Pulaski County School Board Office, 202 N. Washington Avenue, in the town of Pulaski on an amendment to the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget as follows:

#### SCHOOL FUND REVENUES:

Basic Aid	\$ 1,271,689.00
Sales Tax	(517,965.00)
Vocational Education	11,262.00
Gifted Education	3,560.00
Special Education	29,905.00
Prevention, Intervention, and Remediation	14,370.00
VRS Retirement	48,481.00
Social Security	20,778.00
Group Life	1,489.00
English as a Second Language	(13,125.00)
Remedial Summer School	46,879.00
Compensation Supplement	514,344.00
At-Risk	86,800.00
Virginia Preschool Initiative	252,514.00
Grocery and Hygiene Tax Hold Harmless	(16,243.00)
All In Per Pupil Funding	701,357.00
Special Education - Homebound	(6,329.00)
Foster Care	14,269.00
Early Reading Intervention	12,395.00
Mentor Teacher Program	(1,225.00)
K-3 Primary Class Size Reduction	13,518.00
SOL Algebra Readiness	7,590.00
Project Graduation	6,424.00
ISAEP	(60.00)
Special Education - Regional Tuition	74,116.00
Career and Technical Education	1,378.00
Supplemental Basic Aid	138,517.00
STRIDE	2,614,171.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,330,859.00</b>

#### EXPENDITURES:

Instruction	4,409,867.59
Admin Attendance & Health	83,521.64
Transportation	69,972.89
Operations	752,156.68
Technology	15,340.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,330,859.00</b>

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting by contacting the County Administration office at (540) 980-7705.

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

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## Lady Cougars JV Basketball Goes 21-0

The JV Lady Cougar basketball team recently completed a perfect 21-0 season. The JV team outscored their opponents this season 915-441. In four of their games, the defense held the opposition to under eight points or less. With one of their games won by forfeit, that's an average score of 45.75 points to 22.05. Winning has become a normal thing for this team. In the 2018-19 season, they finished 22-0. The next year they took one loss, the season opener on the road against Carroll County with only five players on the team, but finished 21-1 after several eighth-graders were pulled up.



record at 17-0. Last year, the team finished 18-2. Also, the JV Lady Cougar basketball team is now 105-3 over the course

of the past six seasons. The members of the JV Lady Cougar basketball team are Olivia King, Lylah Minnick, Peyton

Harper, Palyn Sweet, Kaliyah Green, Brooke Millirons, Ellie MacDonald, Ellie Russell, and Dayonna Lewis. The team is

coached by Scott Ratcliff, Tim Hurst, and Chris Castle.

**Pulaski County Public Schools**



## The nine thirty gobbler and other facts of life

I absolutely did not remember the road being this rough. Not full of mud holes and worry about getting stuck rough but just rocky plain ol' rough. I tried to go as easy as I could and held on to the wheel as the old truck crawled over one rock after another. Looking out the window, even in the darkness I could tell this was all bordering on madness. The trees were whipping in what had to be a thirty mile and hour wind. Any turkeys in the vicinity would only be thinking of holding on this morning, gobbling could wait. (You guessed it, I never heard a peep)

Somehow, I don't know how, I managed to do it. The first morning of the Virginia spring turkey season and I was able to go from horizontal to vertical and stumble around camp trying to get ready. I had prepared as much as I could the night before. Laying out everything I could think of so I could just get up, gulp coffee, put on and grab everything I needed (and didn't) and get out the door. Driving blurry eyed before the coffee has kicked in at these evil, dim, misty hours concerns me more than it used to, but I still go.

We have talked about all this before. Spring turkey hunting involves being in the woods before daylight, standing at your listening place so you may hear his first gobbles after he wakes up and has his first cup of coffee. There is no doubt a big tactical advantage in being there early. If you hear the gobbler on the roost the standard procedure is to scramble as quickly as possible to his neighborhood and get set up to have a conversation. If the planets all line up you may be able to entice him with your plaintive hen calls (I notice that hunting writers are using that word a lot lately) and hopefully he will walk in and get decently



LARRY CASE  
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shot. Hope those of you having your coffee and Cheerios don't mind me saying it like that, but that is what happens, right? Let's not sugar coat things if we don't have to.

Turkey hunters know all this. Most of us want to be there when the first little tweety bird sings and a few minutes later we hear the crazy, raucous sound of a wild turkey gobbler. It is really what gets us out there, it is why we endure all of that early morning torture. The getting up in the middle of night and braving the roads in the dark dodging deer and opossums with a death wish. Sometimes there is a long walk from the truck to get to our listening place, this means we have to be there even earlier. A forty five minute walk in the dark is not uncommon. This is just one of the things that turkey hunters must endure to hunt this crazy, wonderful bird.

