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Pulaski County High School enrollment stands at 1,237

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Enrollment at Pulaski County High School – as of Oct. 12 – stood at 1,237 students, according to PCHS Principal Jennifer Bolling.

Bolling reported the figure to the Pulaski County School Board during its October meeting held Tuesday at the middle school.

PCHS was the subject of the board meeting's Instructional Focus feature for October.

According to Bolling, the freshman class at PCHS numbers 333 students, while the sophomore

class is at 291. There are 316 juniors and 297 seniors at the school as of Oct. 12.

Bolling said the school's enrollment number changes frequently.

COVID Screenings

In other news the school board unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding with the Virginia Department of Health to provide routine COVID screenings.

The testing program will be funded through a federal grant and will end when the grant runs out.

The program will provide testing to all unvaccinated employees

of the school system at no cost. School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers noted that students may also be tested, but parents would have to first sign a consent form.

Siers noted that Dickenson County is the only school division currently running the program, and "participation isn't great."

School Calendars

Siers presented school calendars for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. He said the calendars would be presented to the school system advisory teams for

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WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday

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Pulaski Police Chief Announces Promotions

Pulaski Police Chief Jill Neice recently announced the promotion of several officers within her department. Promotions include (from left to right): Josh Day - Promoted to Patrol Sergeant; Bryant Cox - Promoted to Patrol Corporal; Anthony Thompson - Promoted to Patrol Sergeant; John Saul - Promoted to Patrol Lieutenant, and Rick Riddle - Promoted to Investigations Sergeant (not pictured). Chief Neice (far right) made the announcement during the Oct. 5 meeting of Pulaski Town Council.

Mike Williams/The Patriot

Plea agreement reached in case

Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith reported Wednesday the conviction in Pulaski County Circuit Court of Kenneth Roy Williams on multiple crimes.

Griffith said Williams was convicted of multiple crimes stemming from an incident that occurred April 22, 2020 on the Pulaski County portion of Inter-

state 81.

The Virginia State Police, while attempting to conduct a traffic stop based on information provided to them via a concerned member of Mr. Williams own family, were eventually able to stop the vehicle Mr. Williams was driving. It was immediately apparent to them through their training and experience that Mr. Williams was

not mentally well.

The Troopers, some of whom are veterans themselves, after learning that Mr. Williams was an honorably discharged Operation Desert Storm veteran were able to relate with him in a manner that allowed for him to be safely transported to the Magistrate's Office.

"This is a specific example of law enforcement in Pulaski County doing an outstanding job of enforcing the law, but also conducting themselves in a manner that was safe for everyone," said Griffith. "This is especially commendable considering the fact

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discussion and be brought back to the board for approval at the November meeting.

Paid Leave for Military Spouses

Spouses of active military members will now be granted up to 3 days of paid leave from work per year so they may participate in activities surrounding their military member's activities.

The leave, which would be deducted from the school employees' sick leave, would be allowed for activities such as:

Deployment, departure or re-enlistment ceremonies.

Graduation or promotion ceremonies.

Obtaining military benefits or participating in benefit sessions or support groups.

The board will act on the proposal at its November meeting.

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Social Security checks getting big boost as inflation rises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of retirees on Social Security will get a 5.9% boost in benefits for 2022. The biggest cost-of-living adjustment in 39 years follows a burst in inflation as the economy struggles to shake off the drag of the coronavirus pandemic.

The COLA, as it's commonly called, amounts to an added \$92 a month for the average retired worker, according to estimates Wednesday from the Social Se-

curity Administration. It's an abrupt break from a long lull in inflation that saw cost-of-living adjustments averaging just 1.65% a year over the past 10 years.

With the increase, the estimated average Social Security payment for a retired worker will be \$1,657 a month next year. A typical couple's benefits would rise by \$154 to \$2,753 per month.

But that's just to help make up for rising costs that recipients are already paying for food, gasoline

and other goods and services.

"It goes pretty quickly," retiree Cliff Rumsey said of the cost-of-living increases. After a career in sales for a leading steel manufacturer, Rumsey lives near Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. He cares at home for his wife of nearly 60 years, Judy, who has advanced Alzheimer's disease. Since the coronavirus pandemic, Rumsey said he has also noted price increases for wages paid to caregivers who occasionally spell

him and for personal care products for Judy.

The COLA affects household budgets for about 1 in 5 Americans. That includes Social Security recipients, disabled veterans and federal retirees, nearly 70 million people in all. For baby boomers who embarked on retirement within the past 15 years, it will be the biggest increase they've seen.

Among them is Kitty Ruderman of Queens in New York City, who retired from a career as an executive assistant and has been collecting Social Security for about 10 years. "We wait to hear every year what the increase is going to be, and every year it's been so insignificant," she said. "This year, thank goodness, it will make a difference."

Ruderman says she times her grocery shopping to take advantage of midweek senior citizen

discounts, but even so price hikes have been "extreme." She says she doesn't think she can afford a medication that her doctor has recommended.

AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins called the government payout increase "crucial for Social Security beneficiaries and their families as they try to keep up with rising costs."

Policymakers say the adjustment is a safeguard to protect Social Security benefits against the loss of purchasing power, and not a pay bump for retirees. About half of seniors live in households where Social Security provides at least 50% of their income, and one-quarter rely on their monthly payment for all or nearly all their income.

"You never want to minimize the importance of the COLA,"

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that Mr. Williams had struck a marked Virginia State Police vehicle with his vehicle before he was stopped."

Griffith continued that after Mr. Williams was served with multiple warrants, the Pulaski County General District Court appropriately ordered a mental health evaluation be conducted. Mr. Williams, after being deemed not competent to stand trial, was then ordered to undergo restoration services in an attempt to be mentally fit to stand trial.

"Mental Health workers from our community, worked diligently to attempt to restore Mr. Williams to competency. He was able to be restored and his charges were certified to the October 12th Pulaski County Grand Jury. It was important to James Crandall, a Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, to schedule a plea date for Mr. Williams as

soon as possible," Griffith said.

Mr. Crandall met with numerous members of the Virginia State Police and they were all understanding of Mr. William's mental health situation, which very apparently related to his time in the service.

According to Crandall, Kenneth Williams plead and was convicted of:

- 1) Felony Assault and Battery of a law enforcement officer (5 years)
- 2) Felony Assault and Battery of a law enforcement officer (5 years)
- 3) Felony Destruction of Property (3 years)
- 4) Felony Elude (3 years)
- 5) Felony Hit and run (3 years)

For a total sentence of nineteen years and an active sentence of one year and three months and the total term of suspension being nineteen years.

"Mr. Crandall did an outstand-

ing job of forging a path to justice that took into account the actions of Mr. Williams, his mental health related to his service to our country, and Mr. William's efforts to be restored," Griffith noted.

"This case is a reminder of just how many veterans struggle to reintegrate out of the service and there is no set time line for when their struggles may lead them down this path. I see a need to have a Veterans Treatment Docket in Southwest Virginia because, in conjunction with other agencies, it could make a real difference in ensuring other veterans like Mr. Williams can receive specialized services, and individualized treatment plans. As our Office firmly believes they have earned that right and so much more. Serving your country is one of the greatest honors a person can have. We owe them everything we can do," Griffith stated.

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GARY LYNN DUNCAN

Gary Lynn Duncan 54, of Galax, passed away Monday, August 3, 2021 at Forsythe Hospital in Winston Salem, NC.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Elmer and Phyllis Bentley Duncan, also a brother Eric Devere Duncan, and 2 Nephews, Richard Aaron Duncan, and Jason Michael Duncan.

Survivors include an Aunt and Uncle, Ron and Mary Bentley Lawson, a brother Richard Allen and Libby Duncan of Galax, two sisters, Patricia Ann Duncan of Indian Valley, and Elaine and Dan Snuffer of Radford. Also remaining to cherish his memory are his nieces, Heather and Mark Brookner of Pulaski, and Kim and Andrew Tessar of Indian Valley. There are also many cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews who will miss Gary dearly.

There will be a memorial at 1:00 p.m., October 16th, 2021 at the Duncan Cemetery in Draper Va.

All are invited to celebrate Gary's life with us.

To sign his online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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JAMES ARNOLD RATCLIFFE

James Arnold Ratcliffe, age 73 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, October 9, 2021 at his home. Born March 27, 1948 in Bristol, Virginia he was the son of the late Arnold Irvin Ratcliffe & Minnie Marie Moore Ratcliffe. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Karen.

James was a veteran of the United States Army serving in the 101st Airborne for three tours in Vietnam.

He is survived by his Wife of 48 years – Nid "Ann" Ratcliffe – Pulaski

Stepdaughter – Helen Ratcliffe – Thailand

3 Grandchildren, 9 Great Grandchildren

Brothers – Sam (Jill) Ratcliffe, Tom (Michele) Ratcliffe

Sister – Linda

Beloved Uncle to – Mary (Scott), Michael (Rosa), Jacqui, Elise, Kayla, Emily (Bernardo)

Graveside funeral services will be held 12:00 Noon – Friday, October 15, 2021 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin with Chaplain Bobby Ward officiating.

The family will receive friends between 10:30 – 11:30 AM – Friday at the Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski then leave in procession to the cemetery @ 11:30. To sign the online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com –

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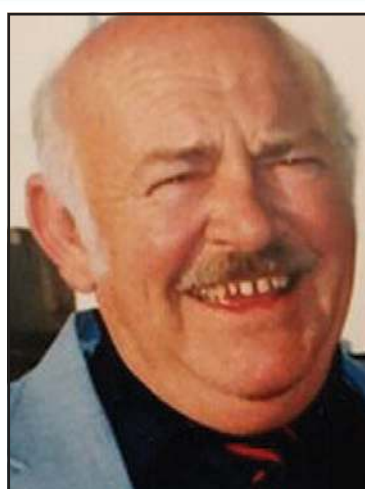
BILLIE JOE DELPH

Billie Joe Delph, age 74 of Dublin, died Thursday, October 7, 2021 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. He was born in Lee County on October 3, 1947, and was the son of the late Kathleen Elizabeth Waddel Delph and James Arthur Delph. One of Billie's favorite times of the year, was Deer Season. When his family and friends gather in Bland for the next season, he will be truly missed.

