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160 YEARS

This week marks 160th anniversary of Battle of Cloyd's Mountain

By DANIELLE REID
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The 500-year-old "Witness Oak Tree" is dead, but still standing on the Back Creek Farm property, now belonging to Mary Catherine and Jim Stout, where one of the most savage and bloodiest battles of the Civil War took place on May 9th 1864. This week marked the 160th anniversary of that bloody battle.

Earlier in 1864, over 6,000 Federal (Union) troops marched from the Shenandoah Valley, under the command of Brigadier General George Crook, through the Appalachian Mountains toward Southwest Virginia. Their intent was to destroy the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad and the train depot in Dublin.

Crook had also learned of the other local valuable resources such as the salt and lead mines located in Pulaski County.

Confederate General Breckenridge received an alert that the Federal troops were on the march and he needed to stop their advance. Confederate troops had already boarded the train in Dublin bound for Staunton; but were ordered to disembark and to prepare to confront the Federal troops. Marching from the train depot in Dublin, they encountered the Federal troops just miles away at Cloyd's Mountain.

Confederate Brigadier General Albert G. Jenkins was put in command of the 45th Virginia Infantry Battalion the first day after his appointment. His troops were mostly raw

recruits and had just begun their training. Jenkins requested assistance from the local militia also known as the "home guard," which consisted of old men and boys too young to enlist. One-third of the 2,240 Confederate troops were old men and young boys.

The bloody battle on Cloyd's Mountain progressed from cannon fire and artillery to hand-to-hand combat. The battle, which lasted only one hour, resulted in hundreds of casualties and the Federal troops declaring victory. One account stated that the Federal troops sustained 10-percent casualties, totaling 688 men while the Confederate troops incurred 23-percent casualties.

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Marketplace begins a new season at Pulaski Train Depot

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

The normally quiet Pulaski Train Depot was buzzing with activity Tuesday evening, as the season's first Marketplace event occurred under ideal weather conditions drawing healthy crowds. This year's Marketplace was organized by Pulaski On Main and is scheduled to take place from 4 till 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the train depot until September 24.

Joe Kessinger and his guitar provided the musical backdrop for the May 7th Marketplace, while vendors lining the walls of the depot tempted passersby with their wares. Though not every vendor space was filled, the variety of goods on display was impressive.

Visitors to the Marketplace could recognize several of the vendors from year's past like Laci Carroll of Twice as Nice Spices, who is in her fifth season as a vendor at the Marketplace. Martha Biggar and sister Elizabeth Whitman have been selling their goods at the Marketplace for well over a decade. This year they offered jams, applesauce and walnut bread along with jewelry made at Ed and Martha's Shedio.

Along with the regulars, there were at least two first time vendors at the Marketplace. The proprietors of Woods Acre Fruit Wines came from Cana, Virginia to be a part of the Town of Pulaski's Marketplace. Woods Acre produces 19 varieties of fruit wine made from blackberries, raspberries,

blueberries and mint grown at their farm. They even produce a "wine" made from roots, which is said to have medicinal benefits.

Another first timer, Jenni Numinen makes all of the sweet treats on display herself for her company Cookies for Breakfast. Jenni and husband Cale live only a few blocks away from the train depot.

Eric and Naomi Carter from Blacksburg are in their second season as vendors. Their company, E & N, sells scents, sprays, soaps, beard oils, shampoo bars, body oils and sugar scrubs, among other items.

Tuesday's Marketplace also featured a wide variety of food choices for those who stopped

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Pulaski Police Receive Recognition: Mayor Shannon Collins presents a resolution observing National Police Week to Town of Pulaski Police Chief Samuel Shumate and members of the Pulaski Police Department.

Town's water plant, police honored Tuesday

By WILLIAM PAINE
Patriot Publishing

Tuesday night's meeting of the Pulaski Town Council opened with an awards presentation for the Town of Pulaski's water treatment plant.

Lisa Crabtree of Virginia's Department of Health presented the 2023 Gold Water Treatment Plant Performance Award for Excellence in Clarification, Filtration and Backwash to the staff of Pulaski's Water Treatment plant.

"I'm so excited to be here and not just giving any award, but the gold award," said Crabtree. "They made the best possible water they could out of the filter plant ... So that's pretty awesome considering what we've had to work with."

Crabtree was referring to the Super Pulsator that was installed in the water plant in 1989, which is only one of three in the state of Virginia. Most water treatment plants use more conventional technology to purify water.

"The pulsator is a very tricky unit to run but we've been able to run it at a high level because of the people here on site," said David Peyton, Chief Operator of the Pulaski water plant. "And also, our source water comes from Gatewood, which is an excellent source of water. Originally before 1989, this was a conventional water system, which would have been better all the way around. It's much easier to run and it would be actually easier for us to supply

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The Pulaski Water Plant receives a Gold Award
Front row from left: Joshua Hodge (Lead Operator), Lisa Crabtree (Dept of Health), David Peyton (Chief Operator) and Jessica McKinney (Trainee).
Back Row - Pulaski Town Council members

First Cruise-In of the Season at Citizens June 8th

Floyd, VA -- Time to polish up your classic and muscle cars and trucks for the first Cruise-In of the season at Citizens Telephone Cooperative.

The event will be held on Saturday, June 8th from 4 pm to 6 pm at 220 Webbs Mill Road in Floyd. There is no entry fee and there will be food available for purchase. The public is invited to join car enthusiasts from all over the New River Valley.

Last year there were over 100 different makes and models. "Citizens is happy to offer our parking lot to the public to hold this event. We are all about connections and we enjoy connecting with the community at local events like this," stated Tina Osborne, Events Coordinator for Citizens.

Citizens plans to open their parking lot for several more this year. The dates set are: Saturday, June 8th, 4 pm to 6 pm Friday, July 26th, 6 pm to 8 pm Saturday, September 28th, 4 pm to 6 pm For more information, visit www.citizens.coop or call 540.745.2111.

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 The new Director of Pulaski On Main MaryAnne Gilmore organized this year's Marketplace. MaryAnne was aided in setting up Tuesday's Marketplace by John Crockett and Lydia Gilmer. The three stand under the newly installed Marketplace sign.

New

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"This is my very first Marketplace and I think today proved that it's a success," said MaryAnn Gilmore, Director of Pulaski On Main. "The vendors came back strong. I wanted to make sure they were able to be seen and make sure that we provide the community with the locally made goods they have. I'm still going to work hard to make sure that the vendors are highlighted for the marketplace because this is them."

"I'm going to be very easy to spot," Gilmore added. "Just look for a woman with the traditional head lei on. I was born on Guam. My island home is Saipan which is two islands north. And our sister island, Tinian, is where they loaded up two atomic bombs."

Next week's Marketplace will likely feature additional vendors and, if the weather holds, even bigger crowds.

March land transfers for March

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

Betty M Reeves to Darrel Williams, property at 7294 Woodland Way, Fairlawn, \$ 315,000.

Nathan Smythers to Manyon Landis Idol, property at 735 Smythers Mountain Rd, Hiwassee, \$37,000.

Richard Smallwood to Cole Watkins, property at 6180 Skyview Circle, Dublin, \$215,000.

Cole Companies, LLC to James Grimes, property at 2759 Old Hurst Rd, Hiwassee, \$ 12,000.

Ruth Eanes Milstead to Calloway Properties, LLC, property at 817 Newbern Rd, Pulaski, \$ 225,000.

Charles A Burnette to Ehikioya Osemobor, property at 7086 Hickman Cemetery Rd, Fairlawn, \$130,000.

Mark E Ebert to Jennifer Lassiter Smith, property at 1449 Lakeview Drive, Pulaski, \$500,000.

Lewis Properties, LLC to Jeffery Melvin, property off Armstrong Street, Dublin, \$298,000.

HK Development LLC Adam Barkley Goodrich, property off Island View Rd, Snowville, \$135,000.

Hunter Keith Arehart to Sarah Bouve' Hartman, property at 3336 Lake Ridge Dr, Pulaski, \$290,000.

MBB Land LLC to Echoles Holdings, LLC, 153 acres off Old Baltimore Rd, Draper, 1.880,000.

Herman G Bartlett to Harry D Black, property off Sawgrass Way, Fairlawn, \$149,500.

John M Jewell to Hannah Madison Smith, property at 1704 Monte Vista Dr, Pulaski, \$ 179,000.



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 Joe Kessinger plays at the Marketplace

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EDITORIAL

Healthcare Hack

Our country is experiencing a massive shift in technology. Our daily activities often revolve around computers and smartphones.

Our Information Technology (IT) infrastructure grows daily. But so do the threats of cyberattacks.

This week, the Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations, which I chair, held a hearing focused on the fallout from the February 2024 cyberattack on Change Healthcare.

Change Healthcare (Change), a UnitedHealth subsidiary that was acquired by them in 2022, operates the largest Electronic Data Interchange clearinghouse in the nation, transmitting more than 15 billion



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

transactions every year.

When the hack was discovered, UnitedHealth shut down its Change Healthcare networks. This

action had profound consequences for providers and patients.

According to the American Hospital Association, 94 percent of hospitals reported being financially impacted by the cyberattack. Hospitals, clinics, medical practices and pharmacies across the country were prevented from getting paid and could not submit claims. Stopping all payments on claims made it difficult for providers and patients. An unknown number of patients had their care delayed.

These consequences were widely discussed on a bipartisan basis during the hearing, which featured UnitedHealth CEO, Sir Andrew Witty.

Patients reeled from this cutoff, prompting them to either walk away, pay large sums of money out of pocket for their medications or borrow money. I am sure some had to use credit cards with high interest rates.

NBC News reported patients not being able to afford their medication without copay assistance cards, such as patients at the Marion Family Pharmacy in Marion, Virginia.

One individual was forced to pay \$1,100 for medication because the Marion pharmacy was unable to process her copay assistance card.

When I raised this issue to Mr. Witty, I asked how were this lady and other people similarly situated going to be made whole for their loss. He seemed empathetic.

But it was clear to me that UnitedHealth did not have a plan on how to take care of patients who had been harmed.

He had no answer as to how much paperwork would be requested from a patient in order to be fully reimbursed. It is not just the \$1,100. It's the interest on that money that UnitedHealth got to keep and receive interest on while the patient was possibly paying interest to a lender.

There is also the possibility of increased medical attention needed for patients that were denied medicine or services because their insurance could not be processed.

I hope in the coming weeks UnitedHealth will formulate a plan for making patients whole.

Another problem is how does UnitedHealth take care of healthcare providers.

Providers were kept in the dark when claims were not being processed and sparked fears of closures. Congresswoman Schrier (D-WA) told Witty a private practitioner in her district had to mortgage their home to make office rent and payroll.

UnitedHealth "helped" them out by giving them a \$70 first-round loan. Big help!

It is true the hackers were the bad guys, but as I said in my opening statement, UnitedHealth's Change did not have Multi Factor Authentication (MFA), which is a standard cyber protection tool. The criminals exploited this weakness allowing them access into the system.

Mr. Witty attributed the technology failure to Change's outdated system.

As the largest health care conglomerate in the United States, this response was concerning.

Over 50 percent of U.S. medical claims are processed through Change's EDI clearinghouse. UnitedHealth Group's vast network encompasses Optum, Optum Rx pharmacies, urgent care centers, United Healthcare Medicare and Retirement plans, including AARP Medicare plans, 10,000 doctors and other subsidiaries.

Given UnitedHealth's sweeping consolidation of medical companies, the company stands as a prime target for bad actors.

It begs the question whether one company should be able to control a market share of this magnitude in the healthcare arena.

I do not claim to know the answer, but the question must be asked.

UnitedHealth had an obligation to protect their customers. They failed! And they failed to have a secure backup plan.

Small medical practices and hospitals are hurting. But the most vulnerable to this incident were the people showing up at their healthcare provider needing care and at their pharmacy needing to get their medicine.

UnitedHealth has a big mess to clean up. Going forward, my Subcommittee will examine their actions and then we can determine if UnitedHealth is truly committed to rectifying their mistake.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671.

National Day Calendar

National Day Calendar

In recent days, do you feel the need to take a deep breath, turn off all news, and refocus? We are constantly bombarded with bad news, negative opinions about the future of our nation, concerns about inflation, our kids being indoctrinated in marxist theology, out-of-control borders, etc., etc., etc.

Although we can't ignore the critical issues of our day, can we take a short break and focus on something else once in a while?

For instance, have you ever wondered where some of the National Day designations come from? In 2013, the National Day Calendar® came into being when founders Marlo and Alice Anderson celebrated National Popcorn Day. From there, they became the original and authoritative source for fun, unusual, and unique National Days by telling the stories behind the proclaimed National Days.

So, let's look at some of the fun celebrations on the National Day Calendar for this week.

Monday, May 6th was National Crepe Suzette Day, named in honor of the only female guest at a dinner for Prince Edward of Wales in 1895. Apparently, a 14-year-old assistant waiter, Henry Carpentier, made a mistake while helping to prepare a dessert, and instead created a masterpiece.

Tuesday, May 7th was National Paste Up Day, commemorating those who performed the tedious tasks of what our computers now do with desktop publishing. The past "artist" would ensure the smooth layout of the newspaper or publication by cutting the type into sections or columns; and also inserting the headlines.

Wednesday, May 8th was one I'm sorry I missed...National Coconut Cream Pie Day. Next year, I'll be ready to celebrate, topping my pie with a generous layer of home-made whipped cream, garnished with organic toasted coconut. Yum!

Thursday, May 9th was one everyone can relate to - National Lost Sock

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Memorial Day. When I wonder where my "lost sock mate" has gone, the first place I look is in the dog's bed. If I don't find it there, hopefully it will be stuck to the sides of either the washer or the dryer. If not, do you say good-bye or stow it in a lost sock drawer, hoping its mate will eventually turn up?

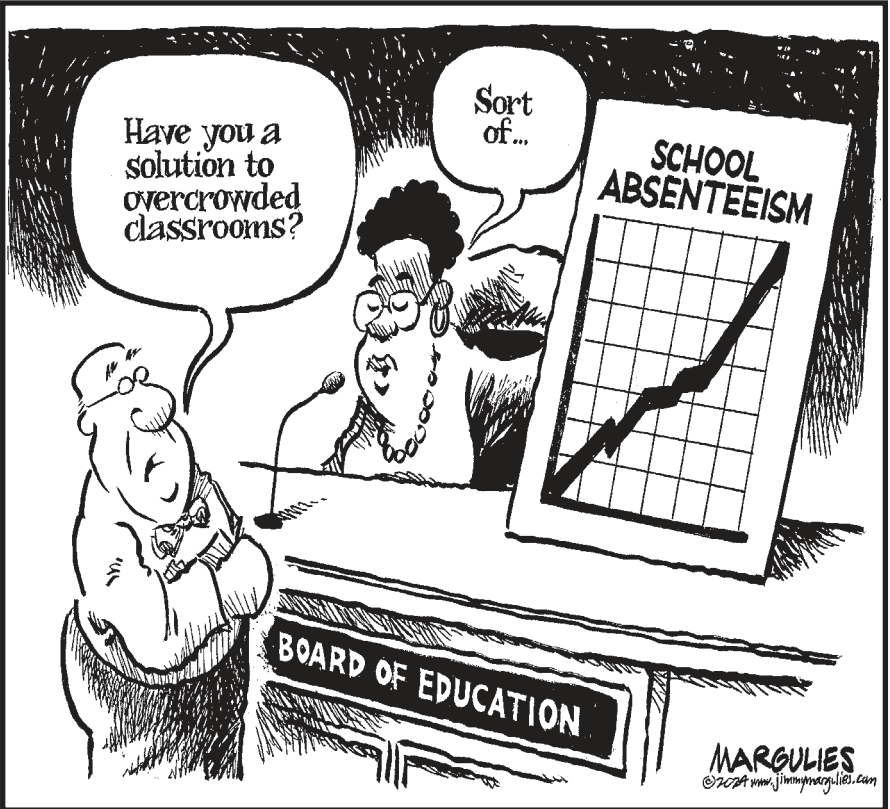
Friday, May 10th is one parents will appreciate: National Clean Up Your Room Day. However, it can apply to all of us who want to declutter, spring clean, or rearrange our room for more efficient use. Check out some of the useful suggestions on the National Day Calendar.

Saturday, May 11th has two favorite celebrations. Start the day by celebrating National Miniature Golf Day with family and friends. Then after a fun round of miniature golf and lots of laughs, go to your favorite eatery and celebrate National Eat What You Want Day. Whether it's a food that entices you so much you don't keep it in the house, or just a favorite dessert or meal, allow yourself to indulge for once. National Eat What You Want Day was created by Ruth and Thomas Roy of wellcat.com

Sunday, May 12th of course is Mother's Day, so husbands and kids, don't forget to thank Mom. One way to do that is by writing her a limerick because Sunday is also National Limerick Day. In case you don't remember from your English class, a limerick is a type of humorous poem that follows a five line AABBA rhyme. While you are entertaining Mom with your creativity, you may want to further gift her with some deep, dark delicious fudge because this is also National Nutty Fudge Day.