Or is it?  
As noted there is an advantage in getting to the turkey while he is still on the roost. We like to call him right off the roost and take him for a truck ride as we go to town or back to camp for biscuits and gravy. But, and that is big but, how many times does it work out differently during the morning? Often what happens is the gobbler rejects our invitation to get together and walks away after gobbling just enough to leave us in a confused, frustrated state.

See CASE, page B8

## Recent PCHS Tennis Results

### Tennis: Patrick Henry defeated PCHS, 7-2

- Singles:
1. Camden Hite 6-1 6-1
  2. Eli Duke 1-6 1-6
  3. Jonah Morgan 7-5 0-6 7-10
  4. Jack Powell 0-6 1-6
  5. Ryce Washington 0-6 0-6
  6. Forfeit

- Doubles:
1. Camden/Eli 8-4
  2. Ethan/Jonah 5-8
  3. Forfeit

Coach: Chad Graham

Next Match  
Wednesday; Home "Double" vs. Carroll County.

Coach's Comments  
"On this frigid Friday, Patrick Henry defeated Pulaski 7-2. #1 Camden Hite welcomed PH's new freshman #1 to high school tennis with a convincing defeat at singles and doubles (with his partner Eli Duke). Jonah Morgan, playing a seed up as #3, delivered the second-best performance of the evening again, despite losing in a tight tie-breaker of 7-10. Everyone on the team gave great effort, but losing #2 Ethan Worley to Pulaski County's Spring Break may have cost us the match. I expect a more favorable outcome when we meet for a second time in Roanoke with a full team, especially in warmer conditions."

### Girls Tennis: At Patrick Henry from April 5th:

- In singles:
- #1 Isabel Weigel lost 3-8
  - #2 Tori Cantrell lost 1-8
  - #3 Megan Martin lost 0-8
  - #4 Miranda Altis lost 4-8
  - #5 Abby Shockley lost 1-8
  - #6 Sabryn Landreth lost 1-8

- In doubles:
- #1 Isabel Weigel/Tori Cantrell lost 1-8
  - #2 Miranda Altis/Megan Martin lost 0-8
  - #3 Abby Shockley/Sabryn Landreth lost 2-8

We lost the overall match 0-9 vs. PH.

In our match versus Christiansburg at home scheduled on April 12th, we won 5-4.

- In singles:
- #1 Isabel Weigel lost 0-8
  - #2 Victoria Cantrell lost 2-8
  - #3 Megan Martin won 8-1
  - #4 Miranda Altis won 8-0
  - #5 Abby Shockley won 8-6
  - #6 Sabryn Landreth won 8-1

- In doubles:
- #1 Isabel Weigel/Megan Martin lost 0-8
  - #2 Miranda Altis/Abby Shockley won 8-6
  - #3 Sabryn Landreth/Eleanor Speed lost 5-8

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

#### Best Use Analysis for Town of Pulaski Property

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, invites proposals from qualified firms to conduct a Best Use Analysis of a recently acquired property located within the political jurisdiction. The purpose of this analysis is to identify the optimal use for the property, aligning with the Town's development goals.

This property consists of approximately 170 acres of primarily wooded land. Given the pressing need for housing in Pulaski, the submittals to this RFQ should cater around a residential development experience but not be limited to, while also considering zoning regulations, potential flood plain issues etc. to ensure sustainable and resilient community development. The selected firm could be responsible to perform the following Scope of Work but not limited to.

#### Scope of Work:

1. Comprehensive Site Assessment
2. Market Analysis
3. Financial Feasibility Study
4. Stakeholder Engagement
5. Best Use Recommendation

#### Proposal Contents:

Proposals should include the following:

1. Company Overview
2. Project Team Details
3. Similar Projects
4. Approach/Methodology
5. Work Plan/Timeline



The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, or their authorized selection committee, will review all RFQ submittals and select proposals deemed best qualified and responsive. At the conclusion of the interviews, the engineer / architecture firm will be ranked in order by score sheet. Negotiations will be instituted with the highest score respondent ranked first. Should a satisfactory contract be negotiated at a price which is fair and reasonable, the award will be made to that respondent. Otherwise, negotiations with the number one respondent will be formally terminated, and negotiations will be conducted with the respondent ranked second. This process shall continue until a fair and reasonable contract can be negotiated.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive any formalities, and/or divide any project into sub-sections. The procurement of these services will comply with the Virginia Public Procurement Act. The Town of Pulaski is an equal opportunity employer.