He is survived by two sons: Billie Joe (Amanda) Delph, II of Pulaski, and Tim (Casey) Delph of Little Creek: three brothers; Vernon (Regina) Delph of Pulaski Co., Jim (Wanda) Delph of Cedar Bluff, and Berl (Bonnie) Delph of Pulaski Co.; a sister; Debra Delph Moore of GA. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Makenzie Shae Delph, Makaylin Leanne Delph, Summer Gail Delph, Karleigh Jo Delph, Haley Marie Delph, Kierstyn DeAndrea Chinault, Tiffany Breanna Graham, and Ashley Amber Pileggi, Samantha Smith, Kelsey Delph.

Funeral services will be private, for immediate family, at Thornsprng Cemetery.

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



HUGH BENTON BROWN, III

Hugh Benton Brown, III, age 85 of Pulaski passed away Friday, August 27, 2021 at Lewis Gale Hospital, Pulaski. Born August 13, 1936 in Virginia, he was the son of the late Hugh Benton Brown, Jr. and Mary Ellen Brown.

Hugh was retired from RAAP, starting out in the accounting department and retiring as a procedures writer.

Hugh was an avid fisherman, boater, swimmer and hunter, who lived for many years on Claytor Lake. He operated Brown's Marina where everyone gathered for good food and fellowship.

After retiring, Hugh traveled, enjoyed working out, and was a wizard at gardening.

He is survived by

Children – Tracy Brown, Kim Brown (Billy) Dulaney-Floyd, Mary Jane Brown and Mishell Evans – Radford, Van Brown – Pulaski, William Stuart Brown – Pulaski

Granddaughters – Ashley Brown, Carrie Brown-Bennett

Five Great Grandchildren

Memorial services may be held 11:00 am, Saturday, October 23, 2021 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski.

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



LINDA CAROL PHILLIPS CRESSELL

Linda Carol Phillips Cressell passed away on Wednesday September 29, 2021 at her home in Pulaski, Va. She was born on March 10, 1948 in Pulaski, she was known by all of her family and friends as "Carol".

She was preceded in death by her son David Wayne, her Mom, Canous East Phillips, her Dad, Elmer Phillips, Brother Eddie Phillips, and son-in-law Joey Murray.

Survivors include

Daughters – Lori Kay Cressell, Candy May Muncy (Bo)

Grandsons – Dale Shay Cressell (Megan Frost), Bucky Muncy (Tiffany Alroy)

Two Great Grandchildren

Sisters – Ethel Regina "Gina" Phillips, Joy Bowden (Roy)

Brother – Jeff Phillips (Melissa)

Special Niece – Missie Graham-Link (Travis) and several nieces and nephews and cousins

Two special care takers/friends – Nikki Bowden and Kelly Mims

Special Friend – Ms. Elizabeth Edmonds

A special "adopted" grandson – Ben Hilton

Two "adopted sons" – Paul and Anthony

Special Kitty – Cuddles

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to www.aspc.org A small family service will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank Carillon Hospice nurses for their loving care. To sign the online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com. The Cressell family is in the care of Bower Funeral Homes in Pulaski, Virginia.

ROBERT SPRAGUE LEACH, JR.

Robert Sprague Leach, Jr., age 79 of Dublin, died Friday, September 24, 2021 at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. He was born in Highland, MI on July 26, 1942, and was the son of the late Thelma "Jana" Pratt Leach and Robert Sprague Leach, Sr. Robert worked his entire life, but in his later years, he became a truck driver, which was his dream job, and loved every minute of it. He was also a proud United States Marine.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Richard Thomas Leach; a sister, Donna Leach; and his partner of

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PASTOR DENNIS WAYNE HAGA

Pastor Dennis Wayne Haga, 54, of White Gate, VA, went to be with the Lord he so faithfully served on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. He was born May 7, 1967 in Giles County, VA, the son of John David & Lois Parcell Haga.

Dennis was a devout Christian who pastored to everyone about the love of Jesus. His passion was leading souls to the Lord. He pastored at Crandon ("Pinney Ridge") Pentecostal Holiness Church and Rich Creek Word of Faith for many years, but spent his lifetime sharing Jesus with everyone he talked to. He worked at Bland Correctional Center for many years. He enjoyed coon hunting.

He was preceded in death by his father, John David Haga and his brother, James Michael ("Mike") Haga.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 34 years, Senita Sutphin Haga; his sons, Joshua Matthew Stephens and Jeremiah Douglas Fleenor; his

mother, Lois Parcell Haga; his grandchildren, Olivia Stephens & Darren McCroskey, Luke Stephens, Garrett Stephens, Grace Stephens, Chance Reed, Chloe Smith and Ty Smith; his great-grandchildren, Kensley McCroskey and Walter McCroskey; his brother & sisters-in-law, Christopher & Robin Haga and Arlene Boyd; his sister & brother-in-law, Karen & Scott Hedge; his nieces and nephews, Ryan Haga, Abigail Hedge, Shawn Haga, Cassidy Hedge, Zoey Haga and Dawson Haga; several special friends and brothers & sisters in Christ.

Per his wishes, Dennis will be cremated. A Praise & Worship memorial service was held Saturday, October 9, 2021 at French's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church with Pastor Billy Akers, Sr. & Pastor Winfred Keene officiating.

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22 years, Cheryl Jay. He is survived by his daughter, Autumn Rose Morgera and her husband, Michael Morgera, of Dublin, VA; two sons: Gregory William Leach of Clinton Township, MI; and Robert Glen Leach and his wife, Donna Stone Leach, of Savoy, TX; his brother, Thomas Sparks; and three Sisters: Patricia Hurt, Donna Leach, and Cherie Leach. Robert is also survived by 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

NRCC nurse aide program registration open

Registration is now open for New River Community College’s nurse aide program that begins on Nov. 2, 2021.

The 13-week program runs Nov. 2, 2021-Feb. 8, 2022 (class ID #22228) from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Dublin; the course also includes five clinical day sessions on Thursdays and Saturdays from 6:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (12/2, 12/4, 12/9, 12/11, 12/16). Upon successful course completion, students are eligible to take the Virginia Nurse Aide State Board Exam to become a Certified Nurse Aide.

Nurse aides help patients or clients with health care needs under the supervision of a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse. They provide hands-on care to patients, helping with bathing, dressing and the basic activities of life. Daily activities a nurse aide might encounter include taking patients’ temperature, blood pressure and other vital signs. They will help with patients’ or clients’ needs under the supervision of a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse.

The nurse aide program is eligible for tuition assistance through the G3 program. This program provides Virginia residents who qualify for in-state tuition and whose family income falls below an identified threshold with tuition assistance. Additional financial assistance may also be available.



TONY RAY TICKLE

Tony Ray Tickle, age 67 of Dublin passed away Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at Lewis Gale Hospital, Salem. Born January 22, 1954 in Pulaski, he was the son of the late Lawrence Alfred Tickle and Juanita Carico Tickle. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Becky Hamilton.

Tony worked as a pipe fitter at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant with 31 years of service.

He is survived by his Wife – Margaret “Diane” Williams Tickle – Dublin

Children – Violet (Jeff) Phillips – Pulaski, Anita Burriss – Radford, Wendy Franks – Dublin

Stepson – Joe (Crystal) Greer – Dublin

6 Grandchildren, 3 Step Grandchildren, 1 Great, Great Granddaughter

Sisters – Kay Altes – Dublin, Shelba (Walter) Akers – Draper

Brothers – Benny Tickle & Connie Smith – Dublin, Billy Tickle, Dublin

Special fishing buddy – Randall Alderman

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Mike Hudson officiating. Interment followed at the Hickman Cemetery (Pulaski County).

To sign Tony’s online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com – Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

SAFORD ROY SEMONES (JUNIOR)

Saford Roy Semones (Junior) Pulaski, departed this earth on Tuesday, Oct 13th, 2021.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Zollie Ramsey Semones, his son, Arnold Clinton Semones (Kenny), and his daughter Thericia Semones.

He is survived by his wife, Tiffany Scarborough, his son Allen Ray Semones, Sr., daughter in love Barbara E. Semones, 5 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 8 great great grandchildren, his brother Dale Semones, and sister in love Vivian Semones.

Visitation will be held on Saturday October 16th, 2021, at Stevens Funeral Home from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM with Carson Linkous officiating funeral at 2 PM at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Highland Memory Gardens, in Dublin.

Stevens Funeral Home is serving the Semones Family. Online Condolences can be made at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

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LET’S BOO HUNGER AWAY Halloween Food Drive

The Emergency Needs Task Force (ENTF) of Pulaski County will host a Halloween Food Drive, co-sponsored by Next Level VR MOVA Technologies.

ENTF is an incorporated, non-profit organization whose only purpose is to provide emergency assistance to lower-income residents who are unable to meet emergency needs for fuel, shelter, utilities and food. ENTF is funded by charitable foundations, churches, individual citizens and governed by a Board of Directors. The daily business is handled by the staff of New River Community Action in Pulaski.

As the holiday season begins, this food drive is particularly important. Our goal is to fill ENTF’s food pantry shelves. We invite you to join us in our effort by dropping off non-perishable food items at the New River Community Action Office (412 North Jefferson Ave.) in Pulaski on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The pantry’s current needs are: canned meats (chicken, beef, tuna/salmon), oatmeal, boxed pasta meals, hearty soups, instant potatoes, canned fruit, canned vegetables and dry cereal. All donated food items should be unopened and not past the “use by” date.

We encourage community participation on all levels: citizens, local governments, private businesses and local industries. Your generosity will benefit individuals and families in need. If you choose to donate by check, make checks payable to The Emergency Needs Task of Pulaski County and please indicate “Food Drive” on the memo line. Cash donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged with a written receipt.

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Logan’s Lament

October 11 of this year presented the spectacle of dueling holidays.

Under federal law, the second Monday in October is Columbus Day, commemorating the arrival of the Italian explorer’s Spanish-backed expedition in the New World on October 12, 1492. Columbus Day celebrations have occurred going back to the nineteenth century.

But many jurisdictions, including Virginia, now recognize the same day as Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Supporters of this move generally argue that Columbus, whatever his accomplishments, committed sins that make him unworthy of celebration.

There is a current coursing through our culture today that seeks to sweep away any figure or event deemed flawed by modern sensibilities. Columbus is far from the only victim, and one does not have to be a great admirer of his to find this trend regrettable. And setting up Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples’ Day against each other does a disservice to the memory of both.