I found this paraphrase of Proverbs

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Infrastructure

Before the General Assembly heads back to Richmond on May 13th to (hopefully) complete work on the Commonwealth's budget, I'd like to bring you up to speed on a couple of initiatives I've been involved in in the New River Valley to provide financial relief and infrastructure improvements to our communities.

On April 2nd, I signed on to a letter with House Republican colleagues representing Appalachian Power's service territory to ask that the State Corporation Commission (SCC) reject Appalachian Power's request for a 5.1% revenue increase. It is estimated that this 5.1% increase would increase the energy utility's revenue by \$95 million, and add an average of \$10 to each customer's monthly electric bill. If approved by the SCC, this would mean that the average customer will have experienced a 136% increase in their monthly bill since July 1, 2007! While it is true that Appalachian Power's service territory provides unique challenges to providing reliable electricity and the cost of doing business has increased along with inflation, customers should not have to make the choice of whether to heat or cool their home, or to put food on the table. It is my desire that Appalachian Power look internally for cost saving

Delegate Jason Ballard 42nd District

measures that protect their customers while delivering reliable and affordable electricity.

Last week, I also sent a letter to Congressman Morgan Griffith to ask that Congress allocate funding to two infrastructure projects of regional significance as federal appropriators consider "Community Project Funding" requests. The first project is one that those who live and travel through Giles and Pulaski Counties know well - the widening of Route 100 to four lanes. As you may already know, Route 100 between Route 601 and Route 692 is a two-lane road that is part of the connector between Dublin in Pulaski County and Pearisburg in Giles County. Although this stretch is only 3.4 miles in length, it has been the scene of nearly 50 crashes between the years 2018-2022, which amounts to about 15 crashes per mile. Repeated efforts over the past

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

No, don't rush the Trump J6 case

When the Supreme Court said it would hear Donald Trump's immunity claim in the Jan. 6 case brought by Special Counsel Jack Smith, the former president's enemies erupted in anger.

It was delay for delay's sake. It was a rank political favor for an ally. It was utterly gratuitous in legal terms, since it's a slam dunk that a former president doesn't enjoy immunity for acts during his time in office.

MSNBC's Rachel Maddow accused the Court of "doing this as a dilatory tactic to help your political friend." And, she added, "For you to say that this is something that the Court needs to decide because it's something that's unclear in the law is just flagrant, flagrant bullpucky."

This interpretation didn't survive first contact with the oral arguments, which were fascinating and complex and raised all sorts of knotty and consequential issues.

Does the threat of criminal prosecution run the risk of chilling presidents in the performance of their duties, as Trump's lawyer argued? Or does immunity run the risk of creating an incentive for executive lawlessness, as the Special Counsel's representative argued? Would politicized lawsuits against presidents threaten our "stable, democratic society," as Justice Samuel Alito suggested? Or would immunity make the presidency "the seat of criminality," as Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson worried?

Should a president have immunity for official presidential acts and not private acts, and where do we draw the line? Do the criminal statutes that Trump is accused of violating in the J6 case even apply to him? What role does a series of court precedents play in this case?

All of this and more are featured in the oral arguments. They were so interesting and fraught because the court is grappling with fresh questions raised by an unprecedented circumstance, namely, the prosecution of a former president.

As for the sweeping, unanimous decision of the D.C. Circuit that denied Trump's claim of immunity and Trump's critics considered dispositive, Chief Justice John Roberts, who is not a MAGA extremist, made it clear that he thinks it's desperately flawed.

Trump's critics are putting partisan considerations (the belief that a trial in and of itself and, even more so, a conviction will hurt Trump politically) and their hatred of Trump and his post-election conduct before everything else in their demand for the fastest possible ruling most damaging to Trump.

This is a very bad impulse when asking the Court to create a precedent that will affect all presidents going forward.

As Justice Brett Kavanaugh said, "I'm not as concerned about the here and now. I'm more concerned about the future." Usually, we value such long-term thinking, but it's extremely inconvenient to Jack Smith and his cheerleaders.

A rush is understandable from

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Shop local with new Adventure Card

Building on the success of #shopsmallpulaski Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce and Pulaski County Tourism will kick off the Pulaski County Adventure Trail promotion. This exciting initiative will showcase all of the best assets Pulaski has to offer from outdoor adventure, theater entertainment, sports entertainment, restaurants, and more! Beginning May 15th, people can collect virtual stickers on the Adventure Trail to earn prizes. Simply set up an account and begin collecting your virtual stickers!

“The Pulaski County Adventure Trail offers the chance for locals and visitors to uncover the hidden gems and vibrant experiences our community has to offer!” says Erika Tolbert, Pulaski County Tourism Director. “From outdoor



adventures to festivals and sports entertainment, the Adventure Trail proves that there is always something to do

in Pulaski County”.

In addition to showcasing all the exciting things Pulaski has to offer, the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce will debut the Adventure Card! The Adventure Card empowers patrons to bestow the gift of choice while actively championing our vibrant local economy. Adventure Card gift cards can be purchased the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce website and be used at the same businesses on the Adventure Trail. This program will continue year-round and be used in conjunction with future #ShopSmallPulaski campaigns. With the flexibility to be used both in-store and online at participating local businesses, the Adventure Card ensures seamless transactions and hassle-free shopping experiences for recipients. “This initiative not only

celebrates the unique charm and diversity of our local businesses but also encourages residents and visitors alike to immerse themselves in the vibrant experiences that Pulaski County has to offer.” says Shannon Ainsley, Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. “We are excited for this partnership with Pulaski County Tourism to showcase our local businesses.”

To embark on a journey of discovery and support local businesses, individuals can register to take part in the Pulaski County Adventure Trail at app.loyalbrew.com/passports/pulaski-county-adventure-trail/auth?action=register. The fun begins May 15th and runs through June 15th! Adventure Card gift cards are available year round at www.pulaskivachamber.org.

Hancock honored for community college philanthropy

From NRCC

Gary Hancock of Pulaski recently received the 18th Annual Chancellor’s Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. He was nominated for the award by New River Community College.

Hosted by the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCEE), more than two dozen individuals, families, and organizations have earned the 2024 Chancellor’s Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. The awards were presented at a luncheon ceremony in Richmond on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. VCCS Chancellor Dr. David Doré served as emcee, and The Honorable Maurice Jones was featured as the keynote speaker.

“Virginia’s growth, prosperity, and well-being depend on the success of our community college system and the success of our students,” said Jones. “From childcare and housing assistance to reducing food insecurity, we must care and invest in the whole student for students and the Commonwealth to be successful.”

Hancock has been a strong supporter of New River Community College and the NRCC Educational Foundation for decades. His comprehensive and consistent support has come not only in terms of generous giving, but also in important leadership roles.

He is past president and current co-chair of the NRCC Foundation Board of Directors

and has served on that board for a number of terms. He also served on, and chaired, the State Board for Community Colleges. In addition to serving the local community in ways too numerous to enumerate, both he and the law firm for which he is senior partner, Gilmer, Sadler, Ingram, Sutherland & Hutton, have been generous donors to the Foundation’s scholarship program.

“Over the course of its more than 50-year history, New River Community College has never had a more faithful friend and supporter than Gary Hancock. His commitment to making college accessible to New River Valley residents has been evidenced time and time again through both philanthropy and leadership. New River Community College has been extremely fortunate to call Gary Hancock ‘one of our own,’” said Angie Covey, Executive Director of the NRCC Educational Foundation.

This year’s class of distinguished philanthropy leaders has collectively contributed \$17 million dollars to Virginia’s Community Colleges.

Established in 1980, the NRCC Educational Foundation is a nonprofit corporation that secures voluntary support and manages funds solely for the benefit of New River Community College. Members of the Foundation Board of Directors represent the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski, and Radford.



(L to R): NRCC Educational Foundation Executive Director Angie Covey, VCCS Chancellor Dr. David Doré, Gary Hancock, Matthew Hancock, NRCC President Dr. Pat Huber, Peter Huber

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17:22 on the Bible Gateway site and think it’s a good reminder that whoever fails to look to God and His goodness, becomes joyless and loses hope.

“Lord, help me have the strength to choose to be cheerful and full of joy, despite negative circumstances. Heal my heart and outlook with Your joy, and use me as a cheerful light in this world filled with negativity. In Jesus’ Name.”

Griffith’s attention to local matters on the federal level, and I’ll continue to work towards obtaining funding for these important infrastructure projects in the Virginia General Assembly.

As the Delegate representing the 42nd House District in the Virginia General Assembly, your concerns are my greatest priority. If ever I may be of assistance to you and your family, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at DelJBallard@House.Virginia.Gov. You can also follow me on Twitter @JasonBallardVA or like my Facebook page, Jason Ballard for Delegate, to keep up to date with what I am doing in Richmond and in our community on your behalf.

community of Rich Creek is one that immediately comes to mind, which is why I sponsored HB 304 in the 2024 Legislative Session to create the Virginia Firefighting Facilities Grant Program. Unfortunately, the Democrat-led Committee on General Laws defeated this bill.

Southwest Virginia at-large is fortunate to have a unified voice in Richmond that speaks to our region’s unique needs. I also sincerely appreciate Congressman

weighty legal issues raised by the case just to meet the inherently political deadline of getting to trial before the election is foolish and short-sighted.

As it is, it seems the Court will almost certainly reject Trump’s extravagant claims of immunity, while quite possibly blessing a more limited version. The Court also may ask the judge in the J6 case to determine which of Trump’s acts were official and which private. That would take time and be hateful to Trump’s enemies, who can’t bear the thought that the judiciary might be judicious in its handling of a truly momentous court case.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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several decades to widen this stretch have been stymied due to cost, and in the meantime, increased traffic is leading to more crashes. Additionally, I have asked for federal funding to help rural volunteer fire departments build new firehouses to replace those that are aging and in disrepair. In such locations, a diminishing tax base – to include those living on fixed incomes – often means that a local sustainable funding stream no longer exists to sustain vital emergency fire services. The


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their point of view. There is about a 50% chance that Trump will win an election again and, if he’s not tried before November, he’ll shut down the prosecutions of him.

But the idea that a complicated case relying on novel use of federal statutes and involving a former president should, or could, be slammed through the courts like a case about an overdue parking ticket was always ridiculous.

If timing was such a worry (and Trump’s criminality so obvious), the Justice Department could have appointed Jack Smith much sooner and Smith could have indicted Trump much faster. Hoping to short-circuit careful judicial review of all the

 <p>PUBLIC NOTICE: Republican Party Primary Election</p>
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<p>ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, June 18, 2024</p>
<p>ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE AT THE POLLS. Please verify your voter registration, polling place, and VALID ID before Election Day!</p>
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<p>BALLOT DROPBOX AVAILABLE AT ALL PRECINCTS AND THE VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE ON ELECTION DAY</p>
<p>POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 28, 2024: Last day to register to vote or change your voter registration information for this election. After May 28th, please inquire about Same Day Registration.</p>
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<p>Monday-Friday, May 3, 2024 – June 14, 2024: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 8, 2024: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 15, 2024: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Last day to vote an Early In-Person ballot at the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office.</p>
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<p>Friday, June 7, 2024: Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received in the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office by 5 p.m.</p>
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In Memory of Sarah Elizabeth Boswell

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OBITUARIES



WANDA JEANETTE STOOTS

Wanda Jeanette Stoots, age 78 of Pulaski passed away Friday, May 3, 2024. Born July 18, 1945 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late Russell Paul "RP" Cox and Agnes Cox. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Buddy Cox.

Wanda retired from Jefferson Mills after 50 years of service.

She is survived by her Husband – William O. "Bill" Stoots – Pulaski

Son – William Michael "Mike" Stoots – Pulaski

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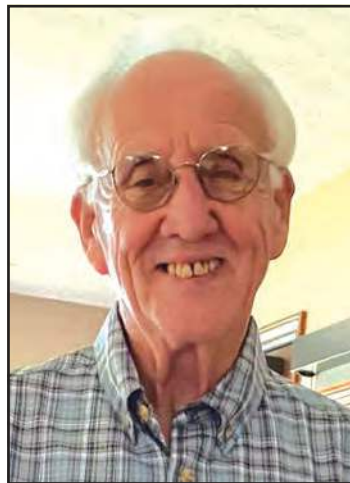
Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home – Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Jerry Collins officiating. Interment was at the Thornspring UMC Cemetery.

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

THELMA IRENE THOMAS LINDAMOOD

Thelma Irene Thomas Lindamood of Max Meadows, Virginia, passed away Saturday, May 4, 2024. She was the daughter of the late Frank A. Thomas and Ethel Martin Thomas. She was a member of the Fort Chiswell Methodist Church and was preceded in death by her husband, Elbert Mickey Lindamood, a son, Thomas Mickey Lindamood; and grandchildren, Amanda Lee Montgomery and Lee Blevins. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Ethel Irene and Larry Harrah of Wytheville; Helen Loretta and Terry Montgomery of Max Meadows; three sons and daughters-in-law, Douglas Randolph and Pat Lindamood of Pulaski, Gary Wayne and Rhonda Lindamood of Dublin, and Brooks Robert and Donna

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LYLE EDMOND "ED" MCPEAK

Lyle Edmond "Ed" McPeak, 84, of Radford passed away on Thursday May 2, 2024.

Ed was born on February 20, 1940, in Radford, Virginia to Nellie Myers McPeak and Clifton Rudolph McPeak. Ed loved his wife Kathy, his family and the many Doberman Pinchers that were lucky enough to befriend Ed over the years. He was always quick to smile and say hello and to lend a neighbor a helping hand.

Ed was proud to serve his country as a member of the Army National Guard. He was an employee of the United Parcel Service; he began his career at UPS with the opening of the Dublin Virginia Service Center in 1965. He filled many roles while working for UPS until his retirement in 1990. Ed was an automobile enthusiast and enjoyed restoring and driving his many Chevrolets.

Ed was proceeded in death by his mother Nellie Myers McPeak, father Clifton Rudolph McPeak and brother Clifton Rudolph McPeak Jr.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years Kathy W. McPeak, daughter Kathryn (Ken) Rollins and son Henry "Hank" Crowder. Also left to cherish his memory are his sister-in-law Kay McPeak, two grandchildren, a great-grandchild as well as nieces and cousins.

The family would like to express thanks to the medical staff that showed Ed great care and compassion until the time of his passing and offer sincere thanks to his special caregivers and friends, Sharon Carter and Chris Hatchett.

The family will receive friends Friday, May 10th, 2024, from 1-2 pm at Bower Funeral Chapel in Pulaski, Virginia. The funeral service will begin promptly at 2pm. Interment will follow at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, Virginia.

Arrangements are being handled by Bower Funeral Chapel, Pulaski, Virginia.



JIMMY ALBERT SIMS

October 2, 1947 – May 4, 2024 Jimmy Albert Sims, 76, of Radford, passed away on Saturday, May 4, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Marion and Lena Albert Sims; and his canine companion, Cooper.

Jimmy is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Tina Marie Young Sims; daughter, Amy Sims Bond; grandchildren, Devin Bryce Bond and Ryder Owen Bond; brother and sister-in-law, Rickey Sims (Joyce); sisters-in-law, Christine Akers and Vickie Carden; special friends, Justin Johnson and Javier "Wedo" Barocio; and many other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 12:30 p.m. with Pastor Timothy Worles officiating. Interment with full military honors will take place at 2 p.m. in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

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



ELBERT NORRIS O'DELL

Elbert Norris O'Dell, age 82, of Pulaski County, VA, peacefully passed away early Sunday morning, May 5th, 2024, in the comfort of his home surrounded by his family. Born December 2, 1941, he was the son of the late Amos Alexander O'Dell and Minnie Annie Miller O'Dell. He was preceded in death by his sisters Ann Jonas and Eunice Marshall, and brothers Otis O'Dell and Junior O'Dell. He is survived by his special friend Virginia Presler of Draper, VA; sister Frances Thompson of Florida; son Dean (Katheryn) O'Dell of Max Meadows, VA; daughter Kimberly O'Dell of Dublin, VA; granddaughter Ashley (Daniel) Lynn, great granddaughters Dylan and Scarlett, of Pulaski, VA; grandson Joshua (Heather) Freeman, great granddaughters Allison and Anniston, great grandson Grayson, of Christiansburg, VA; granddaughter Kayla (Bradley) Coon, great grandsons Dawson and Channing, great granddaughters Emersyn, Tinsley, and Blakely, of Pulaski, VA; grandson Gavin (Dani) Vought of Christiansburg, VA; granddaughter Gracie O'Dell of Max Meadows, VA; and bonus grandchildren Lincoln and Willow. Elbert also leaves behind many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

A true pillar of faith, Elbert was a lifetime member of Dora Highway Baptist Church in Pulaski, Va. An avid hunter and fisherman, he could always be found in a tree stand or on a boat. He was a competitive bowler and a baseball enthusiast. He spread joy through music, spending countless hours with a guitar strap on his shoulder and a pic in his hand, always singing from a place deep in his heart. A true craftsman, there wasn't much he couldn't do; he'd self-teach then mentor others. A simple man, he found happiness in loving his family, serving others, and creating a positive impact in the lives of everyone that knew him. He was full of so much life and even more love.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 9th, 2024 at Dora Highway Baptist Church in Pulaski, VA. Interment followed at the Shiloh Cemetery.

Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski, VA is handling arrangements for the family. To sign Elbert's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com.



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ETHEL MAE GALLIMORE

Ethel Mae Gallimore, age 92 of Radford passed away early Saturday morning May 4, 2024 at her home. Born May 16, 1931 in Dublin, she was the daughter of the late Jessie Monroe Robertson & Annie Harris Robertson. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Lee Gallimore, Sr., sisters Arlena, Ida Belle and Ruth.

Ethel is survived by her Children –

Walter (Sheilia) Gallimore – Radford

Arthur (Toby) Gallimore, Jr. – Fairlawn

Mary (Clayton) Gearheart – Fairlawn

Anna Hurd – Hillsville

Bobby (Tammy) Gallimore – Christiansburg

Michael (Angie) Gallimore – Hillsville

Numerous Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Great Great Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the Highland Memory Gardens – Mausoleum, Dublin.

The family would like to thank Good Samaritan Hospice for their loving care.

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

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



LINDA QUESENBERRY YOST

February 9, 1950
May 3, 2024

Linda Quesenberry Yost, 74, of Dublin, was born on February 9th, 1950 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late Ruby and Ulies Quesenberry. Linda went to be with the Lord after completing her path he intended and peacefully passed on May 3, 2024, in her home surrounded by friends and family.

Aside from her parents, Ruby Hyatt Quesenberry and Ulies Miles Quesenberry, she is preceded by death by her brother, Vernon "Jeeper" Quesenberry; and 14 aunts and uncles.

Survivors include her loving husband of 33 years Carl Yost; children and their spouses, Marsha Marie Scott and Don of Pulaski, and Lisa Renee Jessie and William "Rodney" of Pearisburg; step-daughter, Cherie Dawn Yost and Tim Hale of Fairlawn; her beloved grandchildren, Alyssa Yvette Hodge, Kirsten Michelle Lawson, Alek Preston Hodge, Julianna McKinley Likens, and Stanley Wade Lawson; one great grandson, Kolton Miles; special friend, Sheri Barnett; and many other relatives and friends.

Linda was a devoted Christian and Pulaski Church of God member for over 28 years. Over those years she made countless memories, friends, and family within the church and the community.

Linda drove the school bus for Pulaski County Public Schools for 44 1/2 years. She was a bus driver for Riverlawn Elementary and Pulaski County High School. During that time, she drove bus #7 in the later

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GAIL LYNN DUNFORD-FARLEY

Gail Lynn Dunford-Farley of Dublin, passed away Tuesday April 30, 2024. She was born in Radford on July 29, 1965 and graduated Fort Chiswell High School in 1983. She attended New River Community College. Lynn had a great love for children and was a beloved substitute teacher and daycare provider in Pulaski County for many years.

Lynn is survived by her husband, Allen Farley of Pulaski, daughter, Victoria "Tori" Roope of Pulaski; parents, Gilmer and Effie Dunford of Austinville. Lynn is also survived by her sisters, Lorri Arnold of Hampstead, MD and Greta Bowers (Michael) of Ivanhoe, and their children: Nieces, Emily Duncan (Luke) of Pulaski, Katrina Bowers of

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MARY KATHERINE PATTERSON

Mary Katherine Patterson, age 53 of Dublin, died Monday, April 29, 2024 at Pulaski Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was born on July 10, 1970, and is the daughter of Lois Ellen Knotts Patterson, and the late Samuel Dewey Patterson, Sr. She was a senior associate relations consultant for Anthem.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her brother, Samuel Dewey Patterson, Jr. She is survived by her mother: Lois Ellen Knotts Patterson of Fairlawn; her sister; Karen Murray of Fairlawn; nieces and nephews; Stone Murray, Abigail Murray and Serra Patterson. Also survived by a very special friend: Adam Phillips.

A memorial service was held on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home, with Anthony Akers officiating. Memorials may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

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

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years and ended that time with #22.

Linda loved traveling any chance she got, whether that be a short drive out to the countryside, or a trip to the Great Smokey Mountains in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Her love for driving the school bus and traveling was nothing compared to her love for her family.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Rev. Donald Jones and Rev. Don Sizemore officiating. Interment followed in Thornsprng UM Church Cemetery in Dublin.

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

Spaghetti Dinner / Cake Walk set at Rockford Community Church

Spaghetti Dinner/Cake Walk Rockford Community Church on May 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner at 5:00 p.m. (proceeds to youth)
Cake Walk around 6:00 p.m. (proceeds to church improvement fund)

Church is located at 6867 Viscoc Road in Fairlawn (up the road from Riverlawn Elementary School)

Come join us for a wonderful dinner followed by an old fashioned cake walk!

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JAMES PHILLIP WINANS

James Phillip Winans, age 57 of Rocky Mount, Virginia passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the Veterans Medical Center in Salem, Virginia.

Born January 2, 1967 in Lancaster, Ohio, he was the son of Robyn Miller Smith and the late James Winans. He was also preceded in death by his wife Betty Winans, granddaughter Aubree.

James was a veteran of the United States Army.

James is survived by his Son - Peter Winans - Newark, OH

Grandchildren - Evin, Jason and Brooklyn

Mother - Robyn Miller Smith - Alabama

Brothers - John (Heather) Helwig - NC, Eric Winans - OH

Sister - Bonnie Winans - IL

Funeral services will be held 12:00 noon - Friday, May 17, 2024 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel. Interment will follow at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

To sign James' online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneral.com

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

Lindamood

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Lindamood of Sylvatus; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Fort Chiswell Methodist Church. Interment was private. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

Farley

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Austinville, Nephews, Everett (Louie) and Austin Bowers of Ivanhoe. Great nephew, Owen Duncan of Pulaski. Step children, Courtney Lynch of Emporia, and Corey Farley of Atlanta, GA also survive.

Lynn leaves behind a host of friends to cherish her memories including her good friend and adopted brother, DJ Adams of Dublin VA.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the Poplar Camp Church of God of Prophecy with Lonnie Frazier and Tony Edmonds officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lynn's honor to the cemetery fund at Pleasant View Church/Pickett Cemetery c/o Joyce Vaughn 1155 Pleasant View Road Austinville VA 24312

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

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DENNIS R. TURMAN
December 30, 1927-
May 2, 2024

On May 2, 2024, Dennis R. Turman, 96, of Pulaski joined his beloved wife, Irene Turman in heaven, when he peacefully left this earthly world. He was a devoted husband and family man. He was a World War II veteran, realtor, a member of many civic organizations and a lifelong member of the First Christian Church in Pulaski.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Laura Turman, and grandson, Greg Boadwine.

He is survived by his daughter

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and son-in-law Laura and Jack Pickering, son and daughter-in-law Owen and Dotty Turman, son and daughter-in-law Gray and Shawn Turman, son and daughter-in-law John (JT) and Amy Turman; grandsons Adam and Patrick Turman, Brian (wife Kacy) Boadwine, and Cole (wife Carrie) Turman; great-grandchildren William Boadwine, Adilyn, Lillian and Carter Turman.

He will be missed by all who know him. Including step-grandchildren, their families, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at First Christian

Church, 524 N. Jefferson Avenue, Pulaski, VA on Saturday, May 18. Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00 a.m. With the service immediately following at 11:00 a.m.

The family suggest donations to First Christian Church (P O Box 1007, Pulaski VA 24301 or www.firstchristianpulaski.org please note "in memory of Dennis Turman") in lieu of flowers.

The Turman family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Home, Pulaski. To send online condolences, please visit stevensfuneralhome@comcast.net.

VFW 1184 to host Project 22 event

Staff Report

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1184 in Pulaski will draw attention to the problem of veterans suicide on Saturday, May 18.

According to Post Commander Jim Ridpath, the post will once again host a Project 22 Walk/Run/Ride event at the post on Dora Highway in Pulaski.

Project 22 refers to the nationwide effort to address veteran suicide.

According to the Project 22 effort, "In 2012, the Department of Veterans Affairs Mental Health Services Suicide Prevention Program determined that 22 veterans commit suicide each day in our country."

Ridpath said the May 18 event in Pulaski, which begins at 9 a.m. will feature a free walk - run - ride by participants to Cool Springs and back.

Ridpath said representatives with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services and the V.A. Hospital will be on hand to speak to participants on the veteran suicide issue and information will be available.

Ridpath issued a 22 pushup challenge for the event. "I'm 70 years old and I'll take on anyone who wants to challenge me. I hope I can still do it," he joked.

A Volvo UAW truck will be on hand as well.

Ridpath said you don't have to be a veteran to participate.

For more details, call Ridpath at 540-577-2377.

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Food Lion recognizes two long-term associates

SALISBURY, NC – Food Lion is proud to announce more than 350 associates are celebrating more than 30 years of service this year. Among them are 2 long-term associates from a store in Pulaski, VA.

On April 18th, associates were honored during an annual event where the retailer shares appreciation and gratitude for long-term associates, presenting them with the Years of Service Award. These individuals bring Food Lion's brand, strategy and culture to life and have served their towns and cities for 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years. At the event, each associate's name, position, location and service milestone were read aloud and celebrated. Collectively, their tenure is 12,320 years!

"Recognizing the dedication and contributions of our associates who have served Food Lion for many years is a true honor for us," said Meg Ham, President, Food Lion. "Their commitment to excellence, care for our customers and impact in the towns and cities we serve is invaluable. We are incredibly fortunate to have such passionate and dedicated associates who continue to make a positive difference every day."

Food Lion employs 82,000 associates at more than 1,100 stores across 10 states.

Recognized locally were:
30 years of service
Patty Crowder
 Sales Associate - Cashier



Michael Quesberry



Patty Crowder

40 years of service
Michael Quesberry
 FL-Store Manager - Pulaski

Council

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even more water. There's some limitations with the pulsator. It's 35 years old and nearing the end of its lifespan."

Nevertheless, according to Crabtree, 95% of the time, water produced by the plant had less than .3% NTU, which is a method of measuring of suspended particles (turbidity) in water. She added that the water plant never exceeded 1% NTU, which would have been a violation of water quality standards.

The Pulaski water plant currently has nine individuals on staff.

Next, the Town Council presented a resolution for the observance of National Police Week and Police Officers Memorial Day.

Mayor Shannon Collins read the following:

"Whereas, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed the first proclamation recognizing May 15 as Police Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week to pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to voice our appreciation for those who currently serve on the frontlines of the battle against crime.

"And whereas in observance of this week, the town council desires to recognize the local law enforcement officers of

the town of Pulaski police department, who are dedicated to preserving the security of our families, schools and neighborhoods and enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth and codes of the Town of Pulaski.

"And whereas law enforcement officers report for duty each and every day with the knowledge of the dangers they may face and sacrifices they may be called upon to make in order to safeguard the public and enforce laws.

"And whereas we reflect upon the enduring commitment and valor of our town law enforcement officers, as their commitment to maintaining law and order in our communities ensures the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of the town of Pulaski.

"And whereas it is vital that we pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty and recognize their sacrifices, as well as the hardship and loss suffered by the families of those fallen officers.

"And whereas Virginia Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day are opportunities to honor the officers who have fallen in the line of duty, recognize the sacrifices made by the families of those officers and the families of those who continue to protect and serve

our communities.

"Now therefore, be it resolved by the town council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia sitting in regular session this seventh day of May 2024, that the town council as part of National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day does hereby recognize the commitment the law enforcement officers dedication to the community and their fellow citizens."

This resolution was passed unanimously by members of the town council.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution observing May as Building Safety month.

Mayor Shannon Collins read the following resolution.

"Whereas the town of Pulaski Virginia is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike.

"And whereas our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion and vigilance of building safety and fire prevention officials, design professionals, contractors, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry, who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings.

"And whereas these guardians are dedicated professional members of the construction industry, with a common goal to create, implement, and enforce the highest quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play.

"And whereas these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes.

"And whereas Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to remind the public about the critical role of our community's largely unknown protectors of public safety, our local code officials who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity.

"And whereas for the month of May each year in observance of building safety month the citizens of the town of Pulaski, Virginia are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives or property.

"Now, therefore be it resolved by the town council of the town of Pulaski, Virginia, setting this regular session, this seventh day of May 2024 do hereby observe the month of May 2024 as Building Safety Month."

The Resolution declaring May as Building Safety Month passed unanimously.

Near the meeting's end, Councilman Jamie Radcliffe mentioned the need for a replacement vehicle for the town's Senior Center.

Lastly, Town Manager Todd Day gave his report and stressed the need to replace the town's water meters, as hundreds of them are not functioning properly. In addition, Day has given the go-ahead to make some renovations at the town's Public Works Department.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR A 2024 BIENNIAL REVIEW OF ITS BASE RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS PURSUANT TO § 56-585.8 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2024-00024

On March 29, 2024, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to § 56-585.8 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings, for a biennial review of the Company's rates and terms and conditions for the provision of generation and distribution services. Pursuant to Code § 56-585.8 D, the Commission must issue a final order regarding the Application by November 20, 2024, and any revisions in rates ordered by the Commission pursuant to the rate review shall take effect no later than January 1, 2025.

The Application states that this proceeding entails, among other things, determinations regarding: (i) APCo's cost of service and earnings during the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2023; (ii) whether prospective changes to APCo's rates for generation and distribution services are necessary; and (iii) the Company's prospective fair rate of return on common equity ("ROE").

APCo states that it files this Application under Virginia Code § 56-585.8, a new law enacted in 2023 that reinstated biennial reviews for APCo. The Company states that the statute requires APCo to file its first biennial review in 2024, and, in this initial review proceeding, the Commission must review APCo's earnings in 2023 only. The Company outlines the parameters for the Commission's review of APCo's earnings in a biennial review case, including the circumstances under which the Commission must order revisions to APCo's rates under Code § 56-585.8 F. APCo states that, if the Commission determines that APCo's existing rates will, on a going-forward basis, produce revenues above or below the Company's authorized rate of return, then the Commission "shall order any reductions or increases, as applicable and necessary, to such rates...that it deems appropriate to ensure the resulting rates for generation and distribution services (a) are just and reasonable and (b) provide the utility an opportunity to recover its costs of providing services" over the next biennial period and earn a fair rate of return as authorized by the Commission.

APCo states that, for the purposes of the earnings test in this case, APCo's authorized ROE is the 9.5% that the Commission approved in the Company's 2023 triennial review. APCo asserts that it earned a return of 2.26% on its common equity during 2023, which is the equivalent of more than \$149.2 million in pre-tax earnings below the authorized return of 9.5%.

In this case, APCo requests approval to implement retail base generation and distribution rates that are designed to increase the Company's revenues by approximately \$95.1 million, which represents a 5.1% increase to overall revenues. The requested increase includes a \$32.8 million increase to the generation function and a \$62.3 million increase to the distribution function. According to APCo, the requested revenue increase reflects, among other things, APCo's requested authorization of a prospective ROE of 10.8%.

APCo states that an increase to its rates is necessary to ensure the Company can continue providing safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates to its customers over the coming years. The requested rate increase is the result of numerous factors, including the following: fuel-related carrying costs; increased capital costs, including a 10.8% market cost of equity and higher interest expense; incremental capital investment; increased operating expenses, including but not limited to costs associated with major storms; and fully incorporating in rates the costs of APCo's vegetation management program.

Included in the Application are the Company's proposed changes to its terms and conditions of service, which include requests for approval of three additional rates schedules: Rider National REC, a voluntary rate schedule that provides customers with a lower-cost option to source renewable power than the Company's two existing options; Schedule LFEVC, a voluntary rate schedule for commercial and industrial customers with electric vehicle fleets; and Schedule PEVCFS, which is designed to accommodate public charging of electric vehicles. In addition, the Company requests approval of a new Customer Solutions EV Pilot Program, which is intended to provide a means to connect customers in need of EV charging infrastructure with qualified vendors to provide that infrastructure. Further, the Company proposes to increase the basic service charge for residential customers from \$7.96 to \$9.00 per month.