#### Proposal Submittal:

To be considered for selection, offerors must submit a complete response to this RFQ. Ten (10) originals and an electronic copy of the proposal on CD or thumb drive in PDF format must be received in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Best Use Analysis for Property" no later than May 16th 2024. Any proposals received after that deadline will be returned unopened. Please refer to pulaskitown.org for any further information on the RFQ.

This RFP advertisement does not commit the Town of Pulaski to award a contract or pay any costs incurred in proposal preparation.

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Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce

## Broussard's General Store Opens

A new business has joined the Main Street business community in the Town of Pulaski. Originating as a mobile venture named Squeez'um and Shake'um where they delighted customers with fresh squeezed lemonade at the Pulaski Marketplace and various events, owners Samantha and Becky Broussard quickly realized their potential. Encouraged by its success and with guidance from Pulaski County's Small Business Solutions, they transformed their dream into reality, securing a storefront and expanding their offerings. With that came Broussard's General Store opening on Main Street in the Town of Pulaski. In addition to their fresh squeezed lemonade that is now available any time of the year, Broussard's General Store patrons can now purchase their popular freeze-dried candies and unique items from other small businesses including handmade fudge, soaps, and gifts. On March 26th, the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce celebrated this significant addition to the Main Street business community with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by PCCC President, Sean Pressman. Chamber members and community leaders came together to extend a warm welcome, recognizing the store's impact on Main Street and commitment to fostering a supportive environment for other local small businesses. Check out Broussard's General Store at 89 West Main Street in downtown Pulaski.

## Please observe Work Zone Awareness Week

### To the Editor:

Each spring, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and other state DOTs recognize Work Zone Awareness Week to remind drivers of the importance of avoiding distractions and driving safely through work zones.

Join us at VDOT as we promote National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 15-19, with our theme this year, "Work zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever." Whether you work on our roads or drive them every day, work zone safety is everyone's responsibility.

Our employees and contractors put their lives on the line in work zones every day while working to improve travel for motorists in Virginia. This is true in mobile operations like mowing, paving and plowing snow, short-term work zones set up to replace bridges and culverts, as well as in our established work zones for long-term construction projects. Although signs, cones and safety vests can be effective in warning motorists of a work zone, these tools are no protection against a fast-moving vehicle or an inattentive driver. In fact, most work zone deaths are motorists, not workers, so slowing down, eliminating distractions and

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paying close attention in work zones can help all of us.

All motorists — whether a seasoned driver or someone new behind the wheel — should follow these instructions when driving through a work zone:

- Work zones are a sign to slow down.
- If you see the orange work zone warning signs, be alert for changing conditions ahead.
- Eliminate distractions and

stay aware of your surroundings at all times.

- Follow Virginia's phone down and move over laws.

In addition, to show support for National Work Zone Awareness Week, VDOT encourages you to participate in these activities during the week:

- Show us your Orange! Wednesday, April 17 is national "Go Orange Day." Everyone is encouraged to wear orange in support of work zone safety across the country. Share your pictures with us on Twitter and Facebook! #GoOrangeVa
- Attend the vigil at the VDOT Worker's Memorial on Afton Mountain on Wednesday, April 17 at 4 p.m.
- Follow us all week long and share our Facebook VDOT Salem District group page at [www.facebook.com/groups/VDOTSalem](http://www.facebook.com/groups/VDOTSalem) and ReTweet with us @VaDOTSalem.

Join our team to keep our roads and work zones safe for everyone. Let's work together so we can all arrive at home safely each and every day.

**Ken King, P.E.**  
District Engineer  
VDOT Salem District

## Case

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We cannot comprehend how he could resist our calling. The reason of course is quite simple. The gobbler is usually in the company of several of his old girl friends and he is not about to leave them to come over and talk to the mysterious hen calling to him a couple hundred yards away. Now sometimes later in the morning this turkey will part company from those hens and may very well be agreeable to coming to your calls. This routinely happens in a morning of turkey hunting. We know this and almost expect it to happen. We know if we

come upon a turkey gobbling a lot in mid-morning there is a very good chance we might get to meet him. So why do we always have to go through all that rigmarole of the early morning stress of dragging out of bed, driving in the pre-dawn darkness, and risk running into grouchy werewolves as they come off the night shift?

I don't think we do. I know that is a shocker for some of you and old time turkey hunters will probably excommunicate me for saying it. What is wrong with sleeping in, going out at a more civilized

hour, and having a coffee as you leisurely drive to your spot? No middle of the night brain fog from lack of sleep, you can drive the roads safely, the neurotic deer and opossums have all gone home, and the werewolves well, you know they are not out in the daytime. It is a win win.