Although Indigenous Peoples’ Day is a recent addition to the calendar, the stories of Native Americans occupy an important place in the history of our region and Commonwealth. We can see it on a map of Virginia’s Ninth Congressional District, with names that reflect native origin such as Alleghany County or the Town of Pocahontas.

The story of Pocahontas, in which the threads of conflict and cooperation between Native Americans and European settlers tangled, is well known in Virginia and nationally. In western Virginia, the story of Logan, a leader of the Mingo people, represents an important part of the Native American heritage.

Logan was the son of an Oneida chief who had befriended the secretary of Pennsylvania, James Logan, thus providing the origins of his name. He lived on good



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

terms with the settlers arriving in the Ohio Valley, the frontier at the time, where Virginia claimed land. But in

1774, his family was massacred by settlers, and Logan set out for revenge.

The ensuing conflict between natives and settlers along the frontier triggered an expedition by Virginia’s Royal Governor, Lord Dunmore, and it took the name Lord Dunmore’s War. It ended after colonial forces under Colonel Andrew Lewis defeated the Shawnee chief Cornstalk at the Battle of Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774.

As negotiators subsequently sought to end the conflict, Logan refused to participate. His explanation, known to history as Logan’s Lament, was said by Thomas Jefferson to match the legendary ancient orators Demosthenes and Cicero in eloquence:

I appeal to any white man to say if ever he entered Logan’s cabin hungry, and he gave him not meat; if ever he came cold and naked, and he clothed him not. During the course of the last long and bloody war, Logan remained idle in his cabin, an advocate for peace. Such was my love for the whites, that my countrymen pointed as they passed, and said, “Logan is the friend of white men.” I had even thought to have lived with you, but for the injuries of one man. Col. Cresap, the last Spring, in cold blood, and unprovoked, murdered all the relations of Logan, not sparing even my women and children. There runs not a drop of my blood in the veins of any living creature. This called on me for revenge. I have sought it: I have killed many: I have fully glutted my vengeance. For my country, I rejoice at the beams of peace. But do not harbor a thought that mine is the joy of fear. Logan never felt fear. He will not turn on his heel to save his life. Who is there to mourn for Logan? Not one.

Logan’s story captures much of the complexity of the experience of Native Americans in the United States, but also the contradictions of human nature and behavior throughout all time and our capacity for both great good and evil. He was greatly wronged by settlers and in response turned from a friend to an enemy yet held in high esteem by figures such as Jefferson and honored in our memory by place names such as Logan County, West Virginia (established when the land was still part of Virginia).

Whatever you call the second Monday of October – whether Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples’ Day – the story of Logan deserves to be retold.

And rather than focusing on excluding, in these days when we find ourselves divided, we should remember the lessons of the past and treat each other with dignity, no matter our race, political philosophy, creed, or other difference.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Abingdon office at 276-525-1405 or my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

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Taxes, Taxes, Taxes

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

A few days ago, a friend sent me a poem that was posted on Facebook. It was forwarded by someone using the acronym ILOC. Apparently, the poem’s author is anonymous but this poem about taxes has been quoted by others, including the former columnist Charley Reese.

Reese’s final column in the Orlando Sentinel ran on July 29, 2001. In it, he informed the reader that if we believe there is “Too much bureaucracy? Blame Congress. Too many rules? Blame Congress. Unjust tax laws? Congress wrote them. Out-of-control bureaucracy? Congress authorizes everything bureaucracies do. The annual deficits? Congress votes for them. The \$29 trillion plus debt? Congress created it.”

That means that 100-percent of the power of the federal government rests in 439 members of the U.S. House, 100 Senators, one President, and nine Supreme Court Justices. As of Monday, October 11th, the U.S. population was 333,474,263. Wouldn’t you think that with so many people we could find representatives who would listen

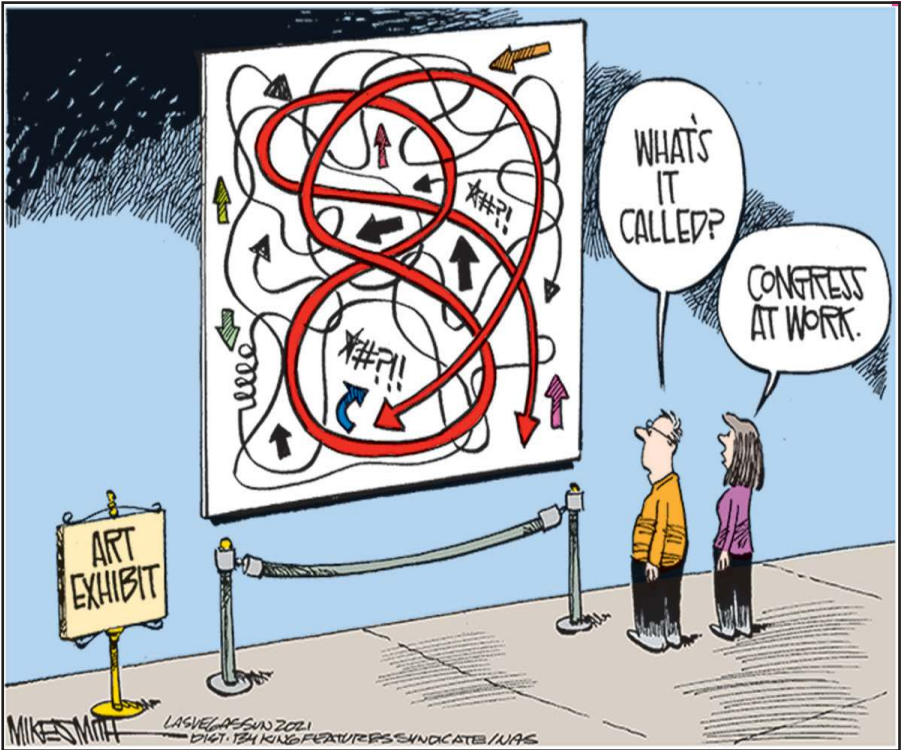
and serve “We the People” more than themselves? Such a small fraction of the population weilds unprescedented power over our individual lives.

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

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

But Congress was not likely to give up a gift-horse like this, so in 1913,

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Words and Pictures

By Cal Thomas, Tribune Content Agency

Britain’s Home Office says more than 12,500 migrants have broken the law to get into the UK so far this year. Compare this to the nearly 200,000 migrants who have crossed the nearly nonexistent southern border just in July of this year. The count is estimated by the overwhelmed U.S. Customs and Border Protection, a name that is almost contradictory given the Biden administration’s refusal to enforce the law and secure the border. It helps that Britain has a natural channel separating it from the continent, while our border resembles Swiss cheese.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, how many words are necessary to express alarm when one looks at the “dozens of stacked columns of steel” worth \$100 million dollars lying at the border? This is material that was supposed to finish a portion of the wall to reduce the flow and discourage new migrants from coming. In another spiteful move, the Biden administration has canceled all contracts with companies selected during the Trump years to build the wall. That’s taxpayer money going to waste.

No one should consider this “invasion” a happenstance. If these were soldiers coming into the country from other nations, presumably even this administration might do something about it. These are soldiers of another kind, who are untested for COVID-19, harming our economy by sucking up “benefits,” bringing crime and in some cases possible terrorism.

The Center for Immigration Studies (CIS.org) makes a point I have not seen elsewhere. It contends that several countries, supposedly allies of the U.S., are complicit in enhancing the migrant flow: “...the United States has never seen fit to publicly acknowledge that Colombia, Panama, and Costa Rica are doing this to the American people. The American public hardly knows of it. Nor has the United States sought to diplomatically leverage any of the governments to instead disrupt, slow, or outright halt the flows of people

long before they reach Mexico. This strange state of tolerance and American public ignorance, even during the Trump administration, endures, despite the fact that all three of these nations are ideally positioned as trail-route bottlenecks where new U.S. strategies can significantly attenuate the problem if all involved simply acknowledge that it is happening and there is a political will to press for a solution.”


Here’s what one federal law says about immigration (8 U.S. Code 1325): Any alien who (1) enters or attempts to enter the United States at any time or place other than as designated by immigration officers, or (2) eludes examination or inspection by immigration officers, or (3) attempts to enter or obtains entry to the United States by a willfully false or misleading representation or the willful concealment of a material fact, shall, for the first commission of any such offense, be fined under title 18 or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both, and, for a subsequent commission of any such offense, be fined under title 18, or imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.”

Is this not what is happening at the border? Did not the president (and his attorney general) take an oath to uphold the laws of the United States?

As CNN reported in 2019, “Joe Biden once spoke about jailing employers who hire ‘illegals,’ said sanctuary cities shouldn’t be allowed to violate federal law, and argued a fence was needed to stop ‘tons’ of drugs coming into the country from ‘corrupt Mexico.’” Nothing has changed in the last two years, except Biden’s position.

If you are watching the right TV channels, you are seeing how a country is destroyed. History - depending on who writes it - will rightly blame President Biden.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas’ latest book “America’s Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States” (HarperCollins/Zondervan).



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

We Should Arm Taiwan to the Teeth

We warned China to stop its incursions into Taiwan’s air defense identification zone -- and the Chinese responded by flying even more aircraft into the zone.

The 56 Chinese flights last Monday brought the total for October to 149, already the year’s highest monthly total.

The flights have been steadily increasing in recent years, as Beijing harries Taiwan and demonstrates its discontent with the island nation’s closer relationship to the United States. The Chinese may also want to wear down the Taiwanese by forcing them to constantly respond.

Regardless, the flights underscore why Taiwan is the most dangerous and potentially most consequential flashpoint on Earth.

If China can successfully absorb Taiwan while limiting the military, economic, and diplomatic costs, it would vindicate President Xi’s vision of an ascendant China undoing past humiliations, represent a milestone in China’s campaign to establish hegemony in the most important region of the world, and, perhaps, collapse the credibility and global position of the United States.

On the other hand, a debacle in Taiwan could have devastating economic and diplomatic consequences for China, threatening Xi’s rule.

In other words, attention must be paid -- the trajectory of the modern world is conceivably at stake.

The Trump administration began to reorient the U.S. defense posture toward this threat, and the Biden administration has followed up, most importantly, with the nuclear submarine deal with Australia.

It’s been completely obvious for a long time that China has been preparing, if it so chooses, to take Taiwan by force of arms, and keep us from being able to do anything about it.