The overall impact of the Company's proposals would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month by approximately \$10.22, or 6.0%.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review APCo's Application and supporting documents in full for details about these and other proposals.

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Application. On September 9, 2024, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before September 4, 2024, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on September 9, 2024, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On September 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

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

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: James G. Ritter, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or jritter@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the public version of the Application and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/Case-Information.

On or before September 4, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00024.

On or before June 21, 2024, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00024. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before July 19, 2024, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneously with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, Filing and service, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, Prepared testimony and exhibits. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00024.

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

The public version of the Company's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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County meetings, closings for May

• Tuesday, May 14, 2024, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, EOC/IT Training Room, 89 Commerce Street S.W., Maple Shade Plaza, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

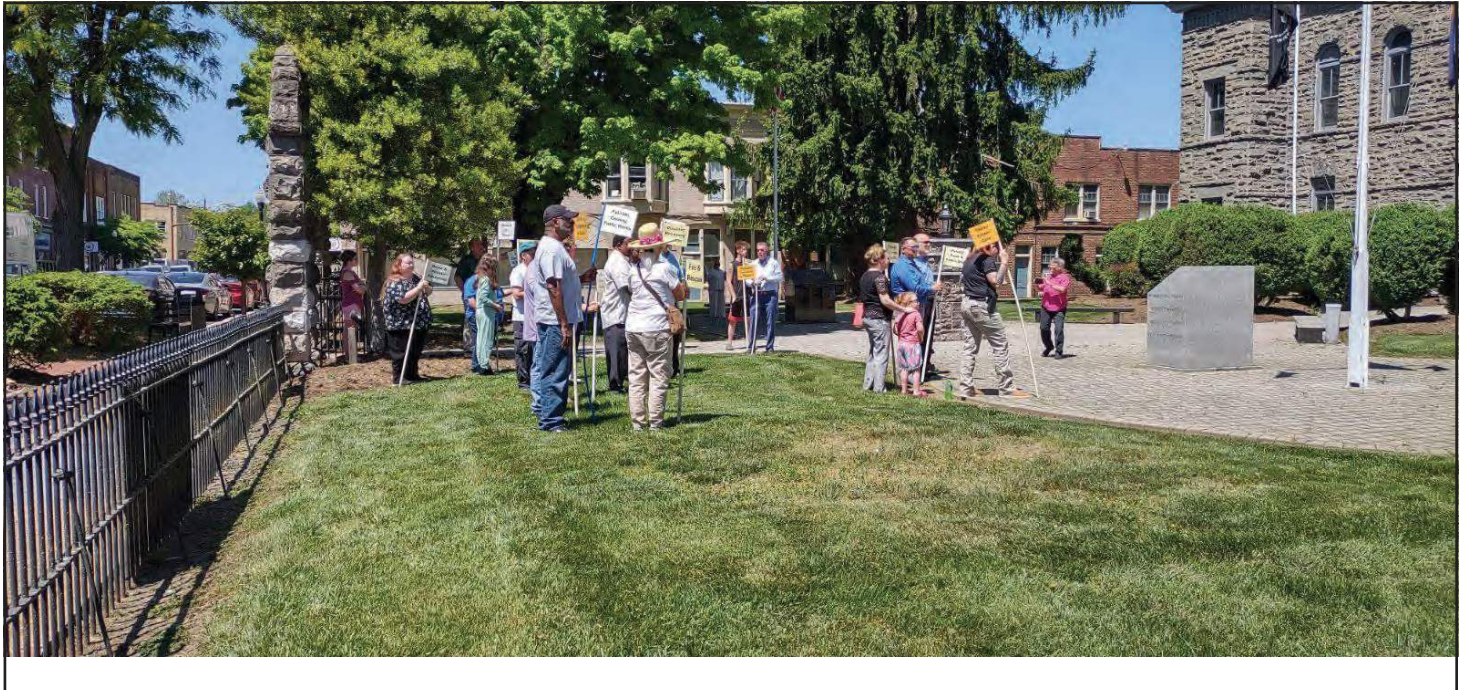
• Monday, May 20, 2024, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County School Board Office, 202 N Washington Avenue., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Open Meeting, 7 p.m.; Executive Session, 5:30 p.m.; Executive Training Room, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

• Tuesday, May 21, 2024, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, New River Room, Pulaski County Innovation Center, 6580 Valley Center Drive, Fairlawn, Virginia; 10 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

• Tuesday, May 21, 2024, Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, EOC/IT Training Room, 89 Commerce Street S.W., Maple Shade Plaza, in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions and the interpretation of the County's Zoning Ordinances.

• Monday, May 27, 2024, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

• Tuesday, May 28, 2024, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, New River Room, Pulaski County Innovation Center, 6580 Valley Center, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7351 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Village Oaks Plaza, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-633-5146). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.



Day of Prayer

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On Thursday, May 2nd, dozens of patriotic Pulaski County citizens gathered together on the Pulaski County Courthouse lawn to follow the Biblical mandate of II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." The theme for the 2024 National Day of Prayer was "Lift Up the Word – Light Up the World." After they joined together in worship, numerous small groups formed around specific topics and leaders to pray for God's guidance and wisdom for our leaders and all those individuals in positions of authority; for unity and peace in our communities; and to bring reconciliation where there is conflict. The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The National Day of Prayer was originally celebrated each year on America's birthday, July 4th, but under President Ronald Reagan, it was moved to the first Thursday in May of each year.

Glencoe Mansion Art Exhibit, 'Voyager' opens

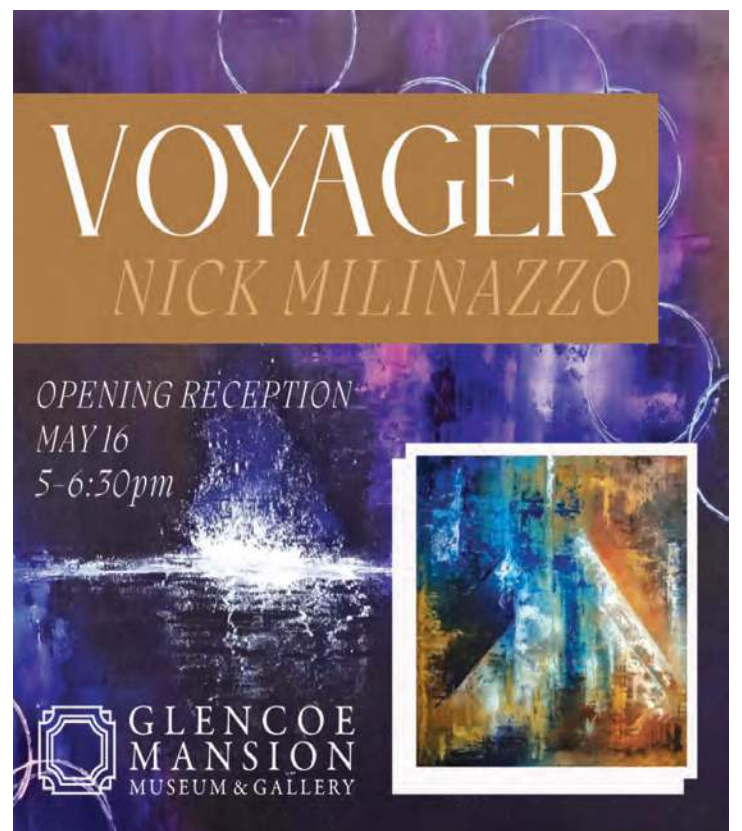
Glencoe Mansion is pleased to announce its new art show, "Voyager" by Roanoke based artist Nick Milinazzo. The show will be on display May 8th through June 23rd. There is an opening reception Thursday, May 16, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

Nick Milinazzo presents "Voyager", which takes the audience through the progression of his work spanning the past three years. As Nick explores new styles and iterations of his work, his voyage is also a way of self-reference. Using composition, color theory, and reflection, "Voyager" is a stunning exhibition that allows for open interpretation and is visually engaging. The Opening Reception falls on the same day as Nick's milestone 40th birthday.

Nick says, "When I begin a painting, I have no preconceived notions as to what the end-product will look like. Through

a process of intuition and spontaneity, I attempt to coax the image out of a panel. This involves both the building up and subsequent removal of numerous layers of pigment. The back-and-forth process (layering, blending, scraping, wiping away) will imbue the work with a sense of movement and energy. I do not use brushes when working, but instead a set of different scrapers. This allows me to become more active with the piece – using the force of my entire arm and body. My abstract paintings are fictive models: they make visible an inorganic reality that cannot be found in nature alone."

Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery is located at 600 Unruh Drive in Radford, Virginia and is free to visit. This exhibition is suitable for all ages. Open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm.



Community Health Center adds three to staff

Community Health Center of the New River Valley adds three practitioners to staff.

The Community Health Center of the New River Valley (CHCNRV) has added three members to its medical and dental staff.

Dr. Cathy Callahan, MD, MHP, returns to the CHCNRV to provide part-time GYN care and medication-assisted treatment at our Christiansburg site. Dr. Callahan most recently served as Chair of the Clinical Sciences Department at the Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg.

Her impressive credentials include being the founding medical director, physician, and a board member at CHCNRV, chair of the Department of Obstetrics, and associate dean of postgraduate affairs at VCOM. Dr. Callahan earned her MD and MPH from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and was a resident at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. She is a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She has been certified by the Virginia Board of Medicine and the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology since 2005.

Melisa Loving, APRN, FNP-C, is a Family Nurse Practitioner who strives to provide evidence-based, patient-centered care to people of all ages. FNP Loving has over a decade of experience as a Registered Nurse and Family Nurse Practitioner.

After earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, she received her BSN from WVU. She later completed the Master of Science Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration program at West Virginia Wesleyan College.



Dr. Cathy Callahan



Melisa Loving, APRN



Katelyn Cantrell, DDS

She comes to the Community Health Center from Mon Health Wedgewood Primary Care & Psychiatry in Morgantown, WV.

Katelyn Cantrell, DDS, joined the Community Health Center from Charlottesville, where she provided general dentistry services as an associate at a private practice. Her wide range of experience also includes working in free clinics and as part of a volunteer team providing dental care to underserved areas.

After graduating from UVA-Wise, she earned her dental Degree from VCU and was a resident at the University of Virginia. Dr. Cantrell has a strong leadership background as a volunteer and is a member of the American Dental Association.

"We are fortunate to add three exceptional practitioners to our team," Michelle Brauns, MS, APRN, CEO of the CHCNRV, said. "Each of them brings a unique skill set to our staff and a strong commitment to community health."

The Community Health Center of the New River Valley provides affordable and high-

quality family medical, dental, behavioral, and preventive health care services to people of all ages, regardless of ability to pay.

For more information about the Community Health Center's services and programs in Christiansburg, Dublin, Pearisburg, and Pulaski County

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Battle

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resulting in a loss of 538 men.

As the remaining Confederate troops retreated, they burned the supplies and tore up the railroad tracks to prevent the Federal troops from taking more spoils of war. Additionally, as they retreated, they crossed the New River on the Turnpike Bridge at Ingles Ferry, then burned it to prevent the Union soldiers from pursuing them. The Federal troops then completed the destruction, burning the bridge's wooden upper structure, leaving only the stone piers for posterity to see.

A cemetery at the New Dublin Presbyterian Church was established just after the Civil War on land donated by the Cloyd family. Plots sold for 1-cent per square foot. Although there are 23 Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery, none fought in the Battle of

Cloyd's Mountain. However, two future U.S. Presidents did, both fighting for the Union: future 19th President, Colonel Rutherford B. Hayes and future 25th President William McKinley. Neither of them is buried at the New Dublin Presbyterian Church.

There is a historical marker located at the Cleburne Wayside on Rt. 100-N/Cleburne Boulevard and is maintained by Pulaski County. It commemorates Capt. Cleburne, brother of Confederate General Patrick Cleburne, who was mortally wounded during the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain. His dying wish was to be buried on the battlefield. The grave was moved 35-yards from its original location.

A detailed exhibit about the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain will be on display at the Pulaski County Courthouse during the 4th of July celebrations. This includes a diorama depicting the battleground, topography and the position of the opposing

THE BATTLE OF CLOYD'S MOUNTAIN

On May 9, 1864, the Union Army of West Virginia sought to destroy the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad at Dublin, VA. The patchwork force of Confederate units protecting the rail lines encountered the Union at the Back Creek Farm property in a short, yet ferocious battle that ended in Union victory.

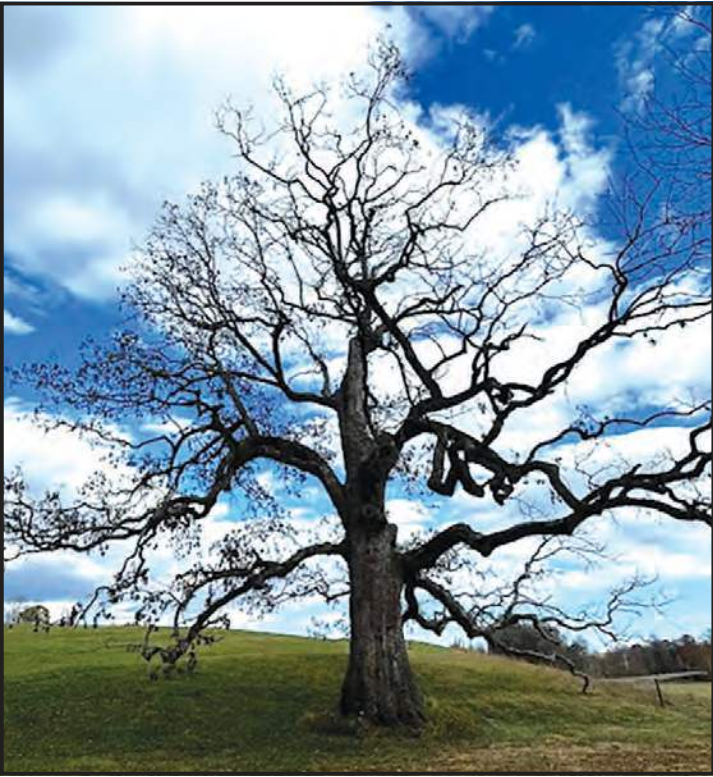
Union plans to raid depot under Brig. Gen. George Crook	Confederate troops are rallied after discovering Crook's close proximity	The Ringgold Battery & the 45th Virginia Regiment also report to Jenkins	At 11:00 a.m., the Union attacks the Confederates on their right	Sparks from musket fire results in many men being burned alive
Union taps telegraph to listen to Confederate communications at Dublin headquarters	36th Virginia, 60th Virginia, 45th Virginia Battalion, & Captain Thomas Bryan's Battery reach the base of Cloyd's Mountain and report to Brig. Gen. Albert Jenkins	Crook begins to move toward awaiting Confederates, and gains the summit to plan his attack	As the troops close in, brutal hand-to-hand fighting ensues	About an hour into the battle, Confederate troops withdraw; Jenkins falls, mortally wounded

The Battle of Cloyd's Mountain was the largest battle in Southwest Virginia and is also known for including two future presidents, Col. Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley, who fought with the Union's 23rd Ohio Infantry.

troops. A diorama is a model representing a scene with three-dimensional figures, either in

miniature or as a large-scale museum exhibit. For additional information

about the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain please visit: <https://battleofcloydsmountain.com/>



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This 500 year old white oak Witness Tree was a spectator to one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War.



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A diorama of the Battle of Cloyd's Mountain was created by Marcus Childress, Chris, Ben and Cole Blackburn and will reside on the Pulaski County Courthouse's Exhibits Committee's 3rd floor display, "Remembering the Sacrifices For Freedom." The diorama will be unveiled after the "Veterans Salute and Remembrance Ceremony" taking place on July 4th. A diorama is a model representing a scene with three-dimensional figures, either in miniature of as a large-scale museum exhibit.



Artifacts from the Battle of Cloyds Mountain found on the battlefield near Route 100 and Dublin.

Police: Missing man found deceased

Lamonte Defriece, who had been missing for several days was located and pronounced deceased at the scene this week, Pulaski Police reported Tuesday. An investigation is ongoing, and our thoughts go out to his family and friends a police statement said.

Police thanked the following for their assistance with this case: Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and the Drone Team, Virginia State Police, Pulaski Fire Department, New River Criminal Justice Training Academy BELLE Class 87, Pulaski Probation and Parole, Lewis Gale Pulaski Hospital, and several civilians who volunteered to assist.