OK, there is my theory for the 9:30 gobbler, you can berate me but don't act like you have never thought of it before. Best of luck and watch out for those crazed opossums with lots of issues.

**Larry Case**  
[www.gunsandcornbread.com](http://www.gunsandcornbread.com)

## Tennis

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"Coach Blackburn and myself were very proud of the resiliency and determination tonight to come out on top of this match vs. Christiansburg. We started with singles and won 4 of the 6 singles matches. We were up 4-2 heading into doubles and just needed to win one of the doubles matches. Miranda and Abby's match was 6-6 before they took the final two games of that match to help win the overall match. In doubles, none of the pairings were playing with their typical partners as

# Virginia budget talks extended

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Democrats who control the Virginia General Assembly reached an 11th-hour compromise with Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin to extend the timeline for negotiations over the state budget, a move that lawmakers said Wednesday would offer a reset for what has so far been a bitter and unproductive process.

Lawmakers were meeting in Richmond for a one-day session to consider Youngkin's vetoes and proposed amendments to legislation, including the budget. As recently as Tuesday afternoon, legislative leaders had indicated they were prepared to reject the substance of Youngkin's proposed changes to the new two-year spending plan, a move that would have set up a likely budget veto, leaving lawmakers facing the looming prospect of a government shutdown if they failed to strike a deal by the start of the new fiscal year on July 1.

A series of meetings between lawmakers and Youngkin helped both sides agree to a new approach: tossing aside the version of the budget that lawmakers passed in March and starting anew, with plans to meet for a vote on a still-to-be-hashed-out compromise version in a special session beginning May 13.

"That will put us on a path to have a budget that serves Virginia and does not put us in jeopardy between here and there," Youngkin said.

Prior to Wednesday's so-called reconvened session, Democratic lawmakers spent weeks publicly at odds with Youngkin over the budget that the Assembly sent him in a bipartisan vote on the final day of its regular session.

Youngkin embarked on a series of public events during which he blasted what he called the "backward budget," criticizing lawmakers for including a sales tax expansion to digital products that he initially proposed at the start of the process in December but had paired with an income tax cut that Democrats rejected. The governor has said unequivocally that he won't sign a budget that increases taxes.

Democrats criticized Youngkin for his tour but then

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## County man held after crash in Bland

Staff Report

A 22-year-old Pulaski County man is in jail following a single-vehicle crash April 8 in Bland County that ended his being chased by West Virginia authorities.

According to published reports, 22-year-old Wesley Joel Riddle of Pulaski County was fleeing from Mercer County (W.Va.) Sheriff's Department deputies when he and a passenger crashed along Little Creek Highway in Bland County.

Reportedly, Riddle was wanted in West Virginia on a firearm possession charge.

Both Riddle and his passenger were taken to the hospital in Wytheville for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

After the crash, Riddle was charged with being a fugitive from justice, possession of a Schedule I or II drug and possession of a gun with drugs.

He is being held in New River Regional Jail without bond.

## Budget

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launched one of their own to defend their budget plan, which would increase K-12 education spending and pay for teachers and other public workers.

With his budget amendments, the governor had proposed sticking with the tax policy status quo, which required him to also suggest spending cuts and other accounting maneuvers to account for the revenue that would be lost by eliminating the new digital sales tax.

Lawmakers in the House of Delegates used a procedural maneuver to vote down those amendments and then effectively scrap the current budget bill so that negotiators can start over.

House Speaker Don Scott told reporters the decision was made in the hopes of restarting talks in a more conciliatory manner.

"I think we're in a better, more mature place regarding the budget now. And I think everybody understands where their roles and responsibilities are a little bit better," he said.

After lawmakers dispatched the budget bill, they started to work through dozens of other bills Youngkin returned to them with suggested changes.

In one of the day's most closely watched votes, lawmakers overwhelmingly rejected Youngkin's proposed amendments to a heavily lobbied measure dealing with so-called skill games, gambling machines that proliferated in convenience stores and other small businesses around the state before lawmakers passed a ban in 2020.

This year's legislation would legalize, regulate and tax the machines, though the changes Youngkin suggested would implement far stricter limits and a higher tax rate than the

version the Assembly sent him. Convenience stores around the state staged demonstrations this week, briefly halting lottery ticket sales Monday and closing for an hour on Tuesday in an effort to draw attention to the issue and urge lawmakers to reject the governor's amendments.

With Youngkin's amendments stripped out, the measure now goes back as it passed to the governor, who can veto it or let it become law. A coalition that opposes the machines and includes the state's casinos called on Youngkin to veto the bill, while a pro-skill games coalition noted the subject could be addressed further during the special session.