It has massively increased its force of ballistic missiles, better to target a wide array of ships and hold at risk U.S. ground units. Prior to the latest, more serious iteration of the missile threat, Tom Shugart of the Center for New American Security estimated that a preemptive Chinese strike on our bases in the region “could crater every runway and runway-length taxiway at every major U.S. base in Japan, and destroy more than 200 aircraft on the ground.”

China has been churning out long-range strike aircraft and engaged in a historic naval buildup. It now has the largest navy in the world.

Nonetheless, invading and occupying Taiwan after launching a gigantic, logistically taxing amphibious operation across a 110-mile strait would be no small feat, to put it mildly.

It should be our objective to keep China at bay, toward the goal of keeping it from establishing its dominance over Asia, as former Trump defense official Elbridge Colby argues in his compelling new book “The

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they ratified the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, allowing the federal government to collect income taxes as it does today (progressive income tax). In 1913 the national debt was a mere \$2,916,204,913.66. (That's \$2.9 billion)

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

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

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

Common sense tells us that Congress needs to quit spending our tax dollars so capriciously. According to the USDEBT-CLOCK.org, at this writing, our current national debt is \$28,865,224,406,572. (That's \$28.8 TRILLION) So, let's dedicate this Tax Poem to our Congress-persons and hope it opens their eyes to their spending folly.

Tax his land, Tax his bed, Tax

the table, At which he's fed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Tax all he has Then let him
know That you won't be done
Till he has no dough.*

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

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

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

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

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

Accounts Receivable Tax
Building Permit Tax
CDL license Tax
Cigarette Tax
Corporate Income Tax
Dog License Tax
Excise Taxes
Federal Income Tax
Federal Unemployment Tax

(FUTA)
Fishing License Tax
Food License Tax
Fuel Permit Tax
Gasoline Tax (currently 44.75 cents per gallon)
Gross Receipts Tax
Hunting License Tax
Inheritance Tax
Inventory Tax
IRS Interest Charges IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
Liquor Tax
Luxury Taxes
Marriage License Tax
Medicare Tax
Personal Property Tax
Property Tax
Real Estate Tax
Recreational Vehicle Tax
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Service Charge Tax
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Utility Taxes
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Watercraft Registration Tax
Well Permit Tax
Workers Compensation Tax

As my Facebook friend, ILOC states..."STILL THINK THIS IS FUNNY?"

Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, & our nation was the most prosperous in the world.

We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids. What in the heck happened? Can you spell 'politicians'?

I hope this goes around THE USA at least 539 times!!! YOU can help it get there!!!

GO AHEAD. . . BE AN AMERICAN!!!!"

Thinking about this all these taxes, really taxes my brain and gives me a headache. I think I need a nap now. Hopefully naps will never get taxed!

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Vote Conservative

Dear Editor,

Lost in all the public info items and exaggerated media postings of the last weeks of the 2021 State Election cycle, are plain facts. In today's hyper-partisan circus, candidates will twist and turn like dancers in a swing dancing contest, avoiding making blunt factual statements.

This is why it is vital that the voters, who are essentially hiring these servants, demand blunt truths.

"The lesser of two evils is, still evil. Helping evil gut (Virginia) would destroy the trust and hard work of conservatives, as founded by the people of this state. It is rare that a true conservative will compromise, they will never back down and heart and soul will never tell good people to support anyone who doesn't deserve it." Quote

Government is not a religion and not science. The government is serving the people who you have the permission of administering over the populace not their

agenda but all peoples as a whole agenda. We have and are not seeing that in this climate. Both state and national constitutions have been ignored and swept away, commonsense has been made an orphan that no one wants

I encourage you to vote, and by all means, vote for the most conservative person. In your heart you know this election is crucial to the well-being of yourself and your core beliefs. The Bible speaks of liberty to choose. Choose for self not what others have told you to need.

Freedom, as Ronald Reagan said, is only one generation away from extinction. Will it be our generation that allows the flame of liberty to be snuffed out?

As for me, I have cast my ballot for the Republican cause. Please do not waste your opportunity on (or before) Nov 2. Liberty is what you should seek not liberalism

Thank you, Editor, and especially citizens of all Virginia all peoples,

Gary Cox
Pulaski

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Strategy of Denial."

But the Taiwanese haven't exhibited the urgency one would expect of an island of 24 million people coveted by a nearby nation of 1.4 billion people that makes no secret of its compulsion to try to swallow it whole.

Until a few years ago, Taiwan's defense budget was shockingly inadequate. Its military reserves are lackluster. Its frontline units tend not to operate at full strength. It has often been seduced by the allure of so-called prestige weapons, such as top-end fighter aircraft that are irrelevant to its predicament.

We should be fortifying Taiwan and making it as difficult as possible for China to take. That means stockpiling food, energy and munitions against a Chinese blockade. It means making its infrastructure more resilient and enhancing its cyber capabilities. It means increasing its capability to detect an early mustering of Chinese forces. It means more mines, anti-ship missiles, air-defense capabilities and unmanned systems to frustrate a cross-strait invasion.

The Chinese have been fo-

cused on "area denial," missiles and the like to deny our access to Taiwan and its environs. But these capabilities can be turned against China, too.

If we are ever inclined to forget about how pressing the threat is, not to worry, the Chinese will have more flights or other provocations to remind us.

Rich Lowry is editor of the
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Winter heating bills set to jump as inflation hits home

NEW YORK (AP) — Get ready to pay sharply higher bills for heating this winter, along with seemingly everything else.

With prices surging worldwide for heating oil, natural gas and other fuels, the U.S. government said Wednesday it expects households to see their heating bills jump as much as 54% compared to last winter.

Nearly half the homes in the U.S. use natural gas for heat, and they could pay an average \$746 this winter, 30% more than a year ago. Those in the Midwest could get particularly pinched, with bills up an estimated 49%, and this could be the most expensive winter for natural-gas heated homes since 2008-2009.

The second-most used heating source for homes is electricity, making up 41% of the country, and those households could see a more modest 6% increase to \$1,268. Homes using heating oil, which make up 4% of the country, could

see a 43% increase — more than \$500 — to \$1,734. The sharpest increases are likely for homes that use propane, which account for 5% of U.S. households.

This winter is forecast to be slightly colder across the country than last year. That means people will likely be burning more fuel to keep warm, on top of paying more for each bit of it. If the winter ends up being even colder than forecast, heating bills could be higher than estimated, and vice-versa.

The forecast from the U.S. Energy Information Administration is the latest reminder of the higher inflation ripping across the global economy. Earlier Wednesday, the government released a separate report showing that prices were 5.4% higher for U.S. consumers in September than a year ago. That matches the hottest inflation rate since 2008, as a reawakening economy and snarled supply chains push up prices for everything from cars to groceries.

The higher prices hit everyone, with pay raises for most workers so far failing to keep up with inflation. But they hurt low-income households in particular.

“After the beating that people have taken in the pandemic, it’s like: What’s next?” said Carol Hardison, chief executive officer at Crisis Assistance Ministry, which helps people in Charlotte, N.C., who are facing financial hardship.

She said households coming in for assistance recently have had unpaid bills that are roughly twice as big as they were before the pandemic. They’re contending with more expensive housing, higher medical bills and sometimes a reduction in their hours worked.

“It’s what we know about this pandemic: It’s hit the same people that were already struggling with wages not keeping up with the cost of living,” she said.

To make ends meet, families are cutting deeply. Nearly 22% of Americans had to reduce or fore-

go expenses for basic necessities, such as medicine or food, to pay an energy bill in at least one of the last 12 months, according to a September survey by the U.S. Census Bureau.

“This is going to create significant hardship for people in the bottom third of the country,” said Mark Wolfe, executive director of the National Energy Assistance Directors’ Association. “You can tell them to cut back and try to turn down the heat at night, but many low-income families already do that. Energy was already unaffordable to them.”

Many of those families are just now getting through a hot summer where they faced high air-conditioning bills.

Congress apportions some mon-

ey to energy assistance programs for low-income households, but directors of those programs are now watching their purchasing power shrink as fuel costs keep climbing, Wolfe said.

The biggest reason for this winter’s higher heating bills is the recent surge in prices for energy commodities after they dropped to multi-year lows in 2020. Demand has simply grown faster than production as the economy roars back to life following shutdowns caused by the coronavirus.

Natural gas in the United States, for example, has climbed to its highest price since 2014 and is up roughly 90% over the last year. The wholesale price of heating oil, meanwhile, has more than doubled.

Increase

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said retirement policy expert Charles Blahous, a former public trustee helping to oversee Social Security and Medicare finances. “What people are able to purchase is very profoundly affected by the number that comes out. We are talking the necessities of living in many cases.”

This year’s Social Security trustees report amplified warnings about the long-range financial stability of the program. But there’s little talk about fixes in Congress, with lawmakers’ consumed by President Joe Biden’s massive domestic legislation and partisan machinations over the national debt. Social Security cannot be addressed through the budget reconciliation process Democrats are attempting to use to deliver Biden’s promises.

Social Security’s turn will come, said Rep. John Larson, D-Conn., chairman of the House Social Security subcommittee and author of legislation to tackle shortfalls that would leave the program unable to pay full benefits in less than 15 years. His bill would raise payroll taxes while also changing the COLA formula to give more weight to health care expenses and other costs that weigh more heavily on the elderly. Larson said he intends to press ahead next year.

“This one-time shot of COLA is not the antidote,” he said.

Although Biden’s domestic package includes a major expansion of Medicare to cover dental, hearing and vision care, Larson said he hears from constituents that seniors are feeling neglected by the Democrats.

“In town halls and tele-town halls they’re saying, ‘We are really happy with what you did on the child tax credit, but what about us?’” Larson added. “In a midterm election, this is a very important constituency.”

The COLA is only one part of

the annual financial equation for seniors. An announcement about Medicare’s Part B premium they pay for outpatient care is expected soon. It’s usually an increase, so at least some of any Social Security raise gets eaten up by health care. The Part B premium is now \$148.50 a month, and the Medicare trustees report estimated a \$10 increase for 2022.

Economist Marilyn Moon, who also served as public trustee for Social Security and Medicare, said she believes the current spurt of inflation will be temporary, due to highly unusual economic circumstances.

“I would think there is going to be an increase this year that you won’t see reproduced in the future,” Moon said.


But policymakers should not delay getting to work on retirement programs, she said.

“We’re at a point in time where people don’t react to policy needs until there is a sense of desperation, and both Social Security and Medicare are programs that benefit from long-range planning rather short-range machinations,” she said.