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Graham honored with 2024 VAAEYC award

New River Community College Program Head and Professor of Human Services and Early Childhood Bonnie Graham was recently recognized by the Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children (VAAEYC) as the 2024 recipient of the VAAEYC Outstanding Service to Young Children Award.

The award was presented to Graham at the VAAEYC annual conference held in March in Roanoke, Va.

The board unanimously agreed to honor Graham with the award for her "tireless efforts to mentor and educate young men and women in quality care and educator practices and ensure that children in the region have access to quality care," according to her award letter.

"Bonnie is so deserving of this honor. She has dedicated

herself to ensuring quality early childhood experiences by preparing hundreds of her students to implement best practices with young children in their care," said Dr. Sarah Tolbert-Hurysz, NRCC dean of arts and sciences. "The New River Valley is fortunate to have such a strong advocate working on early childhood initiatives."

Graham is a college student advisor for the New River Valley chapter of the VAAEYC. The organization's (VAAEYC) goal is to serve Virginia early childhood educators with community, professional development support, connections, and advocacy. For more information about NRCC's early childhood development programs, visit <https://www.nr.edu/ecd/>.



NRCC photo

Photo outline: (L to R) Katie Thompson: Executive Director, Pulaski Community Youth Center; Margaret Hurst: First Steps Program Coordinator, Community Foundation of the New River Valley; Bonnie Graham: NRCC Professor of Human Services And Early Childhood Education; Kim Thomason: VT Early Childhood Education Initiatives Program Manager and VA AEYC Conference Committee; Emily Perkins: Head Start Giles County Site Administrator and New River Valley VA AEYC Leadership Team

NRCC sees enrollment increase for Spring 2024

From NRCC

Enrollment has increased this semester at New River Community College (NRCC). At this point in the spring semester, headcount enrollment stands at 3,754 compared to 3,565 at the same time last spring, an increase of 5.3 percent.

NRCC also saw a 3.3 percent increase in the fall semester.

These increases build on a modest growth seen in 2022, reversing a years-long trend of declining enrollment similar to

those experienced throughout the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and in two-year colleges across the nation.

While students continue to return to the classroom in person after a couple of years battling the pandemic may be part of the increase, the college's efforts to reach out to the community have been concentrated and intentional.

NRCC's outreach includes attending community events and high school athletic games as well as hosting outreach hours

at local libraries and community organizations. The college's popular Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program, which provides a debt-free path to college education for local high school students, has also been a factor. NRCC will also be bringing back a previous event, NRCC Family Fun Fest, on April 6.

New tuition assistance programs like the statewide G3 program also encourage students to return to college by helping with tuition. G3, which launched 2021, is a last-dollar

tuition assistance program for low and middle-income Virginians focusing on early childhood education, health care, information technology, public safety and skilled trades.

Data for this report were based on information available on March 19, 2024. Final spring semester enrollment information may change

slightly. For more information about NRCC or how to enroll in classes, visit www.nr.edu.



Which comes first?

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have three young daughters. Is there a Baby Step for weddings? We didn't see one in your plan, but I was wondering if it was included in any of the other Baby Steps.

Cedric

Dear Cedric,

This is a really good question. I'm glad you're thinking about the future and planning accordingly.

I don't have a specific Baby Step for weddings. If I did, it would probably come after Baby Step 5, which is setting aside a college—or trade school fund—for your kids. Maybe you could look at it as Baby Step 5b. Once you have retirement, education savings and extra house payments underway, you could start putting aside a little something for weddings.

Don't get me wrong, weddings are special. You absolutely should mark these kinds of milestones with a celebration. But a wedding is only a one-day event. And to be blunt, a good education is more important than a fancy wedding. This idea may not make me popular with some folks, but it's the truth.



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Maybe this is the dad in me coming out, but if I had to choose between paying for more education and paying for big weddings, I'm going to pay for school every time. Besides, there's no correlation whatsoever between the size and/or cost of a wedding, and the happiness and success of the marriage.

Good luck, Cedric!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have our emergency fund account in the same bank as our checking and savings accounts. Do you think we should move the emergency fund to a different bank? A friend suggested doing this, but I wasn't clear on why he thought this.

Dear Shari,

Honestly, I wouldn't worry about it too much if I were you. The only exception to that might be if you had loans you owed to that same bank.

Some commercial loan documents give banks the right to take money out of your accounts—without your permission—to pay the loan. This isn't a common practice, and it usually doesn't happen unless someone gets way behind on a loan. If you had a car loan with a particular bank, for instance, I wouldn't keep a lot of money in that bank.

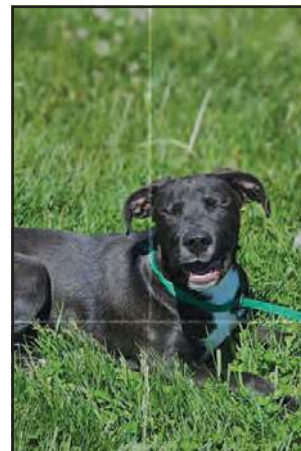
But in your situation, Shari, I think everything's fine.

—Dave

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

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Gizmo, a young and energetic male dog with a playful personality! Gizmo is a 4 month old, neutered, Lab mix. He is a friendly and affectionate pup who loves to shower his human friends with kisses. Don't let his gentle and playful nature fool you, though; this clever canine is always curious and ready to take on new challenges. Whether it's learning new tricks or going on long walks, Gizmo is always up for the adventure. If you're looking for a funny and furry friend who will stick by your side through thick and thin, Gizmo is the perfect companion for you. He does great with other dogs and cats as well! Gizmo is sure to bring laughter and love into your life. So why wait? Come and meet Gizmo today! He can't wait to greet you with his signature puppy kisses and be your very own "gizmo".



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Six Pulaski Co. residents named outstanding students at New River C. C.

From NRCC

Six students from Pulaski County were recently recognized as 2024 Outstanding Students in a Curriculum/Subject Area by New River Community College.

Students from Pulaski County who were honored included Megan Cox, computer science; Eli Moler, general studies computer science; Bobby Petty, English; Stanley Wayne Seagle, information technology cyber security; Alfred Shean, automotive analysis and repair; and Brittany Sutphin, paralegal administrative support.

Students were recognized at the recent President's Awards Ceremony at the college, as well as received a plaque honoring their award. Students are also being individually recognized on NRCC's social media outlets.

The awards were determined by the faculty in the various programs at the college. All students receiving the Outstanding Student in a Curriculum award have completed requirements for an associate degree, certificate, diploma or career studies certificate and are eligible to graduate from the college this spring or summer.

Genealogy workshop set May 25

The Carroll County Genealogy Club and cosponsors Grayson Heritage Foundation and the Grayson County historical society are announcing a Genealogy Workshop on May 25th, 2024 11am until 3pm at the Carroll County Search and Rescue building at 100 expansion dr., Hillsville

Scheduled to speak in the am is Tony Lowe a local resident and a long time researcher of our Quaker heritage. He will deliver a talk on the early Quakers to this area.

Also, in the evening Gerald Goad, CC Clerk of court will be attending and will tell us what his office has available for the researcher and all the updates to that office as well.

Kathy Vestal, editor of the book Childress Cousins will have to sell and will give an overview .

Plan now to attend this free event, bring your lunch or snacks. Water and coffee will be available for purchasing. At this time we are not able to except credit cards.

Bring your own research and family tree to share and maybe find new branches. Other books from our club and materials will be on hand for sale along with informational handouts.

Any questions...email carroll.va.genealogy@gmail.com, or contact at 276-231-8234 or add Carroll Co Genealogy Club to your Facebook pages and ask.



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SPORTS



Fort Chiswell High School graduate Anthony Barnes is among the members of his family having success in racing. Contributed Photo: Lonesome Pine Motorsports Park



Game Day Banter

Jeramey Fleenor

Solid showing by spring sports teams

As we near the end of the school year, we also near the end of our spring sports. Pulaski County has had a solid showing in all sports this season; some of our teams have improved in years past, while others have set standards for years to come! Next week, we will highlight the teams and players from our Pulaski County teams.

The Pulaski County Middle School baseball team has closed the book on their season this year with the best record they have posted in the four years of existence, finishing the season at 12-2. During their last game, which was also 8th-grade night, PCMS easily dispatched Scott Memorial Middle.

Pulaski opened the scoring in the first after Logan Fleenor doubled, scoring one run.

Scott Memorial Middle took the lead, 2-1, in the top of the second on a couple of base hits.

PCMS jumped back into the lead at the bottom of the second inning after Scott Memorial committed an error. Kobie Barker singled, and the pitcher balked, each scoring one run. Pulaski also added one run in the third after Fleenor singled.

Jackson Squires hit an inside the park home run, scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth for the Cougars. Four more Cougar runs crossed the plate in the fifth inning to extend the lead to 11-2. Bryce Beeler hit a solo inside-the-park home run; Fleenor doubled, scoring one run; Squires singled, scoring one run, and an error scored one run.

Beeler led things off on the bump of Pulaski. The starting pitcher allowed five hits and two runs over four innings, striking out seven and walking none. Scott Memorial's starting pitcher allowed 11 hits and nine runs (eight earned) over four innings, striking out two and walking one. Parker Huff pitched two innings of scoreless ball for PCMS in relief. They allowed one hit, striking out five and walking none.

Pulaski Middle collected 13 hits in the game. Fleenor led the way with three hits in three at-bats. Landen Tabor, Huff, and Barker each collected multiple hits for PCMS. Barker stole two bases. PCMS were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Ty Stacy had the most chances in the field with 10.

Six hitters from Scott Memorial collected one hit, and two each drove in one run.

On the JV Side of Cougar baseball, Aiden Whitlock was dominant on the hill, as they rang up 12 strikeouts in Pulaski County Cougars JV's 12-0 victory over Patrick Henry on Tuesday. Whitlock surrendered four hits and zero runs over five innings while walking two.

Pulaski County Cougars JV scored one run in the bottom of the first inning after Cade Souder singled. Konner Furrow drew a walk and scored one run, and Eli Lewis singled.

Pulaski County Cougars JV added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Conner Whitaker tripled, Souder singled, and Lewis doubled, each scoring one run.

Pulaski County Cougars JV
See BANTER, page B6

Barnes Racing team from Draper doing big things at Lonesome Pine

ALLEN GREGORY
Bristol Herald Courier

Anthony Barnes was an all-district fullback at Fort Chiswell High School in 1989 under famed coach John Wayne Martin.

The Draper, Virginia, resident now helps power one of the most successful short track racing operations in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Meet the Barnes family racing team with Tristen (age 18), Kyle (28), Anthony (53) and Tim, the team owner and father of Tristen and Kyle.

"My brother and I got this started around 20 years ago," Anthony said. "We've always done our work at the shop and had everything on our cars prepared when we arrived at a track. That approach has paid off."

The list of race wins and track titles for the Draper gang is long.

Anthony, who has 53 career wins, said that Kyle has 57 victories and Tristen has over 20. Tristen is a senior at Fort Chiswell.

Tristen won the 2023 Super Street title at Lonesome Pine Motorsports Park, while Kyle is

the defending Sportsman track champion.

Over the past three weeks, Anthony has won a Sportsman feature at the Pine and Kyle has recorded a victory in the Southeast Super Truck Series.

During the 2020 season at Kingsport Speedway, Kyle won 10 of 13 events in the Sportsman class en route to a track title.

Kyle, who began racing at age 12, earned major attention in 2022 at South Boston Speedway in Virginia with a victory before the nationally televised Superstar Racing Experience program.

"That was probably one of the biggest wins we've had," Anthony said. "There was a big crowd at the track that night and Kyle won from the pole. Kyle landed some sponsors after that race and went on to win the track championship."

The resume for Anthony includes a Late Model track championship at Friendship Speedway (Elkin, N.C.) along with back-to-back Limited crowns at Motor Mile Speedway in Fairlawn.

Motor Mile, now officially

See BARNES, page B5

Sliding Into Success: Baseball event revamped

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce

The Pulaski Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the transformation of its popular event, previously known as the Annual Membership Luncheon. Taking place of this lunch time event will be an evening affair poised to engage and entertain Chamber members and baseball fans like never before.

Sliding Into Success promises to bring together

Chamber members for a unique networking and baseball experience at the iconic Calfee Park in Pulaski. The event is scheduled to take place on June 3, 2024 beginning at 4:30 pm.

Attendees can anticipate an evening filled with camaraderie, networking opportunities, and the excitement of baseball. The festivities kick off with dinner under the Calfee Park pavilion, and the perfect backdrop of baseball for mingling and connecting with fellow Chamber members. Attendees will hear



from a lineup of speakers, including representatives from the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, the River Turtles General Manager and Team Manager, Town of Pulaski, and Pulaski County. Adding to the excitement, the program will conclude with the River Turtles players being introduced by the game announcer.

But that's not all! The evening doesn't end there. Following the program, attendees will have the chance to cheer on the home team during the inaugural exhibition game of

the season, starting at 7:00 PM. Each attendee will receive a complimentary game ticket, ensuring an immersive baseball experience.

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank MVP Sponsors Town of Pulaski and Pulaski County, sponsor Food City, and hosts, Pulaski River Turtles.

For more information on sponsorships or to register for this event, visit pulaskivachamber.org/calendar and click on June 3rd. Together, let's slide into success!

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Town of Pulaski Public Hearing

Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 FY 2024-2025

The following summary of the proposed budget for the Town of Pulaski is published for informative and fiscal planning purposes only. There is no allocation of any funds of the Town until there has been an adoption of the budget and appropriation thereof.

A public hearing will be held by the Town Council on Tuesday May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building 42 First Street, N.W., at which any member of the public may attend and be heard regarding the budget. Written comments may also be submitted by any member of the public and addressed to the Town Manager, P.O. Box 660 Pulaski VA 24301 prior to the start of the public hearing. Those comments will be forwarded to the Town Council. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for comments related to the proposed budget for FY 2024-2025.

The proposed annual budget for FY 2024-2025 consists of projected revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and Solid Waste as listed below.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Town Manager's Office in the Municipal Building.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Town Manager's Office (540)-994-8600 prior to the above meeting. For persons with hearing or visual difficulties, contact Virginia Relay at 711 to arrange contact with the Town.

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2024 - 2025		
General Fund Revenues	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Property Taxes	\$ 3,374,631.00	\$ 3,410,500.00
Local Taxes	\$ 3,628,000.00	\$ 3,754,000.00
Permits	\$ 36,400.00	\$ 51,400.00
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 54,000.00
Recreational Charges	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
State Non-Categorical Aid	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 10,575.00
State Categorical Aid	\$ 2,598,500.00	\$ 3,144,819.00
Misc. Revenue	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 116,600.00
Rental of Property	\$ 15,160.00	\$ 15,160.00
Recovered Cost	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Other Financing Sources	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
General Fund Revenues	\$ 9,836,891.00	\$ 10,643,054.00

General Fund Expenditures	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Town Council	\$ 45,004.00	\$ 46,504.00
Clerk of Council	\$ 71,401.00	\$ 73,409.00
Mayor's Office	\$ 7,279.00	\$ 7,309.00
Town Manager's Office	\$ 469,911.00	\$ 526,280.00
Community Development	\$ 293,612.00	\$ 325,995.00
Finance	\$ 559,190.00	\$ 577,810.00
Administrative Services	\$ 949,495.10	\$ 1,011,070.00
General Engineering	\$ 329,315.00	\$ 346,045.00
Contributions	\$ 259,509.20	\$ 327,111.00
IT Department	\$ 113,000.00	\$ 113,000.00
Police Department	\$ 2,775,544.00	\$ 3,032,434.00
Fire Department	\$ 953,905.00	\$ 1,003,729.00
Building Inspection	\$ 87,915.00	\$ 84,312.00
Highways, Streets, Bridges-Ineligible	\$ 163,335.00	\$ 158,000.00
Highways, Streets, Bridges-Eligible	\$ 1,846,434.00	\$ 2,058,254.00
General Property Maintenance	\$ 260,786.00	\$ 298,054.00
Cemeteries	\$ 58,056.00	\$ 59,788.00
Senior Center	\$ 94,894.00	\$ 103,231.00
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 135,214.00	\$ 139,217.00
Debt Service	\$ 97,539.00	\$ 89,327.00
Train Station	\$ 15,830.00	\$ 18,175.00
Town Wide Projects-Capital	\$ 249,722.70	\$ 244,000.00
General Fund Expenditures	\$ 9,836,891.00	\$ 10,643,054.00

Water Fund Revenues	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 27,000.00
Total Utility Collections	\$ 2,536,542.20	\$ 2,626,115.37
Total Water Fund Revenues	\$ 2,550,042.20	\$ 2,653,115.37

Water Fund Expenditures	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Total Debt Service	\$ 205,468.00	\$ 390,192.37
Total Water Trans. & Distribution	\$ 584,479.00	\$ 586,310.00
Total Water Filtration & Purification	\$ 1,306,387.00	\$ 1,452,961.00
Total Other Financing	\$ 453,708.20	\$ 223,652.00
Total Water Fund Expenditures	\$ 2,550,042.20	\$ 2,653,115.37

Sewer Fund Revenue	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ -	\$ 13,500.00
Utility Collections Total	\$ 4,456,827.00	\$ 4,577,951.86
Total Sewer Fund Revenues	\$ 4,456,827.00	\$ 4,591,451.86

Sewer Fund Expenditures	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Total Debt Service	\$ 715,374.00	\$ 463,377.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$ 59,500.00	\$ 50,000.00
Total Sewer Collection	\$ 373,337.00	\$ 397,453.00
Total Pepper's Ferry RWT Authority	\$ 3,077,202.00	\$ 3,425,507.00
Total Other Financing Uses	\$ 231,414.00	\$ 255,114.86
Total Sewer Fund Expenditures	\$ 4,456,827.00	\$ 4,591,451.86

Solid Waste Revenue	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Solid Waste Collection	\$ 834,000.00	\$ 839,500.00
Total Solid Waste Revenues	\$ 834,000.00	\$ 839,500.00

Solid Waste Expenditures	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Residential Collections	\$ 675,000.00	\$ 600,000.00
Town Dumpsters	\$ 16,140.00	\$ 24,000.00
Convenience Center	\$ 101,950.00	\$ 134,000.00
Total Other Financing Uses	\$ 40,910.00	\$ 81,500.00
Total Solid Waste Expenditures	\$ 834,000.00	\$ 839,500.00

LEGAL NOTICE

TRUSTEE SALE
312 Longview Ct,
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pulaski County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of **\$116,250.00**, dated **January 5, 2023** recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the **Pulaski County, Virginia**, in **Document No. 202300069**, at the request of the holder of the Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the entrance to the **Circuit Court Building, located at 45 Third Street, Pulaski**, on **June 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM** the property described in said deed, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 21, Longview Court, with any improvements thereon.