Youngkin's other amendments spurred mixed responses. Lawmakers — sometimes on a bipartisan vote — rejected some changes but also accepted many of them, including one that would add Petersburg to the list of eligible casino host cities. That means the bill as amended becomes law. Most new legislation takes effect July 1.

Lawmakers did not override any of Youngkin's vetoes. Democrats in the House, whose narrow majority falls far short of the 2/3 needed for an override, spoke critically of a handful of vetoes but didn't vote on any of them.

The Senate failed to secure the 2/3 vote needed to override the governor's vetoes on 20 bills, but came close with some GOP support on one bill that would have allowed counties and cities to impose an additional local sales tax to be earmarked for construction or renovation of schools.



Jennifer Martin/Patriot Publishing

## Gem City Market Opens In Pulaski

Members of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, several town employees, local officials and others filled the newly opened Gem City Market for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, April 12. Located at 16 East Main Street in Pulaski, Gem City is owned by Meredith McGrady. Clothing is the main focus of the shop. Gem City Market will carry dresses, casual wear, sleep wear, work clothes, workout gear and shoes. Soon, custom T-shirts will be made in one of the back rooms of the store. But clothing isn't the only thing Gem City will offer. A glass cabinet by the entrance features brightly colored necklaces, bracelets and earrings, many of which McGrady created herself for Nectar, her own personal line of jewelry. Visit them today.



Pulaski County Public Schools

## Employee of the Month

Pulaski County Public Schools and Snowville Elementary are pleased to honor Mrs. Jeannie Quesenberry as their Employee of the Month. Mrs. Quesenberry currently serves in her second year as a paraprofessional where she helps students with disabilities across all grade levels. Mrs. Quesenberry is described by her colleagues as someone who greets each day with a smile and demonstrates a caring attitude towards all students. She is always willing to jump in and do anything that she is asked to do and takes initiative to do things above and beyond what she is asked to do. Mrs. Quesenberry sets high expectations for the students she works with and is always seeking new ways to help them learn. In her spare time, Mrs. Quesenberry enjoys hiking and kayaking with her family. Snowville Elementary is thankful for Mrs. Quesenberry's hard work and we are proud to have her represent our school as Employee of the Month.



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by Dave T. Phipps



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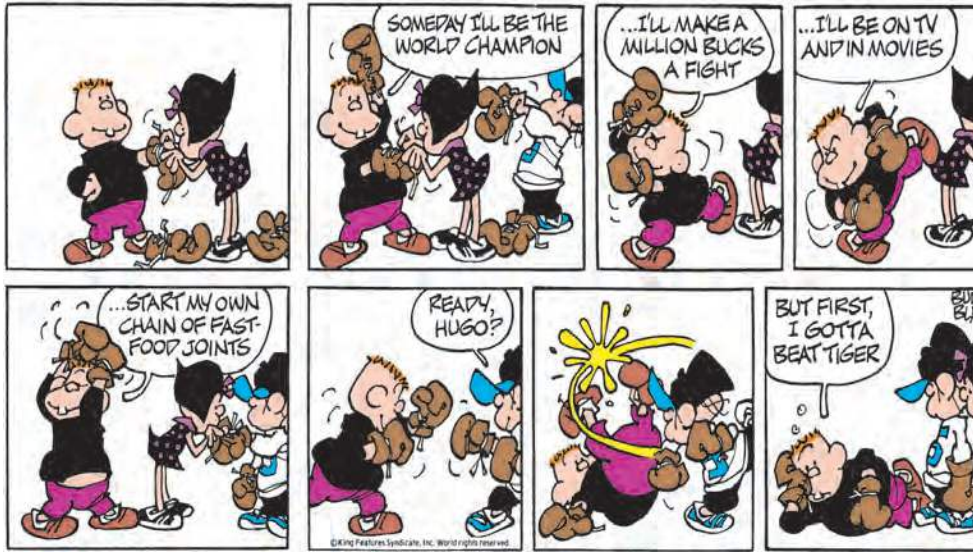
### The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



### TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



### OLIVE

### HOCUS-FOCUS



### 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: Z equals Y

ZHS FKORRZ WYHSRCQ'U  
 CDWFKJOFQ UYKWK PDQK  
 LKHLRK PFHN UYK LDQK UFKK  
 WUOUK. NDQC ZHSF NODQKFW!

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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!

Erupt:

TRUBS:

Associate:

BENGOL:

Odd:

DIWER:

Startle:

ACRES:

"Please explain to her that a fresh start does NOT mean a new \_\_\_\_\_!"