Social Security is financed by payroll taxes collected from workers and their employers. Each pays 6.2% on wages up to a cap, which is adjusted each year for inflation. Next year the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll taxes will increase to \$147,000.

The financing scheme dates to the 1930s, the brainchild of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who believed a payroll tax would foster among average Americans a sense of ownership that would protect the program from political interference.

That argument still resonates. “Social Security is my lifeline,” said Ruderman, the New York retiree. “It’s what we’ve worked for.”



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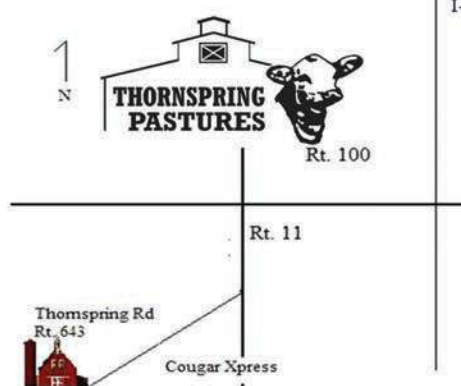
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October 15

First Dublin to hold Crafts Fair

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a crafts fair on Oct. 15-16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

October 17

Woodlawn P.H. Church to celebrate Homecoming

Woodlawn Pentecostal Holiness Church will celebrate Homecoming, Sunday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m. Pastor Mike Hall and the congregation invite everyone to come celebrate Homecoming with them. A meal will follow. The church is located at 3874 Oak Grove Rd., Woodlawn, Va. Take Exit 19 I-77. For more information, call 276-728-2088.

October 30

Trinity Baptist Fall Festival

It's Fall Festival time once again at Trinity Baptist Church. The festival will be held on Saturday, October 30, 8 a.m. -4 p.m. at

2nd Annual 'Battle of the Bridge' Golf Tournament to Support ACCE Program

From NRCC

The legendary rivalry between Pulaski County and Radford City is moving to the golf course once again. The second annual "The Battle of the Bridge" Golf Tournament hosted by the Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech will be played on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

Teams will tee off at 1 p.m., with lunch served at noon. Teams register to play for either side of the bridge, Pulaski County Cougars or the Radford Bobcats.

Whether you enjoy golf or just want to participate in a friendly competition, the beautiful Pete Dye River Course is the perfect place to spend a fall afternoon. The tournament supports the Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program at New River Community College (NRCC). The side with the most points gets bragging rights; but, both sides win, as tournament proceeds will support ACCE students from both Radford and Pulaski County.

Registration is now open for teams of four at \$360 per team. Players who do not have a full team can contact the golf course to be added to a team. For those who can't attend the event, sponsorship opportunities are also available starting at \$150. To register or sponsor, contact play@petedyerivercourse.com or call (540)633-1807. More details are also available at www.petedyerivercourse.com.

ACCE at NRCC is an economic development public/private partnership that makes college available debt-free to high school and home-schooled graduates by funding NRCC tuition for two years. ACCE will support the youth of participating counties by making college within reach. With the support of ACCE, students will graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year university without college debt. For more information about ACCE, visit www.nr.edu/acce.



Happenings at the Pulaski Community Youth Center

Pop up Market

We are excited to be offering the Pop up Market! October 16th 10:00 am-2:00 pm We have some great vendors that are going to be here! Such as: DW designs, Neon's Kreations, M&M Sparkle, Becky's cookies and photographs, Buffies Kitchen, Simple Beauty with Shannon Mary Kay and Sherri Brailey, Leave it to Lee Party Planning, Opulenza Designs, Sarah make-up and more, Sheila Newman Alotte, Sassy Shelton Nails and color street cons, Amanda Crafts. We are also excited to have Christian Catering selling their famous BBQ pork! Sandwich, beans slaw and chips for \$9.00 or you can purchase 1 pound of BBQ for \$8.00 Bring your family for lunch!!

Come see all the great vendors at PCYC 6671 Riverlawn Court Fairlawn VA 24141

Get ready for the Holidays

October 27th (Wednesday) 5:30 pm-8:30 pm

An evening of learning and celebration for your family to prepare for the holidays together.

4008 Robinson Tract Rd., Pulaski. Kids are encouraged to dress for Halloween! Vendors will be handing out treats. Vendors include Sew Sassy, Against the Grain Woodwork, Scentsy, 31 Bags, Poor Boys Produce, Bo and Weezy's Chicken, jewelry, tumblers, T-shirts, handcrafted pens, baked goods, breakfast, lunch, coffee, hot apple cider, and much more.

November 6

Church Prayer/ Hymn Sing

First Dublin Presbyterian Church ECO will hold a church prayer / hymn sing on Sat., Nov.6, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

November 13

Warriors of Christ II to host event

Warriors for Christ II will be hosting a local vendor event on Saturday, November 13, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lots of vendors will be present, including Mary Kay, Scentsy, makers of homemade jewelry,

Gearheads For A Cause to host event

Gearheads For A Cause will be hosting a Kids Carnival at Blue Ridge Church located at 1655 Roanoke St., Christiansburg on Sunday, October 17 to raise funds and awareness for Vittles for Vets Vittles Littles Christmas program. This event is open to the whole community, NO ADMISSION FEE. The theme will be The Nightmare Before Christmas. Pump It Up Bouncy Houses will be there, there will be face painting with Jennifer Jay Nester Riggs and Balloon Doc from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Trunk or Treating will begin at 5 p.m. Costume Contest will begin at 6:30 p.m. with judging at 7 p.m. Don't worry adults there is something for you as well, there will be a Car, Truck, and Bike show with awesome door prizes, all donated by local community businesses. Everyone is invited to stick around after the raffle drawing to participate in passing out candy. Hotdogs with homemade chili will be offered on site as well. All proceeds will be going to Vittles Littles Christmas program.

tumblers, crafts, Lularoe, Color Street and many more.

ONGOING:

VHM beginning Hispanic Service

Valley Harvest Ministries, in Dublin on the hill across from Walmart, is holding an Hispanic service each Sunday at 6 p.m. in the church's coffee shop.

Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds

The Ladies Auxiliary of Hiwassee is in need of donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Trail cemetery in Hiwassee. If you have a family member buried in the cemetery and would like to make a donation you may send a check payable to Peggy Cregger, (Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary) @ PO Box 164 Hiwassee VA 24347. Thank you in advance for helping our organization!

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.

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meet Mon-

days 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. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing observed.

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. Note: At present time masks are required and social distancing is observed.

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Pulaski County Meetings, Closing for October

- Tuesday, October 19, 2021, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Executive Conference Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 10:00 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, October 19, 2021, Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Quesenberry, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, mquesenberry@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, October 25, 2021, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski,

Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Executive Secretary and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, 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, October 26, 2021, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6:30 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7436 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-639-6926). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

By action of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors at their September 27, 2021 meeting, Halloween will be recognized on Saturday, October 30, 2021. We encourage all of our citizens to participate responsibly in the many events, treat trails and traditions throughout our communities to help ensure a safe and healthy Halloween celebration.

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October 17th, 2021

10:30 am



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Pulaski Community Youth Center 6671 Riverlawn Court Fairlawn VA 24141

Coffee Shop Brings International Traditions to Pulaski

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

Beginning Saturday, October 16th, Pulaski residents will be introduced to authentic European cuisine and a specialty reserved blend of roast coffee by Max on Main. The charming coffee shop is the most recent addition to the growing number of businesses moving to downtown Pulaski and is located at 28 West Main Street.

Max on Main is a family inspired business, and its proprietor Max Collignon, ascribes its inception to memories of his grandparents who lived in his native Belgium.

"My grandparents loved coffee. After retirement, they spent most of their leisure time in coffee shops in Europe. I have good memories from that. In Europe, the coffee shops are places for people to meet, converse and discuss current events," he explained.

Pictures of both his grandfather Phil and grandmother Maria grace the window of the coffee shop, as if they are greeting new friends as they enter in.

When Max's family moved to Pulaski in 2008 for business reasons, he was concerned about how he and his brother would be accepted as high school students.

"We were amazed at how open the Pulaski community was to us. People invited us into their homes for dinner and made us feel a part of everybody. They welcomed us with open arms, so we want to return the favor and open our doors to the community by bringing them this coffee shop," said Max, who became an American citizen this year.

The 15-1/2 foot-long bar and five tables, plus workstations with internet access, were created by Max who jokingly says, "I have no woodworking skills, but I have YouTube watching skills."

The coffee shop can seat up to 48 people.

He credits his family and friends for volunteering to help.

His mother, Ann, designed the interior and chose the furnishings. His father, Patrick, has been immersed in the renovation process and plans to help renovate the adjacent store front for future expansion of the coffee shop, or provide a room for conferences or parties.

In addition to coffee, Max on Main will be offering six different panini sandwiches and panini desserts, a variety of bagels and schmears plus authentic Belgian waffles.

The panini originated in Italy and is made from Italian breads such as focaccia, ciabatta, and baguettes which can hold up under the high heat of a panini press.

In Europe, Belgian waffles are served late in the morning or 4 p.m. in the afternoon as a dessert.



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

Training with Chef T - "Chef T" demonstrates the proper way to bake Belgian waffles, so they are golden and tender. The crew of Max on Main have been in training during this week, prior to the coffee shop grand opening on Saturday, October 16th.



Three of the Max on Main coffee shop crew and shop manager relax during a training session. (From L - R) John Pittsenbarger, coffee shop manager Juanita Duff, Colby Brown and Daicy Prim. Absent from the photo are crew members Mattie Yelton and Rachel Hudson.

They have sugar in them, and the sugar caramelizes on the waffle iron.

Coffee selections include espresso, cappuccino, macchiato; and flavors like vanilla, pumpkin spice and caramel according to seasons. They also have three different types of tea, including chai.

"The Max on Main coffee blend is created for us by a company in Richmond. They are roast-

ing our beans, mostly from Africa and Brazil, specifically for us and the blend is proprietary to Max on Main. The roast itself is referring to the blend of coffee beans and to what degree they are roasted. The roast process depends on cracks in the beans. Since our supplier is hearing impaired, he cannot hear when the beans crack, so he uses a stethoscope to listen for the vibrations when they crack," Max explains.

Max on Main's manager, Juanita Duff, quit her job of 33 years and relocated from Ohio two months ago to be part of the start-

up and head of the five-person crew serving the coffee shop's customers.