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

TERMS OF SALE: CASH: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or 10% of the sales price, whichever is lower, cash or certified check will be required at the time of sale, but no more than

\$10,000.00 of cash will be accepted, with settlement within fifteen (15) days from the date of sale. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale which affects the validity of the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Pursuant to the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we advise you that this firm is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

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

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Virginia Beach, VA 23452
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Water Quality Report

The 2023 Water Quality Report for the Pulaski County Public Service Authority (PCPSA), which includes the following systems: Countywide, Brookmont, Mt. Olivet, Lakewood Estates, Bellavista and Riverbend will not be mailed to customers this year. You may find the Reports on our website at <http://pulaskicounty.org/psa-faq.html>. If you desire a copy be mailed to you please contact Jared Linkous at (540) 980-7710 or jlinkous@pulaskicounty.org for a digital copy.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL24000044-00
Pulaski County Circuit Court
45 3rd Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301

RONALD KEVIN DELAPP v. KELLY ANNE DELAPP

The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that KELLY ANNE DELAPP appear at the above-named court and protect her interests on or before JUNE 21, 2024.

APRIL 22, 2024 TRISHA L. ALBERT,
Deputy 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

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

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Town of Pulaski Public Hearing Proposed Water Rates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

A public hearing will be held by the Town Council on Tuesday May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Municipal Building 42 First Street, N.W., at which any member of the public may attend and be heard regarding the budget, proposed water and sewer rates. Written comments may also be submitted by any member of the public and addressed to the Town Manager, P.O. Box 660 Pulaski VA 24301 prior to the start of the public hearing. Those comments will be forwarded to the Town Council. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for comments related to the proposed budget for FY 2024-2025.

Water Fund					
		Current In Town Volume Rate per 1,000 gallons	Proposed 10% Increase per 1,000 gallons	Current Out of Town Volume Rate per 1,000 gallons	Proposed 10% Increase per 1,000 gallons
Volume Charges (per thousand gallons)					
0 to 20,000 gallons		\$4.09	\$4.50	\$7.07	\$7.78
20,001 to 680,000 gallons		\$3.48	\$3.83	\$5.81	\$6.39
Over 680,000 gallons		\$2.60	\$2.86	\$5.17	\$5.69
Fixed Charges					
(Meter Size)		Current In Town Limits Fixed Rate	Proposed 10% Increase In Town Limits Fixed Rate	Current Out of Town Limits Fixed Rate	Proposed 10% Increase Out of Town Limits Fixed Rate
5/8 inch		\$15.74	\$17.32	\$31.48	\$34.63
1 inch		\$35.18	\$38.70	\$70.41	\$77.45
1 1/4 inch		\$51.10	\$56.21	\$102.15	\$112.37
1 1/2 inch		\$66.97	\$73.67	\$133.94	\$147.33
2 inch		\$106.58	\$117.24	\$213.20	\$234.52
3 inch		\$225.27	\$247.80	\$450.55	\$495.61
4 inch		\$343.48	\$377.83	\$686.95	\$755.65
6 inch		\$668.40	\$735.24	\$1,336.78	\$1,470.46
8 inch		\$1,059.02	\$1,164.93	\$2,118.05	\$2,329.86
10 inch		\$1,505.19	\$1,655.71	\$3,010.36	\$3,311.40

LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Pulaski Public Hearing Proposed Sewer Rates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 FY 2024-2025

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Sewer Fund					
		Current In Town Volume Rate per 1,000 gallons	Proposed 6% Increase per 1,000 gallons	Current Out of Town Volume Rate per 1,000 gallons	Proposed 6% Increase per 1,000 gallons
Volume Charges (per thousand gallons)					
0 to 700,000 gallons		\$9.50	\$10.07	\$17.33	\$18.37
Over 700,000 gallons		\$9.10	\$9.65	\$17.33	\$18.37
Fixed Charges					
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Moving Sale, June 18th beginning at 8:00 am. Cash only. 1013 Oak Street, Pulaski, off Newbern Road near old Claremont School.

GARAGE SALE- Multi-Family Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18, 8am - 5pm.
 4624 Shelburne Rd., Radford (Snowville)

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Multiple family yard sale: Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th. Newbern Heights Dr., Pulaski. Home Decor. Jewelry. Toys. Clothes. Decorations. Etc. 8am til 2pm

Moving Sale - May 18th, beginning at 8:00 am. 1013 Oak Street, Pulaski - off Newbern Road near old Claremont School. Cash only please.

The Ladies Of Thornspring United Methodist Church, 5670 Thornspring Church Rd., will be having a yard sale, Thursday, May 9 and Friday May 10th from 8 am-2 pm. On Saturday, May 11th only there will also be a bake sale, hot dog sale, pinto beans and cornbread sale. From 8 am-2 pm rain or shine. More new items. Everyone is welcome.

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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, May 20, 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:

- 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
- 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 deeds and proposed leases 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.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 in the I.T. Conference Room at 89 Commerce Street, in the Town of Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the applications as listed below:

- Petition by Hoff Homes LLC, Variance to Article 4.7.C Minimum Structure Setback, and Minimum Lot Size in a Low Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 4018 Charles Street, Pulaski VA Tax Map # 072-001-0000-0014, Robinson District.

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, Pulaski, VA 24301.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Town Council

The Town of Pulaski Town Council will hold a public hearing on May 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW to discuss:

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

A copy of the proposed actions is available for public review in the Planning and Zoning Office at the Town of Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 1st. St. NW, during normal business hours. All persons desiring to address the Town Council should appear at the stated time and place. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Town Planner by May 17, 2024.

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

Barnes

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named Pulaski County Motorsports Park, was recently donated to Pulaski County by the owners of Shelor Motor Mile. At this point, no races have been announced for the 2024 season at the scenic 152-acre facility which includes a dragway.

"Not having regular races at New River the past couple years hurts because we only live 20 minutes from the track," Anthony said. "Now, we face a two-hour pull to race in Coeburn and Kingsport."

"I love Lonesome Pine and I know the track general manager (Jeff Roark) puts his heart into the job, but we all need to work to help get the car count up and attract fans."

Tristen Barnes finished third among 13 Late Model cars

in the season-opening event at Kingsport Speedway, with Kyle Barnes in fourth.

"Tristen got his start in the Mini Stock class at age 14 over at Franklin County Speedway and he's turned into a real wheel man since then," Anthony said. "I credit Tristen's experience in the Super Street class for his progress. The Super Street cars give you experience racing with unlimited horsepower and eight-inch tires, so you can learn throttle control and car control."

Anthony Barnes retired from full-time racing in 2011. The battle-tested crew for the Barnes family includes crew chief Mike Adams and Tim Barnes, who raced in the 90s and early 2000s.

"I just fill-in when needed now when Kyle and Tristen have a conflict," Anthony Barnes said. "The Super Truck Series is a good opportunity for Kyle since several of those drivers have moved up to the

NASCAR ranks.

"We're going to dance around to different tracks this season. I might run a couple more times this season, but this gig is all about Kyle and Tristen now and I enjoy watching them have success. We've all had fun in this sport."

PIT STOPS: Rain wiped out the action at all area tracks this past weekend... Along with Derek Farris (Chilhowie) in Pro Mini, the winners in the April 27 program at Wythe Raceway included Nathan Walker (602 Late Model), Bluefield's Jerry Dillow (Super Street), Chilhowie's Justin Blevins (Modified), Jaycob Johnson (KCar) and Alex Eastridge in UCar. One of the highlights of the long night was the return of track favorite and multi-time race winner Duke Bare from Meadowview.

(Editor's note: Reprinted with permission from the May 6, 2024 issue of the Bristol Herald Courier.)



Heaven, hell, the devil and bad turkeys

No doubt this little dissertation will cause me some trouble. Sometimes when I wax philosophical about certain things this will happen. Friends, Romans, countrymen, editors, and readers please remember it is not my intent to offend anyone or be irreverent about anything. I am just connecting some of the things I think about while stumbling around in the woods being evaded by a large bird that has a brain the size of a medium peanut.

If you think that an article like this is fueled by how my turkey season is going you would be exactly right. Currently in my part of the green earth the turkeys are acting terrible, about as bad as I have seen it. We may get a few weak gobblers on the roost; the turkeys fly down from the limb and go silent. I feel sure these gobblers are surrounded by dozens of adoring girl turkeys and see no need no need to answer any calls from sidelines. At the risk of telling on myself I would say that I have not even had the safety clicked off on a shotgun yet. Yes, that bad. Now in full disclosure here, there are people bagging turkeys here and there, no doubt. Every time you hear about some hunter being successful it only adds to your turkey related dejection.

Those who know you are a turkey hunter love to give you this news when they see you try to sneak into the country store for some bread, milk, and a pound of bologna. Here's the dreaded phrase, are you ready? "Got your turkey yet?" they almost giggle the words. Somehow they know full well you haven't collected a turkey yet. They then proceed to tell you a big story about a local hunter (who may not be thought of as the sharpest knife in the drawer) that just this morning bagged a gobbler of immense proportions. The beard will be a foot long, spurs like Genghis Khan's sword, and he will weigh no less than 29 pounds. The story gets worse as your supposed friend informs that the lucky hunter tripped in the woods and dropped his box call that he bought at Wally World years ago. The call made a squawk when it hit the ground, the turkey gobbled and came charging in and the nimrod had to blast the turkey almost in self-defense. You can hardly grab your provisions and get out of the store fast enough so as to not have to listen to anymore of the awful story.

So as turkey hunters often do when they are in the depths of depression from not being able to kill a turkey, I am rambling about what might bring these conditions. It's not you, you understand, it is outside sinister forces that affect the turkeys and the conditions in your area. Turkeys are not the Disney like animals that some uniformed folks like to envision wildlife. Old gobblers, particularly, often develop an evil persona as they continually evade well-meaning turkey hunters who



only want to enjoy the outdoors by calling the turkeys into range and shooting them. The gobblers will continually exasperate the hunters by gobbling very little, or not at all, or if they respond to a call, start marching your way and then explicitly vanish in a puff of smoke. (Remember that puff of smoke thing)

So if you, like me, have wondered if these sinister turkeys are aided by the prince of darkness, the devil himself, I say yes they undoubtedly are. The devil is well known for wandering about the earth seeking out whom he may ensnare in his various schemes. The turkeys probably joined forces with him long ago to bring as much bad luck and desperation upon hapless turkey hunters as possible. What else could explain a simple forest bird doing seemingly impossible acts of fooling our intrepid hunters. Ever had an approaching turkey walk toward you in the woods, go behind a tree and you never see him again in this life or the next? How do they do that? They have to have help.

Some of the territory that you sometimes must hunt turkeys in can only be likened to the devils main residence, you know, the hot place. Although much of the topography in my area is vertically challenging, I think of one of my main hunting areas as even worse. Steep and rough are the two words that always come to mind. When you get out of the truck there is usually only two ways to go, straight up or straight down. If you don't think this affects hunting a gobbling turkey, you have not hunted turkeys very much. Sometimes you just can't get there from here.

I have hunted turkeys in other states where the terrain is so delightfully flat it always makes me think if there is turkey hunting in heaven then it would be in place like this. Some parts of Kansas, Alabama, and others come to mind. I could do without the floating on clouds and harp playing that some people seem to like. If there is to be hunting in heaven I will take vocal turkeys and gentle ground anytime.

Well I hope that wasn't too bad, and hopefully I didn't make too many of you mad by expressing these thoughts. Maybe you can remember if you had this much time running around the woods, dealing with aggravating, possibly possessed gobblers you might be a little touched as well.

Stay sharp and watch for those turkeys with singed feathers.

Larry Case
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Penske suspends Cindric and 3 others

(AP) - Roger Penske has suspended the president of Team Penske along with three others for the next two races for their roles in the cheating scandal that has rocked IndyCar ahead of the Indianapolis 500.

Penske said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press that a review done by his general counsel found no "malicious intent by anyone" and chalked up the incident as a breakdown in internal processes and miscommunication.

Tim Cindric, who oversees all Team Penske operations and is the strategist for Newgarden, is the top name to receive the two-race suspension, which includes the showcase Indy 500 on Memorial Day weekend.



Notice Of Invitation For Bids

The Town of Pulaski (Owner) is requesting sealed bids for the building of a Geographical Information System (GIS) and grave location survey of Pinehurst Cemetery sections A & B containing +/- 485 grave sites, and Oakwood East Cemetery sections K & M containing +/- 1,622 grave sites

The Project scope is generally described as Using GPS and conventional survey techniques to locate corner keystones, and the center of graves, and obtain pictures of headstones along with names and birth /death dates. All the data collected above will be deployed in the Esri Cemetery Solution on the Towns ArcGIS Online Organization (AGOL).

Bid Deadline: 2:00 p.m., May 24, 2024, at the office of the Pulaski Engineering Department, 42 1st Street, Pulaski VA 24301. Any bids or unsealed bids received after 2:00 p.m. will not be accepted.

For questions regarding the scope of work or obtaining maps of the cemeteries, please contact Nathan Smythers (540)994-8617 or Austin Painter (540)994-8656.

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Kim Clontz, owner of the Hillmont Mercantile in Hillsville. Kim enjoys her work is knowledgeable about what she sells. She always meets her customers warmly and graciously.

Hillsville's Hillmont Mercantile a dream come true for owner

By LINDA WLLIAMS
Patriot Publishing

Kim Clontz would later realize her dream of opening a produce market and antique shop together.

HILLSVILLE – The Hillmont Mercantile on Main Street in Hillsville is a dream come true for owner, Kim Clontz.

The mercantile is located in a building that has a long history in the town dating back to 1934.

It was first known as the Childress Hotel, a three story white building located at 526 N. Main St.

In 1931 the Childress Hotel burned. The fire burned down most of the side of the street where the hotel was located.

Later the hotel was built back but under a new name, The Hillmont Hotel.

The hotel had two floors with each floor offering 10-12 rooms each with a shared bathroom on each floor. After World War I, soldiers were trying to get back home – many by foot – and the hotel proprietors put the soldiers up for the night to rest their feet.

In the 1970's and 80's the hotel served as a men's boarding house, then other businesses located there such as Jackson Men's Wear before its final closing as a bookstore.

The hotel store front lay empty until Hillsville native,

"I worked as a receptionist's assistant part-time at H&R Block and part-time at Brady's Produce, a part of the SWVA Farmer's Market. I loved the work and meeting people," said Clontz "I worked at both places for 21 years."

"Not long after my Dad passed away from dementia my mother began suffering from dementia as well. I left my jobs and when the time was right, my husband Wayne and I moved into her home to care for her. I became her fulltime caregiver, along with caring for my cousin Tanya, who has special needs," said Clontz.