TODAY'S WORD:

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Siren
- 5 Cagers' gp.
- 8 Halt
- 12 Eventful periods
- 13 Cleric's tunic
- 14 Jared of "House of Gucci"
- 15 Persistence
- 17 Privy to
- 18 Tar
- 19 Laid down the lawn
- 21 Cattle call
- 22 Crystal gazer
- 23 Not "dis"
- 26 Scale abbr.
- 28 Impetus
- 31 Crunchy cookie
- 33 Chef Garten
- 35 Faux pas
- 36 Reddish dye
- 38 PC screen type
- 40 Salty expanse
- 41 Leave an impression?
- 43 Gear tooth
- 45 Salsa ingredient
- 47 Chopin pieces
- 51 Say it's so
- 52 Stresses
- 54 Hindu royal
- 55 911 responder
- 56 Tizzy
- 57 Sax range

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- 11 Frogs' hang-out
  - 16 Hip
  - 20 British ref. work
  - 23 Homer's cry
  - 24 "Right you —!"
  - 25 Multi-family dwelling
  - 27 NBC week-end show
  - 29 Compete
  - 30 Ecol. watchdog
  - 32 Toronto's province
  - 34 Emphasizes
  - 37 Play segment
  - 39 Pixels
  - 42 "Monopoly" buy
  - 44 Appearance
  - 45 Skater
  - 46 Ellipse
  - 48 Word of warning
  - 49 Author Bagnold
  - 50 Bygone fliers
  - 53 Punk-rock subgenre
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## WORD LADDERS

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

VOGUE

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SOLVE

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which dramatic film features the character "V"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Luzon belongs to which island nation?
- LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase for "before the war"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state has the most national parks?
- LITERATURE: Which 1950s novel includes the line, "Nothing behind me, everything ahead of me, as is ever so on the road."?
- CHEMISTRY: What kind of gas makes a drink bubbly?
- TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a mom named Debra Barone?
- MUSIC: What was the former name of the English band Muse?
- SCIENCE: What are the gaps between nerve cells called?
- THEATER: Who wrote the play "The Crucible"?

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10. Arthur Miller.  
 9. Synapses.  
 8. Rocketeer Baby Dolls.  
 7. "Everybody Loves Raymond."  
 6. Carbon dioxide.  
 5. "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac.  
 4. California, with nine.  
 3. Antebellum.  
 2. The Philippines.  
 1. "V for Vendetta" (2005).

### SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Burst; 2. Belong; 3. Weird; 4. Score

VALVE, SALVE, SOLVE  
 VOGUE, VAGUE, VALUE

Answer

WORD LADDER

## Americanisms



"No one comes from the earth like grass. We come like trees. We all have roots."  
 — Maya Angelou