Although she enjoyed her job, especially working with her sister, she decided it was time to move on to something different. Her husband, David Duff, had transferred with Volvo from Ohio to the Dublin plant.

"It was a very scary decision to leave the comfort and security of my job and to move onto something so different that you don't know if it will work out," confesses Juanita.

Because of her expertise and

knowledge at her former company, where she was food certified in restaurant and plant management, she had to give a two-month notice. She states, "I want to do something that is fun rather than getting home after a grueling day at work, totally exhausted. The major thing I like about working with Max and his family is that they treat me fantastically and include me in the decisions. I have never been treated as well as an employee - and it amazes me how caring they are. I will do the best I can to help make this business profitable and successful for them."

Juanita says she believes in treating her employees the way she always wanted to be treated in the workforce.

The coffee shop crew has been training this week under the tutelage of Torrece Gregoire, aka "Chef T" of Hell's Kitchen reality show fame. She was runner-up on Season 14.

Max credits "Chef T" as being the brains behind everything on the menu. "She is big into sustainability and uses organic ingredients in her cooking. It is well worth it."

In September, "Chef T" participated in the Euphoria Greenville, SC Festival, sponsored by Lexus. As a headline chef, she has been featured in Euphoria Cookbook for her prize-winning fried chicken recipe.

As a consultant for several local businesses and working as a chef for private events, "Chef T" has added her valuable expertise to training Max on Main's crew with great detail and flair. She plans on working with Max for as long as she is needed. Additionally, she has constructed an employee handbook which will provide continuity to the human

See MAX, page A11

PET OF THE WEEK

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County of Pulaski
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Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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Governor
Vote for only one

☐ Glenn A. Youngkin - R

☐ Terry R. McAuliffe - D

☐ Princess L. Blanding - LP

☐ Write-in

Lieutenant Governor
Vote for only one

☐ Winsome E. Sears - R

☐ Hala S. Ayala - D

☐ Write-in

Attorney General
Vote for only one

☐ Jason S. Miyares - R

☐ Mark R. Herring - D

☐ Write-in

Member
House of Delegates
7th District
Vote for only one

☐ Marie E. March - R

☐ Derek W. Kitts - D

☐ Write-in

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Most of
Pulaski County
votes in the
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If you live in
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Newbern,
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West Cloyd,
Hiwassee, Dublin,
Draper, Snowille or
Walker
Precincts, you vote
in the
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this ballot.

Ballot Style # 002

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Commonwealth of Virginia
Sample Ballot
County of Pulaski
General Election
Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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☐ Winsome E. Sears - R

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☐ Write-in

Attorney General
Vote for only one

☐ Jason S. Miyares - R

☐ Mark R. Herring - D

☐ Write-in

Member
House of Delegates
12th District
Vote for only one

☐ Jason S. Ballard - R

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If you live in the
Belspring
or New River
Precincts, you
vote in the
12th District with
this ballot.

Ballot Style # 001

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Commonwealth of Virginia
Sample Ballot
County of Pulaski
General and Special Elections
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Governor
Vote for only one

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☐ Princess L. Blanding - LP

☐ Write-in

Lieutenant Governor
Vote for only one

☐ Winsome E. Sears - R

☐ Hala S. Ayala - D

☐ Write-in

Attorney General
Vote for only one

☐ Jason S. Miyares - R

☐ Mark R. Herring - D

☐ Write-in

Member Town Council
Town of Dublin
For unexpired term to end
December 31, 2024
Vote for only one

☐ S. Wayne Seagle

☐ Write-in

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Write-in

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Ballot Style # 003

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Max

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resources side of running a business.

“Chef T” believes, Pulaski needs a coffee shop – a gathering place – where you can do so much in an unpretentious atmosphere...a place to hang out, discuss, mull over questions in a spirit of community. This is a hidden gem – this is the best place,” exclaimed Max.

As they get close to their grand opening, Max is putting the final touches on the interior of the shop.

“I get a sense of satisfaction seeing something go from one level to the next level. Watching Max on Main develop and renovate and grow gives me great satisfaction,” he adds.

Max on Main’s grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Then regular hours will begin on Monday, October 18th. The coffee shop will be open Mondays through Fridays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday hours are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Danielle Reid/The Patriot

“Chef T” relaxes during a training session with a cup of Max on Main’s priority blend of coffee. The pictures in the background are Max’s grandparents, Phil and Maria, whose memory inspired the idea of a coffee shop in Pulaski.

A perfectly prepared Belgian waffle and priority blend of Max on Main’s coffee will entice customers during their grand opening on Saturday, October 16th from 8:00am to 2:00pm.



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

Let’s tweak that idea a little

Dear Dave,
I am on Baby Step 2, and I started a YouTube channel earlier this year that led to a new opportunity to make additional income. I try on and review clothing, and I’m paid \$30 for each clip that’s anywhere from 30 seconds to two minutes long. Right now, I have about 1,000 viewers. This requires me to buy items from several brands. I usually return the items when I’m through filming, but I’m currently funding this with a credit card I only use for this project. I only pay the minimum each month until I get the refund, so at any given time there can be up to \$4,000 on the card in rotation. I make about \$86,000 at my normal job, so is this an okay way to fund my project and chalk it up as a business expense?

Amber

Dear Amber,
You’re taking a risk here, from a business perspective, by playing around with \$4,000 in debt to make \$30 a pop. That’s inordinate. And you shouldn’t be paying for the clothes in the first place. These brands should be giving you clothes to review—that you keep—for the marketing exposure, but I’m not sure you’ve got enough eyeballs on you yet to justify them giving you the clothes for free.
Basically, it sounds like you’re trying to put yourself in a position to be an influencer. And the way influencers get paid is by monetizing eyeballs. Obviously, YouTube and other platforms will pay you if you can get the

eyeballs. But 1,000 viewers really aren’t a lot these days. You’re getting there, though, and I’m glad you’re working at it and trying to make things happen.
You make good money, Amber. I want you to set aside \$2,000 or \$3,000 for this business, maybe out of the business income, and prime the pump one time. By that, I mean open a separate checking account that’s for your clothing exchange process only. Here’s the thing, let’s say you bought \$1,000 worth of stuff from one of these companies, and they suddenly decide they’re not taking it back. You just ate that \$1,000. And guess what else? Now, you really have credit card debt.
There are three things you can always be sure of in business. One, it’s going to cost twice as much as you think it will. Two, it’s going to take twice as long as you think it will. And three, you are not the exception to these things. While we’re at it, add this to the list of stuff you can always be sure of—you’ll never find me advising or endorsing credit card debt!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, 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 Ramsey Solutions.

Elks Lodge having busy fall

The Pulaski Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1067 are very happy to announce two programs for the young citizens of our communities. Elks Hoop Shoot was announced to all middle and Primary schools in Pulaski County and the city of Radford this week. This is the 50th anniversary of the Elks signature youth competition program. Students in age groups 8 to 13 years of age are eligible to compete in their schools for a slot of school champion. The school champion will compete for the Lodge Champion title and be forwarded to the district competition for a district seating on to state shoot off from state there is a regional shoot and that winner goes to represent their Lodge in Chicago. Lodge Hoop shoot chair Leslie Turpin hopes all parents will encourage their hoop shooter to sign up in their inner school competition Please check out Elks Hoop Shoot video on youtube and at Elks .org web page. In 2017 a Pulaski Virginia from Snowville

school went all the way to Chicago and finished in the top 10 of the nation. It can be done!
In September an invitation was sent to all High Schools contingent to Pulaski county inviting the students of the graduating class of 2022 to participate in the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship program. Last Year the Pulaski Elks added 4 students to scholarship winners in this national program. Lodge Scholarship Chair James Chitwood hopes parents will encourage their seniors to check with the guidance counselor of their school. To apply for this very lucrative aid to higher education, details can be found under Elks.org under ENF Scholarship. National winners earn 12K per year for 4 years.
On 12 and 13 November, The Elks of Pulaski is partnering with

Community Chorus to celebrate Veterans day at the Pulaski Theater. Look for more info in the coming weeks. Do Not forget to fly Old Glory on 11 November in remembrance to all Veterans
In August 2021 The Elks once again invited Adaire Theater to entertain Pulaski visitors at the Elks Lodge Stage! A Broad Way Musical was in August and in September “Quiet Courage” was performed Coming to The Elks Stage in October will be “The Last 5 Years” an acclaimed musical Broadway comedy with local and regional actors. Only the NRV Turtles have drawn more folks to Pulaski than Adaire productions. Don’t miss this musical. Check out Adaire Theater on Facebook.

Submitted by Gary Cox




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If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Morgan Paulette at 540-980-7761 during business hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.



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Rankings: Cougars currently outside playoffs

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Virginia High School League football rankings debuted this week for the first time this season, and the news right now isn't good for Pulaski County.

Fortunately for the Cougars, there are four games left on the schedule with which to improve their ranking.

The top eight teams in each region make the playoffs this season, and currently the Cougars sit right outside the top eight spots in Region 4D in ninth place.

The 3-3 Cougars have a 19.67 rating following last week's beating the home team took at the hands of arch-rival Salem, 55-6.

Undefeated Jefferson District leader, Western Albemarle (6-0) easily leads the region with a 29.33 rating.

Piedmont District power George Washington of Danville (4-1) is tied for second with Salem (4-1), both at 25.80.

Just behind them at 25.50 is Seminole District power E.C. Glass (5-1).

Piedmont District member Halifax County (5-0) is next at 25.20.

Two Jefferson District members are next – Louisa County (6-1) at 23.29 and Orange County (3-3) at 20.83.

Amherst County (3-2) out of the Seminole is eighth at 20.60 – almost a point ahead of the Cougars.

This week's opponent for PCHS – Blacksburg (0-5) – and Jefferson Forest (0-5) trail Pulaski County in the rankings.

In Blacksburg, the Cougars face a Bruin squad that hasn't won a game in 13 straight contests. So far this season they're 0-5.

Last season they went without a win (0-6) during a mercifully abbreviated COVID-19 season, which included a 56-0 loss to Pulaski County.

That was only one of the thumpings the Bruins took last season.

Salem beat them 50-0, Patrick Henry whipped them 56-0 and their cross-town rival Christiansburg walloped them, 57-0.

The season before, in 2019, the Bruins went 6-5 overall and 3-3 in the River Ridge, losing the last two games that season to start their skid. Loss No. 2 in that 0-13



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A host of Cougar defenders bring down this Salem ballcarrier during last Friday night's game in Dublin.

skid was a 17-14 loss to Pulaski County in the 2019 season finale.