Currently Clontz's mother has a caregiver who stays with her while Clontz works at the mercantile. Tanya visits the mercantile almost on a daily basis.

With their care in place, Clontz took the opportunity to open her own business.

"I felt that it was time to finally open my own business. I wanted a business where I

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Banter

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added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Whitlock doubled, Whitaker doubled, Souder grounded out, and Patrick Henry committed an error, each scoring one run.

Gusler stepped on the bump first for Patrick Henry. They allowed 14 hits and 12 runs (10 earned) over four innings, striking out three and walking one.

Pulaski County Cougars JV accumulated 14 hits in the game. Whitlock and Whitaker were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected three hits. Souder drove the middle of the lineup, leading Pulaski County Cougars JV with three runs batted in. The

number three hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Collier Alderman and Lewis each collected multiple hits for Pulaski County Cougars JV. Souder stole two bases.

Monday will be senior night for our PCHS baseball seniors, so come out and support these athletes as they finish their careers here at Pulaski.

Lastly, here is a name you should get used to hearing regarding Cougar softball. Shelby Dobbins added to her PCHS HR total again this week. Shelby is now at ten home runs with two games to go! She and the JV Lady Cougars are holding with just one loss this season.

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Hillmont

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could sell produce, candy for kids, antiques, clothing and local crafts," said Clontz. "I love antiques and definitely wanted to include an antique shop as a part of my store."

One day Clontz started riding along Main Street and then peeking through windows. "I thought to myself, that old hotel hasn't been used in a while."

She called her husband and told him she had found the perfect place for her store.

"I called Mack McPeak who owned the building and he met me there," said Clontz. She explained her plan to McPeak and he agreed that it would be good thing for Hillsville as well. They talked business, and she was given the keys on the spot.

Hillmont Mercantile was born then and there.

"I called my husband and said "Get here and help me rip this carpet out," Clontz said with a grin.

Immediately the work started. Carpets came out, walls came down. It was a family project.

"The kids painted, our son Zachary laid the floors, the granddaughters helped, my cousin Elvin, and our daughter Candace helped too."

Renovations took three weeks.

The produce market and antique shop was a perfect match for Clontz. She had plans and worked hard at making the dream her reality. On the antique side of the mercantile her business plan included rental space for vendors who wanted to rent space to sale their antiques items including furniture, antique glass and more. That aspect of the business has been very successful. She currently has 15 vendors.

Hillmont Mercantile opened August 19, 2018, on her 56th birthday.

"It was the best present I ever got," said Clontz.

Clontz has turned her dream the Hillmont Mercantile into a charming and nostalgic place of a by-gone age. It's lovely in its design and its ambience. You know you have entered a special place. Visitors are greeted by bluegrass music playing on an intercom into the street. Visitors might see Tanya playing the spoons, or maybe a local banjo player is picking a tune.

Many antiques are displayed in the store windows to draw you in Everything from the giant antique dough bowls to

antique glass, rolling pins, and vintage displays. Whether your style is Rustic, Vintage, Early American, Farmhouse, mid century modern – or you are a collector – this place is for you.

The produce market is the first thing you see upon entering the store. Fruits and vegetables are charmingly displayed by color. Bright yellow and red apples are piled high along with red and yellow tomatoes, and the green of cucumbers, squash and zucchini, all setting on vintage farmhouse cloth. It's a feast for the eyes. Proving the saying, "You eat with your eyes first" absolutely true.

Clontz has a wonderful eye for styling everything in the mercantile in a way in which you want to see everything at once. Canned goods are lined along the walls with jam, jellies, chow chow, molasses, honey, salsa, canned peaches, okra, asparagus and more. If you are in the market for pickled quail eggs you can get those there too. She offers beans, bacon, cheese, butter, ham for cooking and more. All varieties of candy and chips, and even real violets. There is a charming kitchenette that Clontz and her family use while at the store with Andy Griffith reruns playing on the television. It just adds to the charm.

As you progress through the mercantile, there are three large rooms and a full basement that contain many treasures. In these rooms vendors display everything from vintage dishes to baskets, clay pottery, vintage linens and beautiful unique antique furniture at good prices. From Hooiser cabinets, hutches, dressers, primitive cupboards, dry sinks, curios, mill boxes, copper kettles, antique beds and beautiful artwork. Some furniture pieces have been acquired from estate sales and businesses - some as far away as New York.

Last but not least, the Hillmont Mercantile offers a clothing consignment shop with 20 consignors. There is something for everyone.

Clontz and her vendors are constantly rotating merchandise. Visitors never visit the same store twice.

The Hillmont Mercantile is a hidden treasure and well worth the time and drive to Hillsville over and over again. You can follow Kim/Hillmont Mercantile on Facebook. Business hours are Wednesday – Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information about the Hillmont Mercantile call 276-728-1309.



Kim Clontz photo

Produce at Hillmont Mercantile is fresh and reasonably priced.



Kim Clontz photo

Classic furniture is always in style and Hillmont does not disappoint.



Courtesy photo

Legendary football coach Frank Beamer has even been known to enjoy a beverage on the front porch of Hillmont Mercantile.



Kim Clontz photo

Rustic and primitive antique furniture is just one of the many styles of furniture offered at Hillmont. Displayed in the rustic piece are antique bowls and pottery pieces that fit the piece beautifully. This is just a small sampling of what Hillmont offers.

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Journey To Faith

By Pat Priddy

What is True Joy and Peace?

There is a true joy and peace to be found in your life, and it is yours for the asking.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7-8

I have spent my life looking for love. My parents did the best they could, and I honor and respect them for their efforts; however, they had their own trials and tribulations to overcome. I always felt alone and unseen. Those feelings can cause you to search for love in all the wrong places throughout your life.

Becoming a Christian has become a fulfilling and lasting resting place of hope for me. It is a personal journey, and one that I invite you to travel.

Recently, I felt abandoned and betrayed by someone that I truly admired and wanted a closer relationship. My joy and peace subsided as I was completely distracted with this person who had come into my life.

I prayed and begged God to return His peace to me. "Help me Lord. Don't take your joy from me."

The journey to spiritual maturity is not complicated. It can be so simple you miss it. Late one evening, I was lying on the sofa when my big orange cat jumped in my lap. His warmth and deep purrs opened up in me a place to feel true love.

The thought of my speaking to a group of women, even the preparation of what I felt God wanted me to share, inspired within me a deep love.

To hold the healthcare workers as they themselves suffer with a loss in the life of a patient brings up an incredible feeling of love within me.

Lord, that is real love. Thank you for revealing true love to me. Whenever my heart wanders, and I begin to question Your true joy and peace, remind me of what really matters.

Show us the way to Your truth in this world. Keep us on the path of spiritual growth. Forgive us when we ever doubt or forget your great love. No matter what it takes, even through the visit of a big orange cat, remind us of love. Thank you, Father. Amen

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

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

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When we get to heaven, we will first want to see Jesus. Then there are many others we will also want to see. Remember, we will be there throughout the ceaseless ages, so we will have the opportunity to see everyone. The other day I was thinking about King David and how I would enjoy seeing him in heaven. On earth, he was a very talented and anointed person. I believe he will have those same talents and the same anointing in heaven. Here are some things I would like to see and hear him do in heaven.

I want to hear King David play his harp. While the piano and harp produce similar sounds, they are different instruments. I've heard some great piano players, which are a joy to listen to. However, I can't remember having heard a harp player in person. I have listened to some on YouTube and television and enjoyed it very much. I have an idea that King David is a great harp player. In 1 Samuel 16, we are told a little about his ability to play the harp. David had put his heart and soul into learning how to play the harp and was skillful at it. Not only was he skillful, he was also anointed. The touch of God was upon him when he played on the harp. With his music, David was able to bring the peace and love of God into the room and thus, he was a blessing to the king at that time, who was Saul. I look forward to hearing King David play the harp in heaven.

Not only was he a great harpist, he was a great singer and Psalm writer. Many of his Psalms are used in worship music today. When I get to heaven, I want to hear King David sing some of his Psalms. The one I really want to hear him sing is the 23rd Psalm. I think he is so talented and anointed as a singer and musician, he could be the choir leader in heaven.

I want to hear some of his stories firsthand, and he has some great ones. I suppose the one we will want

to hear him tell first is the story of when he defeated Goliath. When he fought Goliath he didn't appear to have any fear. He fully trusted in God. Wouldn't it be great if all of us followed his example? He seemed to have been patient and did not rush his slinging of the stone, thinking he had to beat Goliath to the draw. It is a wonderful story and I will enjoy hearing it firsthand.

I want to see him dance. There is another story in the Bible of him dancing before the Lord mightily when he brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. I've seen people dance before the Lord, but I would love to see King David's dance of praise.

Heaven will truly be wonderful. I wonder if there will be a museum in heaven or videos of things God's people accomplished while on earth.

U.S. holds up bomb shipments to Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration paused a shipment of bombs to Israel last week over concerns that the country was approaching a decision on launching a full-scale assault on the southern Gaza city of Rafah against the wishes of the United States, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Wednesday.

The shipment was supposed to consist of 1,800 2,000-pound (900-kilogram) bombs and 1,700 500-pound (225-kilogram) bombs, according to the official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive matter. The focus of U.S. concern was the larger explosives and how they could be used in a dense urban setting like Rafah where more than 1 million civilians are sheltering after evacuating other parts of Gaza amid Israel's war on Hamas, which came after the militant group's deadly attack on Israel on Oct. 7.

Austin confirmed the weapons delay, telling the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on defense that the U.S. paused "one shipment of high payload munitions."

"We're going to continue to do what's necessary to ensure that Israel has the means to defend itself," Austin said. "But that said, we are currently reviewing some near-term security assistance shipments in the context of unfolding events in Rafah."

The U.S. has historically provided enormous amounts of military aid to Israel. That has only accelerated in the aftermath of Hamas' Oct. 7 attack that killed some 1,200 in Israel and led to about 250 being taken captive by militants. The pausing of the aid shipment is the most striking manifestation of the growing daylight between Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government and the administration of Democratic President Joe Biden, which has called on Israel to do far more to protect the lives of innocent civilians in Gaza.

It also comes as the Biden administration is due to deliver a first-of-its-kind formal verdict this week on whether the airstrikes on Gaza and restrictions on delivery of aid have violated international and U.S. laws designed to spare civilians from the worst horrors of war. A decision against Israel would further add to pressure on Biden to curb the flow of weapons and money to Israel's military.

Biden signed off on the pause in an order conveyed last week to the Pentagon, according to U.S. officials who were not authorized to comment on the matter. The White House National Security Council sought to keep the decision out of the public eye for several days until it had a better understanding of the scope of Israel's intensified military operations in Rafah and until Biden could deliver a long-planned speech on Tuesday to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day.

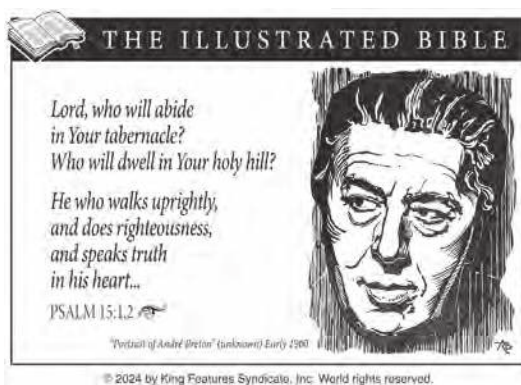
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Lord, who will abide
in Your tabernacle?
Who will dwell in Your holy hill?
He who walks uprightly,
and does righteousness,
and speaks truth
in his heart...

PSALM 15:1,2

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of 3 Kings (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Who said, "Indeed baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost"?" Matthew, Mark, John the Baptist, Luke
 3. From Leviticus 14, how long was a "clean" person required to remain outside his tent? 1 night, 2 nights, 4 days, 7 days
 4. What town or city was Saul of Tarsus near when he converted to Christianity? Damascus, Assos, Corinth, Gaza
 5. Which apostle's mother-in-law is referred to in the Bible but not by name? Peter, Judas, James, Andrew
 6. Jesus says that you have to do what to see the kingdom of God? Love one another, Be born again, Do what's right, Tithe
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) John the Baptist (Acts 11:16), 3) 7 days, 4) Damascus, 5) Peter, 6) Be born again**
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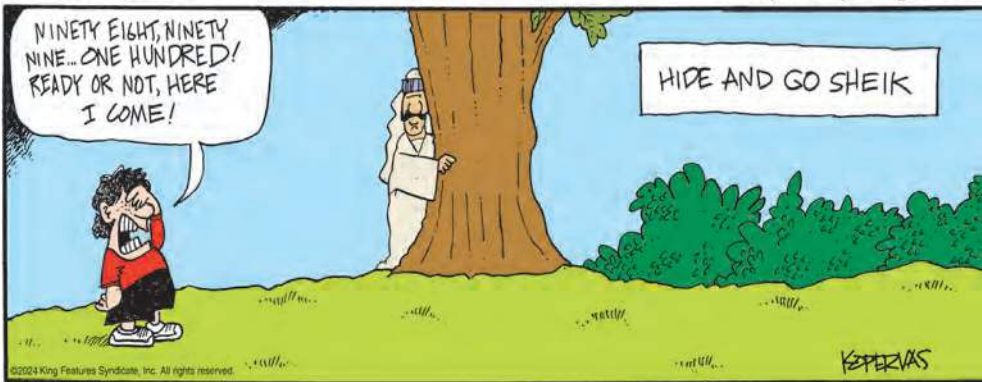
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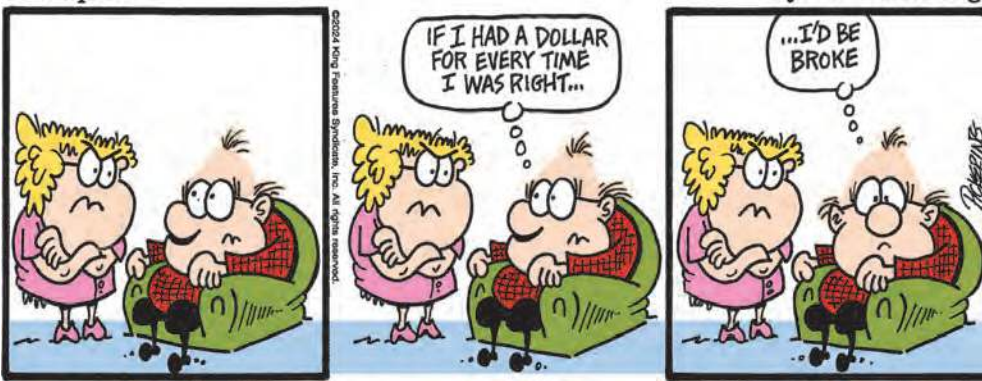
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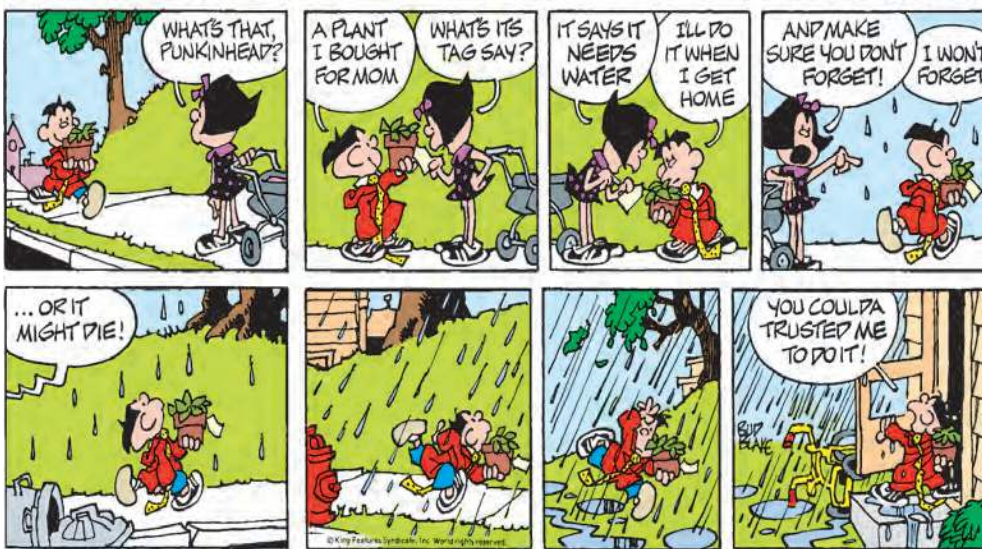
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: T equals C

RVL TLULDP OKHIKB XDB
UDEACPW LHTUNDTVVAHI KENH
RVL WLDUPW TUNEB NO UWL
DHC XVLDR. LUIN, LUINR.

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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!