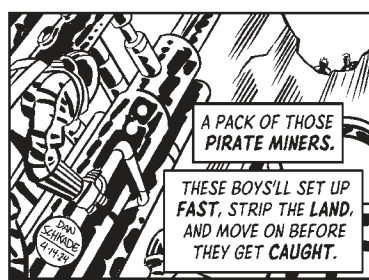
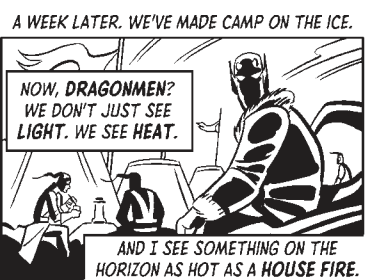
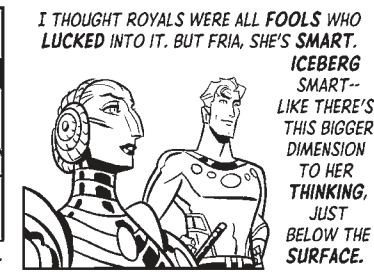
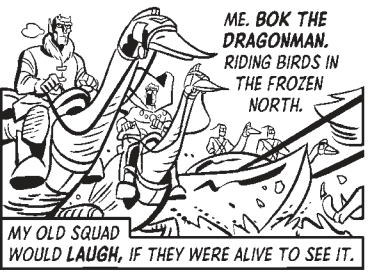
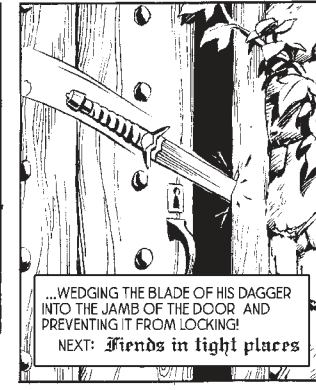
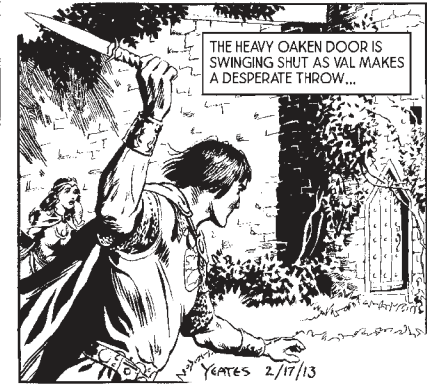
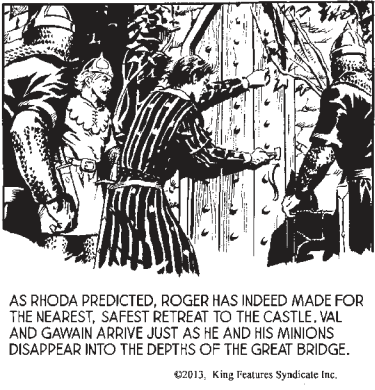
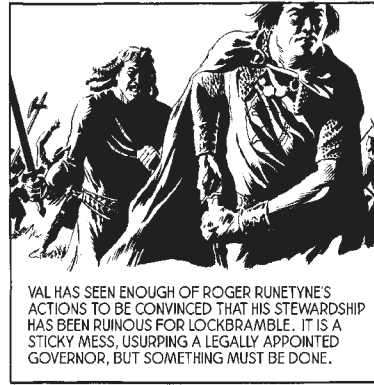
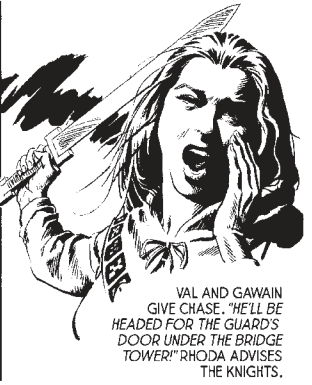
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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

### King Crossword



## Here's a Tip!

\* "My roses really look beautiful. When I am cutting stems to put in a bouquet, I use a clothespin to grip the stem. It saves me from getting pricked by thorns, because it has a bit of reach to it." -- L.E. in Georgia

\* For even distribution in sowing seeds for your garden, use a saltshaker for tiny seeds. You can get a cheese shaker for larger seeds, if necessary.

\* To keep your brick walkway clear of grass and weeds, sprinkle salt in the cracks.

\* "If you have to cut a nylon cord or shoelace, you can use

a flame to melt the end into a nub that won't run or fray. Use a little heat and press it together on a hard surface very briefly. It works fast!" -- R.S. in Maine

\* "Cars are getting so big these days. I use a string mop to wash the top and back of my van. I can reach everything better, and it does a great job." -- S.C. in Nevada

\* To get shower doors squeaky clean, use a paste of baking soda and water to scrub stubborn water stains, then rinse the whole thing with straight white vinegar. Put the

vinegar in a spray bottle and spray well, then rub off with a sponge. Rinse with plain water. Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: A FAST MARCHING PACE

Arrival	Four-four	Prime	Standard
Central	Hawaii	Reaction	Travel
Daylight saving	Mountain	Show	Universal
Eastern	Pacific	Small	

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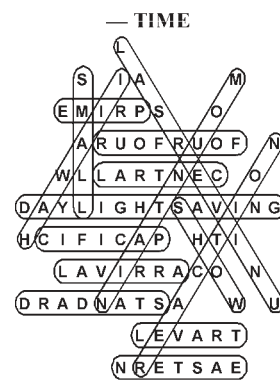
## CryptoQuote

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.

FSJIP MU TVYRTZMDIO  
SKZH JQIK JSPO TKO OIIO  
QTBI KSY FTPYIO VSAFTKH.  
— QTKKTQ TPIKOY

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## CryptoQuote answer

Power is actualized only when word and deed have not parted company.  
— Hannah Arendt

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ANSWER

Weekly SUDOKU

## Top Ten in Movies

- Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire (PG-13) Rebecca Hall, Brian Tyree Henry
- Monkey Man (R) Dev Patel, Sharlto Copley
- Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (PG-13) Paul Rudd, Carrie Coon
- The First Omen (R) Nell Tiger Free, Ralph Ineson
- Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG) Jack Black, Awkwafina
- Dune: Part Two (PG-13) Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya
- Someone Like You (PG) Sarah Fisher, Jake Allyn
- Arthur the King (PG-13) Mark Wahlberg, Simu Liu
- Immaculate (R) Sydney Sweeney, Álvaro Morte
- Wicked Little Letters (R) Jessie Buckley, Olivia Colman

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**April 22**

**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 level and use elevator to 2nd floor.

**April 27**

**Annual Spring Cleanup**  
Friends of Peak Creek Annual Spring Cleanup is Saturday, April 27 from 10 AM - 1 PM. We will meet at 41 NE First Street (parking lot behind the Senior Center). All equipment will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing. Snacks, water, and lunch will be provided. Email info@friendsofpeakcreek.org for more information.