Injuries played a major role in the Bruins' winless campaign last season, but the misery has lingered into the current season with big losses to Christiansburg, Patrick Henry and Lord Botetourt.

The Bruins came close to a breakthrough twice this season, losing by one to Grundy, 20-19 and by a touchdown to Giles, 28-21.

The Cougars will look to continue Blacksburg's misery this Friday night when the two face off in Blacksburg at 7 p.m.

As for the rankings and the Cougars' playoff potential, after Blacksburg's tough again for Pulaski County.

Their next game Oct. 22 is a

home game against Graham. The G-Men currently sit atop Region 2D in the rankings. Graham is coming off a big 31-6 win last week against Bluefield.

On Oct. 29, Pulaski County travels to Patrick Henry. The Patriots (5-1) currently are ranked third in Region 5D and are coming off a 44-7 thrashing of Hidden Valley.

Next, on Nov. 5, the Cougars finish the regular season at home against Christiansburg. The Blue Demons (5-1) are currently tops in Region 3D and just beat the Bruins, 49-0.

The Cougars' playoff chances would benefit from some wins

against these opponents down the stretch. Plus, we'll be looking for teams like Louisa, Orange and Amherst to stumble here and there, which would lower their so far lofty ratings and help pave the way for a rise in the rankings for Pulaski County.

Closing the Books on Salem

The scores were coming fast and furious last Friday night in the first quarter of the game with Salem.

With 3:47 to go in the quarter, Salem scored on an 8-yard pass.

Ten seconds later, the Cougars got on the board on a 65-yard run by John Lyman.

Twenty seconds after that, Sa-

lem scored again on a 54-yard run.

The score stood at 14-6, Salem and fans probably figured they were in for a scoring fest.

They were in a way, as Salem scored four more times in the second quarter to take a 38-6 lead into halftime.

The Spartans scored 17 more points in the second half and held Pulaski County scoreless for the 55-6 victory.

Salem held the Cougars to just four first downs on the night and only 143 yards of total offense, and Pulaski County lost two of three fumbles along the way that didn't help matters.

Radford romps over Carroll

By ELIZABETH KANIPE
The Patriot

Radford looked to continue their winning ways taking on Carroll County at Bobcat Stadium. Carroll was 0-5 but had 4 losses by a total of 14 points. Radford had never lost to Carroll County and did not let that change Friday Night.

Radford opened their drive at their 44. After making small gains, Marcell Baylor hit Landen Clark for a 27 yard gain on 4th and 6 to keep the drive alive. On the next play, Baylor gave Clark the

ball on a toss jet sweep and Clark went around the right end and scored from 15 yards out. Baylor ran for the 2-pt conversion. The Bobcats forced Carroll County to punt and took over on the Cavalier 46. Baylor hit Wesley-Brubeck for a 28 yard pass across the middle. Three plays later Tyrel Dobson took it in from 5 yards out. Dobson ran the 2-pt conversion to make it 16-0 Bobcats.

Carroll was able to sustain a drive into Bobcat territory but Brandon Thompson forced a Davin Dalton fumble where Dawson Martin recovered at the Bobcat

39. Radford was forced to punt, giving the Cavaliers the ball back at their 25. On the second play, Radford's Ricky Bailey forced another Cavalier fumble and Nate Wesley recovered for the Bobcats at the Cavalier 26. After a Dobson 5 yard run, Baylor hit Wesley-Brubeck for a 21 yard touchdown pass. The PAT run failed leaving the Bobcats with a 22-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Carroll again drove into Bobcat territory aided by Bryce Smoot runs and a roughing the passer penalty. On fourth and goal from the 7 yard line, Radford's Clark intercepted the Elijah Cox pass and returned it to the 20 yard line ending the Cavalier threat. The teams exchanged possessions and the Bobcats took over on the 49 when Parker Prieau blocked the Carroll County punt and Nate Wesley caught and returned it to Cavalier territory. On second down, Clark took the snap and threw a completion to Baylor at the 1 yard line. After a false start, Baylor completed the drive with a 6 yard TD run. Dobson completed the 2-pt conversion making the score 30-0 just before halftime.

Scoring became more difficult in the second half. Both teams exchanged punts several times before Radford was able to sustain a drive starting from their own 46 yard line. Baylor completed a pass and gained a first down on an 11 yard run. Dobson finished their scoring when he ran 41 yards up the left side for a TD. The attempted PAT kick was wide left.

Carroll County was finally able to break into the endzone against the Radford second team

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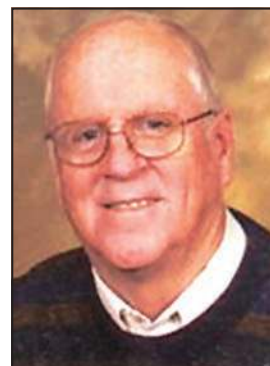
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Marcell Baylor hands off to Tyrell Dobson for the Bobcats.

Radford

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late in the game. Radford fumbled deep in their own territory giving the Cavaliers the ball on the 23 yard line. Three Dalton runs put him in the endzone after a 3 yard run. Brogan Phillips hit the extra point kick to make the final score 36-7.

Radford took advantage of mistakes by Carroll County which gave the Bobcats a huge advantage. Baylor led Radford with 9 of 20 passing for 117 yards and 2 TDs. Dobson led all rushing, going 12 carries for 83 yards. Both Clark and Wesley-Brubeck finished with 3 catches for 51 yards and a TD. Carroll County was led by Josh Dalton who gained 69 yards on 20 carries.

The Bobcats move to 5-2 on the season. They have an off week before playing Floyd at home on Oct 22nd.

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Case No. CL21000481-00
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The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will convene to review the same application “To Amend a Special Use Permit for the New River Valley Solar Project” and host a public hearing to receive public comments. The Board of Supervisors meeting and public hearing will be held at **7PM on MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021.**

Both meetings will be held at the Pulaski County Administration Building, Board Room, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301

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New-look ACC: Teams chasing Wake Forest

By GARY B. GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

Wake Forest began this season among the large group known as “everybody else” in the Atlantic Coast Conference, the label applied to teams projected to fall in line behind perennial favorite Clemson.

Imagining a different scenario would’ve been a stretch this summer considering the powerhouse Tigers were coming off a sixth consecutive league title and yet another appearance in the College Football Playoff championship. Meanwhile, the Demon Deacons were looking to improve from a 4-5 showing (3-4 ACC) in a pandemic-affected season and were picked to finish fifth in the Atlantic Division by media.

Wake Forest has flipped that script in a big way.

The 16th-ranked Demon Deacons (6-0, 4-0) have gone from hunter to hunted as the ACC’s only unbeaten school and the highest ranked team in the league during this week’s bye. A daunting second half looms for Wake Forest, including a Nov. 20 meeting at Clemson.

Despite what lies ahead, the Demon Deacons and their high-scoring offense are currently the unexpected targets and potential challengers must either keep pace or find a way to slow them down.

“The fact that Wake is undefeated at this point shows everybody that there’s hope and everybody’s got a chance,” said North Carolina coach Mack Brown, whose squad hosts Wake Forest in a non-conference meeting on Nov. 6.

Coach Dave Clawson “does a tremendous job at Wake. They’ve got an older team and I do think that the super senior year (of extra eligibility) helped them. A lot of those guys are back from last year and they’re and they’re playing with a lot of confidence. But as far as one team being up and another one struggling a little bit, that doesn’t change who we are.”

Wake Forest has its first 4-0 start in ACC play and is 6-0 for



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Wake Forest QB Sam Hartman heads for the endzone against Florida State earlier this season.

the first time since beginning 7-0 in 1944. The Demon Deacons rank 14th nationally in scoring (38.7 points per game) and average 441.3 yards per outing (42nd in FBS).

Sophomore quarterback Sam Hartman directs this proficient attack that seems to score at will and protects the ball. Those strengths have helped earn consecutive close wins over Louisville (37-34) and Syracuse (40-37 in overtime) entering the break.

Resilient as Wake Forest has been, its road to an Atlantic Division title gets tougher with Duke, the Tar Heels, No. 22 North Carolina State (Nov. 13), Clemson and Boston College still ahead.

Second-place N.C. State (4-1, 1-0) might end up holding the cards after creating this opening with a 27-21, two-overtime victory over then-No. 9 Clemson last month. That gave the Wolf-pack the head-to-head tiebreaker against the Tigers, with their lone

loss coming the week before in non-conference play at Mississippi State.

“That game helped us,” Wolf-pack coach Dave Doeren said. “Even though we lost (at MSU), it helped us I think identify some things we can’t be. And the guys took that to heart.”

N.C. State still has the bulk of its ACC docket remaining but if it can run the table, a berth in the title game in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Dec. 4 awaits. That’s a big if with Clemson steadily improving from two September losses and Wake Forest playing well in all phases.

“We often talk about Wake Forest as this sort of nice story, a scrappy team that doesn’t turn the ball over and is fundamentally sound,” ACC Network and ESPN analyst Roddy Jones said. “And we skip over the fact that they have really good players, too. When you put all those things together, you get a really good, experienced team.”

At the same time, Jones notes

that it’s too soon to declare Clemson’s ACC reign over. Even with losing All-Americans Trevor Lawrence and Travis Etienne, the Tigers are still considered to have the most talent in the conference.

And they aim to show it with the league title still within reach.

The Tigers (3-2, 2-1) visit Syracuse on Friday night after a bye to begin a four-game stretch with three road contests, which includes a visit to Coastal Division-leading Pittsburgh on Oct. 23. As it turns out, Clemson will host Wake Forest in its conference finale next month, a meeting that could decide the Atlantic Division.

Coach Dabo Swinney warned this week that while his team isn’t done by any measure, they can’t afford to lose ground.

“If we want to have any chance at all of staying in in the hunt, we’ve got to take care of business,” he said. “If we were 5-0, wouldn’t this be the biggest game of the year? I mean, we need to win it, right? Nothing’s changed.

“This team will be judged by how we finish, and it doesn’t matter if you’re 5-0. ... That’s just college football,” Swinney said. “So, we’ve got a long way to go.”

Few would be shocked if Clemson ends up in a familiar place atop the standings because beating them remains a challenge. It doesn’t matter if the Tigers just happen to be in unfamiliar spot as the predator instead of the prey.