Poem **SERVER** _____
Scour **FEARGO** _____
Sketch **SINGED** _____
Rush **SLEUTH** _____

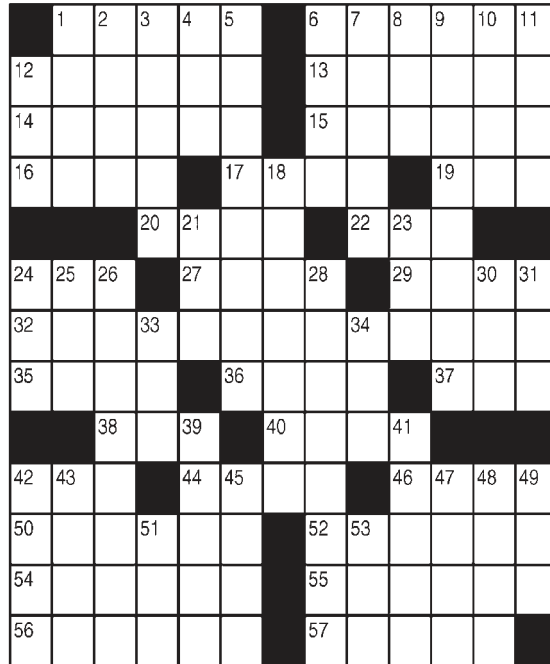
TODAY'S WORD

"I don't know how we'd ever manage if George were _____, too."

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Volume-based
- 6 Outcome
- 12 Spud
- 13 Key in again
- 14 Chalkboard accessory
- 15 Vineyard harvest
- 16 Classic soda brand
- 17 "Excuse me ..."
- 19 Tolkien creature
- 20 First lady of scat
- 22 Lith., once
- 24 Six-pack muscles
- 27 "Carmen" solo
- 29 Staffer
- 32 Employer's directive
- 35 Hideaway
- 36 Couturier Christian
- 37 Science guru Bill
- 38 Small tablet
- 40 Iowa city
- 42 Top card
- 44 Hotel chain
- 46 "Casablanca" role
- 50 Tomorrow, in Tijuana
- 52 Witty retort
- 54 Billie Eilish hit song



DOWN

- 1 Apple center
- 2 Beehive State
- 3 Count with an orchestra
- 4 Mineral suffix
- 5 Lipstick shade
- 6 Incite
- 7 Salon jobs
- 8 Depot (Abbr.)
- 9 Father of Helios

10

- 10 Serving customers
- 11 Try out
- 12 Stock holder resident
- 18 Hispaniola
- 21 Trail the pack
- 23 Cutting tool
- 24 100%
- 25 "Don't — stranger!"
- 26 Allowances
- 28 Perfume dispenser
- 30 Parched
- 31 Scrape (out)
- 33 Span. lady
- 34 Raw mineral

39

- 39 Dunkable treat
- 41 Egyptian peninsula
- 42 Both (Pref.)
- 43 "Misery" star James
- 45 Baseball legend Willie
- 47 Pride parade initialism
- 48 Actress Ward
- 49 "How — you?"
- 51 Mature
- 53 — jiffy

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top ten

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- 9. Donald J. Trump: 87.4M
- 10. Lady Gaga: 83.5M

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MUSIC: The 1980s group Duran Duran took its name from a character in which movie?
2. SCIENCE: What is the science of making maps called?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is surrounded by the country of South Africa?
4. MOVIES: What is the name of the boy who owns the toys in "Toy Story"?
5. THEATER: What are the major divisions in a play?
6. TELEVISION: Which sitcom has the theme song, "Everywhere You Look"?
7. GAMES: How many checkers does each player get to start the game?
8. LITERATURE: Which children's book features a construction vehicle named Mary Anne?
9. ANATOMY: What are the smallest blood vessels in the human body called?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of the dog mascot on the front of a Cracker Jack box?

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WORD LADDERS

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

PEDAL

MEDIC

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SELFISH

Today's Word

1. Verse; 2. Forge; 3. Design; 4. Hustle

solution

SCRAMBLERS

MEDAL, MEDIA, MEDIC

PEDAL, PENTAL, METAL,

Answer

WORD LADDER

Americanisms



"If I have done anything in life worth attention, I feel sure that I inherited the disposition from my mother."
— Booker T. Washington

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

The cereal fungus was rapidly encroaching upon the yearly crops of rye and wheat. Ergo, ergot.

Prince Valiant
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SIR ROGER HAS FLED THROUGH A SECRET PASSAGE INTO HIS CASTLE. VAL GIVES CAUTIOUS PURSUIT...

...UNTIL HE SPIES A DIM COLUMN OF LIGHT, AS IF THROUGH A DOOR LEFT AJAR. IT SEEMS, HE THINKS, A BIT TOO INVITING.

MEANWHILE, IN THE BRIDGE TOWER, GAWAIN CONFRONTS THE DESPERATE BARMUS DRAMFELL, WHO FIGHTS LIKE A CAGED BULL...

...USING HIS SUPERIOR WEIGHT AND STRENGTH, PERHAPS, CONSIDERS GAWAIN, THOSE VERY QUALITIES CAN BE TURNED AGAINST THIS BRUTISH FOE.

...AND IS REWARDED, AS HE EXPECTED, WHEN AN OVER-ANXIOUS ROGER SPRINGS HIS TRAP TOO SOON!

IN THE PASSAGEWAY, VAL CONSIDERS HIS SITUATION FOR A MOMENT, THEN TOSSES HIS DAGGER CLATTERING THROUGH THE DOOR OPENING...

YATES 3/9/13 7770

NEXT: Gaining Leverage

I FIRST MET FRIA WHEN DALE, ZARKOV, RONAL AND I GOT STRANDED IN FRIGIA.

SHE FOUND US FROZEN HALF TO DEATH, COMPLETELY AT HER MERCY.

MY NAME'S **FLASH GORDON**

AND I TEND NOT TO BE A GUY WHO GETS TONGUE-TIED, BUT I WAS RIGHT THEN. MUST'VE BEEN THE COLD.

QUEEN FRIA NEEDS TO TALK WITH THE GIANTS.

IT'S NOT LONG BEFORE WE GET JUMPED.

THEY DRAG US TO THEIR LEADER -- DRUKKA.

SHE CAN'T COME IN ARMED OR THEY'LL ATTACK EN MASSE, SO ALL SHE'S GOT IS ME.

WE FIGHT BACK LIKE THE DEVIL SO THEY'LL RESPECT US ENOUGH TO TAKE US ALIVE.

EIGHT FOOT SIX, EVERY INCH OF IT MEAN...

BUT FRIA'S GOT GIANT BLOOD IN HER. SHE AND DRUKKA SAVED EACH OTHER WHEN THEY WERE KIDS.

SHE'S THEIR QUEEN, TOO.

WE GET WHAT WE CAME FOR -- AN AUDIENCE WITH THE GIANTS' ORAL HISTORIANS.

AND THEY TELL US: IT'S ANCIENT. IT'S ANGRY. AND, AFTER A THOUSAND YEARS, IT'S AWAKE.

DAN SCHABE 5.5.24

WE ASK ABOUT THIS CREATURE THAT'S BEEN ATTACKING FRIGIA.

THEY CALL IT THE SCREAMING STORM.

NEXT: A VOICE LIKE THUNDER

WORDS ENDING IN "ISH"

MAGIC MAZE ●

OSP NHK I FHC AXVS Q
HOLS WEDISH JHECA
X SILVERFISH VTRP
NWIHL JHHRISH FDB
YHXL SVSTUFINISH
RPSOPIIMONFKISS
GEDILMLBNUYZIXI
WUTUFROGQSLFONL
LJOIGNBCNFLDCAB
YHSIFYARCEEXWVU
GTHSILOPSAJSRPP

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

Abolish
Accomplish
Crayfish
English

Finish
Ghoulish
Jellyfish
Nourish

Panfish
Publish
Selfish
Silverfish

Sunfish
Swedish
Wish

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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.

NMMC QPDWSQ KA LMS
AMJPSQKLN EP BDL UGV.
QMEPFPO, KS BDL UP DL
PISOPJPWV FDWGDUP
ADFKLNA DBBMGLS.
- DLLP EKWAML ABQDPY

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Here's a Tip!

* Buff spots off of silver with toothpaste. Rub gently with a soft cloth, rinse and dry.

* Keep your dishcloths and sponges germ-free and smelling sweet. Once weekly soak them overnight in a few cups of water to which you've added a tablespoon or so of bleach. It will keep them from developing that mildew smell.

* "To keep mixes from bunching up on the beaters of my mixer, I spray them with a little canola oil right before mixing. It isn't enough to affect the recipe, but it helps them do

a better job, I think. And I don't have to stop the mixer so often to scrape the dough from the beaters." -- R.V. in Oklahoma

* To clean tea-stained cups, use a couple of drops of dishwasher detergent. Stir and let set, then scrub out. It should wipe right out.

* "If there's a lot of burned-on food stuck to your pan, just add water immediately after cooking, then stick it in the oven (if oven-safe) at a low temperature for a little bit. It will soften the food, and you can clean it much easier." --

U.A. in Montana

* "Save larger envelopes in which you receive mail. You can reuse them by gluing or taping a new label on the front. You can close them with packing tape. Some of these envelopes are expensive." -- T.G. in South Carolina

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WORDS ENDING IN "ISH"

CryptoQuote
answer

Good health is not something we can buy. However, it can be an extremely valuable savings account.

— Anne Wilson Schaefer

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

ANSWER
Weekly SUDOKU

Top Ten in Movies

- Challengers (R) Zendaya, Mike Faist
- Unsung Hero (PG) Daisy Betts, Joel Smallbone
- Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire (PG-13) Rebecca Hall, Brian Tyree Henry
- Civil War (R) Kirsten Dunst, Wagner Moura
- Abigail (R) Melissa Barrera, Dan Stevens
- The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare (R) Henry Cavill, Alan Ritchson
- Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG) Jack Black, Awkwafina
- Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (PG-13) Paul Rudd, Carrie Coon
- Dune: Part Two (PG-13) Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya
- Boy Kills World (R) Bill Skarsgard, Jessica Rothe

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by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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Carroll County Genealogy Club

The Carroll County Genealogy Club is now open Tuesday and Wednesday of each week from 10 am until 2 pm. Come by and visit and help yourself to our library resources. Everyone is welcome. If possible will try to honor any appt. Membership is available for individuals for \$30 and 35 for families and includes 4 editions for the membership time of May 1st until April 30th yearly. Volunteers are welcome, as well as Facebook members. Contact by phone 276.231.8234. Club address Po Box 395, Hillsville va 24343 or email to carroll.va.genealogy@gmail.com or type in Carroll Co Genealogy Club on facebook.

We are located on left side of the Historical Courthouse in Hillsville.

Little Library

Pulaski First Church of the Brethren now has a Little Library for the community. You will find books for all ages and canned food for the ones who need it. You may keep the book or you may return it and get another. We want this to be a joy for our community.

May 10 Yard Sale

The Ladies Of Thornspring United Methodist Church, 5670 Thornspring Church Rd., will be having a yard sale, Friday May 10th from 8 am-2 pm. On Saturday, May 11th only there will also be a bake sale, hot dog sale, pinto beans and cornbread sale. From 8 am-2 pm rain or shine. More new items. Everyone is welcome.

May 11 Strawberry Festival

2nd annual Strawberry Festival on May 11th 4-7 at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren located

at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind the DMV. Plate dinner will be \$5.00 a piece. The Hotdog plate with two choices of chips, mac/cheese, baked beans or salad. The pancake plate with sausage and scramble eggs. We will have all kinds of Strawberry foods, milkshakes, and sundaes for sale. Crafty Angels will also have crafts for sale. The funds raised will go towards sending children to camp, our Back to School Bash and the Little Library.

May 13

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.

Mother's Day - Woodlawn P.H. Church

Woodlawn P.H. Church, located at I-77 South exit 19 turn right on 620 then right on Oak Grove Rd. 4 miles - Church on the right (3874) will celebrate Mother's Day with a special service.

Pastor Mike Hall & congregation invites you and your family to come and be blessed. Jacob & Alison Bryant will be ministering in song. May 12th - Service begins @ 10:45

May 13

Elks Meeting

Elks Lodge 1067 will meet May 13th. We will be holding a social hour starting at 6 pm followed by our regular meeting at 7.

May 16

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, May 16, 7pm at Aly's Italian Family Restaurant at 3204 Riner

Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to attend. Tiffany Lloyd will give a talk on the Sam Davis Youth Camp. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

May 18

Antique Tractor Pull

The NRV Antique Tractor Club will have a tractor pull on May 18th beginning at 10 am at the Ruritan National grounds in Newbern, Va with 13 weight classes. Rain cancels. Contact Randy @ 540-320-6535 for further info

Fish Fry

The Methodist Men of New Mount Olive UMC, Russell Avenue, Radford VA will have a Fish Fry on Saturday, May 18 from 11am to 4pm.

MENU: 2 Pieces of deep fried whiting fish, baked beans and cole slaw. The price is \$13.00 for a dinner and \$6.00 for a fish sandwich. Call in at 540 639 - 6425.

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Richie Delaney memorial fund for his children.

June 9

Klopman Mills Reunion

All former employees of Klopman Mills Plant - a division of Burlington Industries in Newbern - will gather June 9 at the train station in Pulaski. Please bring two covered dishes. Drinks will be provided. We'll eat at 1 p.m. Doors open at 10 a.m.

On going:

Monday Services

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

Ballroom Dancing

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

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Alcohol Anonymous

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group (a support group for friends and families of alcoholics) meet every Monday night at 8 p.m. at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number 540-818-0621.

Lifestyles Changes

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

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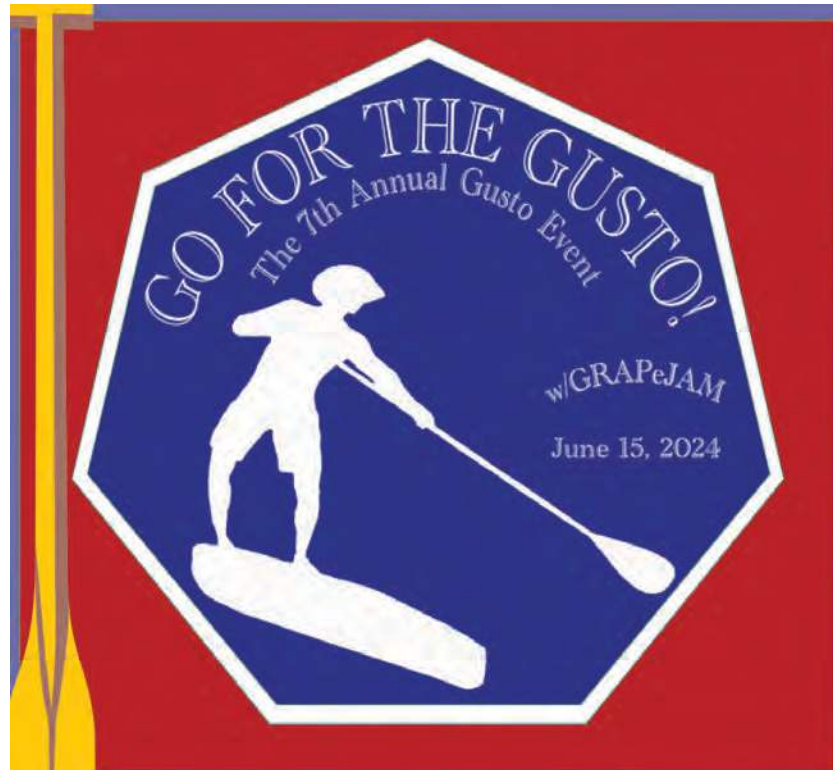
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Don't miss this year's Gusto!!

The Seventh Annual Gusto with GRAPeJAM happens Saturday, June 15, 2024, at the Rockhouse Marina on Claytor Lake in Pulaski County VA!

The Master Paddler (4.5 Mile) and Buona Fide (2.2 mile) Paddle Board Races will begin at 10:15 a.m.

The Kahuna Kayak Competition (3 miles) starts at 10:30 that same Saturday June 15.

All Races Start and Finish at the Rock House Marina on Peak Creek - Rain or Shine.

Register at PaddleGuru.com to register for any Gusto race for a \$25 fee or register the morning of the event.

Race entrants will receive the iconic Gusto race jersey and the always unique Gusto Award denoting race rank.

After the races, the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPeJAM) will receive a donation and then play a few tunes to celebrate this year's Gusto!

This year's monetary donation to GRAPeJAM is made possible by the Generosity of the Following Sponsors:

Paddle Board and Kayak Rentals Available at the Rockhouse on Race Day... But Come Early!