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

number 540-818-0621.

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

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

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

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## Where's the Money Going?

Dear Dave,

I have a roommate, and we've shared the same two-bedroom apartment for about three years. During that time, we've always had an agreement that we would split the bills fifty-fifty. But for the last several months, he's been very late paying his half of the bills. There have even been a few times when he didn't pay his part at all, and I had to cover the entire bill. We both work good jobs, so money isn't an issue. He says he's broke, but when I ask him where all his money goes, he just shrugs and acts like he doesn't know. We're good friends, so I don't want to be cruel. How can I approach him about the situation?

Mikhail

Dear Mikhail,

No matter whether you're talking about friendships or business dealings, to be unclear is to be unkind. Believe me, I understand you don't want to be mean to a friend. But situations like this should always be addressed directly and quickly, before things get out of hand.

You said you were good friends, and not just roommates, right? My advice is to suggest a night where you both just hang out at the apartment. Offer to pay for dinner to be delivered, and just relax and watch a movie or a game together. Before the night's over, tell him there's something you've been wanting to talk to him about, and begin an understanding—but firm—conversation about the last few months and the situation with the bills. Let him know he's a good friend, and you enjoy his company, but the roommate agreement isn't working out because he's not living up to his



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

agreement to pay half the bills. Give him every chance to give a reasonable explanation for things, but make sure he understands that you two aren't going to be able to be roommates much longer unless he starts paying on time.

Being understanding is key in a situation like this, Mikhail. You don't want to approach him with a bunch of accusations, but at the same time, you need to know what's going on. Maybe he needs help learning to budget money properly. You said both of you have good jobs, so that means his money has to be going somewhere. The problem is it sounds like it's not going to the right places.

When a friend is having a rough time, you should always do what you reasonably can do to help. But in this case, he's got obligations he needs—and agreed—to live up to. Do what you can, but in the end, he should understand it's time for him to get his act together.

—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.

**On going:**

**Monday Services**  
Evangelists Jodie and Rosanna Whittaker - Monday night services at 7 p.m. at the Quality Inn in Dublin Conference

## Gospel Singing Fundraiser set for Sunday at Aldersgate UMC

Join us for a Gospel Singing Fundraiser on Sunday, April 21, at Aldersgate UMC, Bob White Blvd. The event will raise funds for the Children's Day Camp for the children of Pulaski and Dublin.

Fellowship finger foods will be available from 5:00 to 6:00, followed by the singing, which will start at 6:00. You'll enjoy music by

the following groups:

- Glorylanders
- Mountain View Church
- Randolph Avenue Drum Corps
- Thornsprng UMC Choir
- Pulaski UMC Praise Team

We hope to see you there!

## When Tick Removal Goes Wrong

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: After taking my Terrier "Hank" for a walk around my subdivision yesterday, I noticed when taking off his leash that a tick had attached itself to the back of his neck! I don't even know where it came from; we stayed on the sidewalk. I quickly tried to remove it with tweezers, but Hank is kind of a wiggly guy, and just as I tugged on the tick, he moved and the body of the tick broke off! It looks like the tick's head is still embedded in his skin. What can I do? Will this hurt Hank? -- Joe K. in Sarasota Springs, New York

DEAR JOE: Since the tick's body was removed, and you noticed it pretty quickly, Hank's risk of contracting a tick-borne illness is low. However, an infection might develop where the tick's head is still embedded. Treat the bite spot with an



over-the-counter antibiotic ointment. Monitor the spot for a few days. There may be a little redness around the bite area as the skin reacts to the foreign object, and with luck, the head may be pushed out enough for you to grab it with the tweezers and remove.

When should you contact Hank's veterinarian? If you aren't able to remove the tick head after a few days, it's time to make an appointment with the vet. Or, if the redness spreads or if Hank seems distressed,

lethargic or otherwise out of sorts, get him to the vet right away.

Removing a tick as soon as it's found is important, because even though dogs can be vaccinated against Lyme Disease, other tick-borne diseases can be transmitted to your pet. Ticks are becoming active earlier in the year, so consider starting flea and tick prevention earlier, too.

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