“We know Clemson is still one of the most talented teams in the conference regardless of their record and they’ve lost to two really good teams,” Syracuse defensive back Garrett Williams said. “We don’t really try to emphasize any game over another, but we also have to have the realization that it’s there and just seeing the opportunity that we have ahead.”

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SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



Lineman Tyler Sutherland

Senior defensive lineman Tyler Sutherland is one of only eight seniors on the 2021 Cougars. The 6-2, 229 pounder is a key player on the Cougar defense.

Congratulations Tyler!

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PCHS Player Of The Week

Wide Receiver John Lyman

Cougar senior John Lyman scored Pulaski County's only points last week against Salem on a 65-yard run in the first quarter. Lyman continues to be one of the top runners, receivers and return men in the River Ridge District.

Congratulations John!



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Hospital celebrates Behavioral Health unit's 2nd year

From LewisGale Hospital

LewisGale Hospital Pulaski's 16-bed adult inpatient behavioral health unit, called Transitions Behavioral Health, recently celebrated its second year serving area residents experiencing mental health and addiction issues.

The Transitions team comprises physicians, nurses, and mental health professionals, including social workers, recreational therapists and dietitians, who have provided a wide range of treatments benefiting more than 1,333 patients since the unit opened.

"Prior to opening our facility, we had witnessed and experienced a growing need for mental health services where patients in distress could get the effective treatment that they needed in an inclusive psychiatric center," said Sean Pressman, LewisGale Hospital Pulaski's chief executive officer.

In the two years of operation, the team has achieved many accomplishments worthy of celebration, including: 1,333 pa-



tients admitted and assisted in our community since opening day, 3rd Quarter 2021 "Overall Rating of Care" ranked in the 97th percentile, all "Global Core

Measures" are 100 percent, and 245 patients treated under a temporary detention order (TDO) in their own community rather than having to go elsewhere.

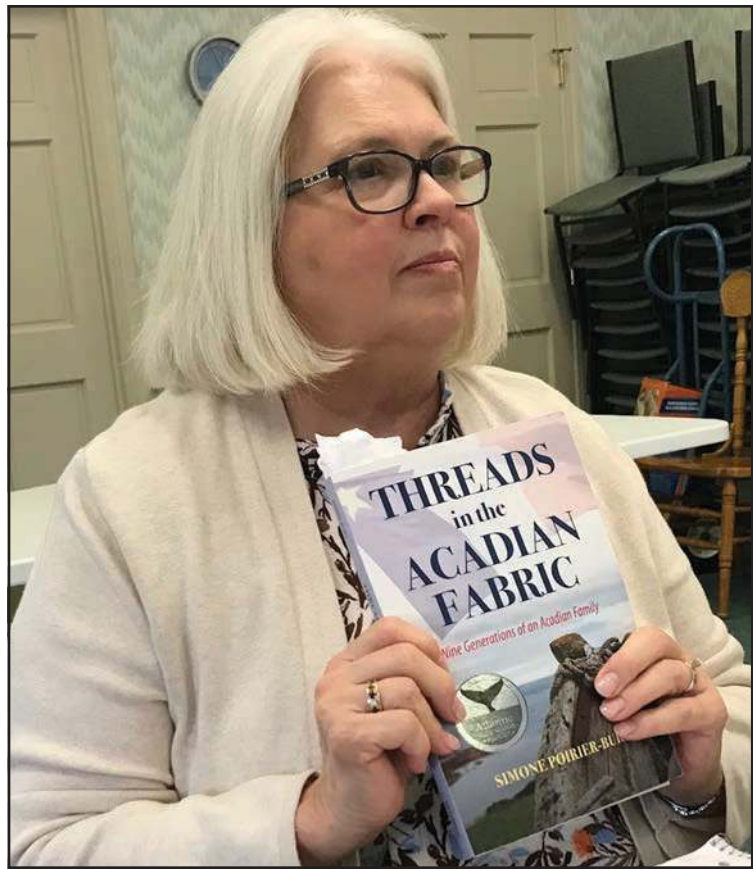
"I'm proud that we've been able to offer these valuable services to those within our region who have needed mental health treatment. It has enabled many

of our patients to remain close to home with the ability to receive additional support from family and friends," Pressman said.



Nu Chapter Meets In Dublin

Nu Chapter of New River Coordinating Council, VA STATE, Delta Kappa Gamma International, held their September meeting in The Charles & Ona B. Free Library, Dublin. Each one shared a few special parts of their favorite books. Pictured below (L-R) are President Cheryl Williams, Mary Beth Glenn, Shirley Cook, Melody Hedge, Annie Laurie James, Brenda Waller, Elinor Farmer, Carla Hallstead, and RuthAnn Whitener.



Presenting her review of the book, *THREADS IN THE ACADIAN FABRIC* by a local Pulaski County author and resident, Simone Poirier-Bures of Fairlawn is Dianne Wallace, pictured at left.

This is a group of key women educators. If any teachers are interested in joining with us in our upcoming service projects and activities please contact any of these women pictured.

Photos courtesy of Ruth Ann Sloop Whitener

Mail-in ballot requests due Oct. 22 in Virginia

RICHMOND, VA –Voters wishing to cast a mail-in ballot in the November 2, 2021 elections have until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 22 to request a ballot be sent to them.

Voters may apply for a mail-in ballot online at the Department of Elections' Citizen Portal at vote.elections.virginia.gov or by downloading a paper application at elections.virginia.gov/registration/voter-forms, filling it out, and submitting it to their local Voter Registration Office. Forms are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean. Application forms may be submitted to the voter's local Voter Registration Office by mail, fax, or email.

Contact information for your local voter registration office can be found at elections.virginia.gov/VRO. Voters may choose to receive a mail-in ballot for this November General Election only or receive mail-in ballots automatically for every election in which they are eligible, until they request to be taken off the permanent absentee list.

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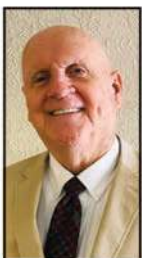
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

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Messages from Jesus in Revelation

The Book of the Revelation is a preview of the end times that shows how God will overthrow the wicked empires of the world, put all sin and rebellion under His feet, and set up the everlasting kingdom.

Rev. 1: 1-5. "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is and which was and which if to come, and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne. And from Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

The writer of the book of the Revelation was John the Disciple and Apostle. He had been marooned on the Isle of Patmos when the vision of the Revelation occurred. He was told to write down what he saw and heard and send it to the seven Churches which are in Asia. By name the Churches were located in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.

The word seven used in many places in the bible means fullness, completion, or perfection. Therefore the seven Spirits which were before God's throne represent the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The message to the Church at Sardis is the Fifth Church mentioned. Rev. 3:1. "And unto the Angel of the Church in Sardis write; these things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead."

John's prophetic messages came from the mouth of Jesus. Jesus is described as the one who holds in his hand, the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars. The seven stars represent the seven Churches.

In the church at Sardis, we find that the church was living on their past reputation. Claiming to be alive and active but in reality the Church was almost dead. Almost because there were still souls in Sardis who were still actively engaged in serving God in the beauty of Holiness. The good news for the Church at Sardis was that Jesus can restore life to a dead dry church or to a dead dry church member. Jesus came bringing Life in its most desirable forms. New Life in Christ; Abundant Life; and Eternal Life. In Him was the light of life.

There are some Churches that are dead and dry as a poke of shucks. When I come to church service, I want to get involved in the worship service and I want to witness the manifestation of the Holy Spirit during the Service. If the Holy Ghost has been programmed out of a church service, I'd just as soon be sitting in a Dentist chair. When I go to Church I go for three reasons. To worship God in Spirit and in Truth; to hear the word of God being preached or taught under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and to fellowship with others of like precious faith.

When the Holy Ghost is allowed to manifest Himself in a Church service, it is wonderful and it draws us closer to God.

Sad to say, the Holy Ghost has been programmed out of some Church services; or He has been quenched and not allowed to manifest Himself; or because of some sin in the Church that has not been dealt with by the Church and it has grieved Him so much that He has left.

See MCCRAW, page B7

Church Directory

- Draper Valley Baptist Church**
3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324
Pastor: Alan Pearce
Service Times:
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org
- Grace Baptist Church**
552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084
Pastor: Doug Testerman
674-1762
Primary Services:
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday worship
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study
- Open Door Baptist Church**
4576 Miller Lane
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett
Primary Services:
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.
Phone: 980-2046
- Draper United Methodist Church**
3080 Greenbriar Road
Draper, VA 24324
Pastor: Rev. Jason Crandall
423-716-2570
Primary Service Times:
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Phone: 276-477-3835
- Newbern Christian Church**
Disciples of Christ
5183 Wilderness Road, Newbern
Rev. Denise and Ken Walker
540-440-8733
- Christ Episcopal Church**
144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
Phone: 980-2413
Email: christ24301@gmail.com
www.christpulaski.dioswva.org
- Jordan's Chapel UMC**
Pastor: Jim Goddard
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
- Cecil's Chapel United Methodist Church**
5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor Mark Asbury
Worship service is 8:45am-9:45am
Sunday School is 10 - 10:45am
Ricky Dishon, 540 239 6360, www.facebook.com/cecilschapel.umc
- Newbern United Methodist Church**
5155 Wilderness Road
Exit 98 off I-81 Newbern
Rev. Paige Wimberly
674-6111
Worship Services: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 11 a.m.
- Valley Harvest Ministries**
1 Harvest Place
P.O. Box 458
Dublin, VA 24084
Senior Pastor Steve Willis
Associate Pastors:
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Wednesday School 7 p.m.
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540-674-4729
- Mountain View United Methodist Church**
6648 Wilderness Road
Dublin, VA 24084
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mountainviewumc.yolasite.com/
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Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship with Children's Church at 11 a.m.
- Dublin Baptist Church**
Dublin Baptist Church
100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084
540-674-6061
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
Website: dublinbaptistva.org
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.
- Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church**
1560 Julia Simpkins Road
Allisonia, VA
Pastor Justin Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

- First United Methodist Church**
301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical address)
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Hispanic Lay Pastor: Sebastian Ruiz
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
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Belspring, VA 24058
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Service Times:
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Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com
- Memorial Baptist Church**
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- River of Life Church**
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Building Service 7:00 PM
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Website: www.heritagechurch.net
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- First Missionary Baptist Church**
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email: fmbc1872@verizon.net
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Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
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- Dublin United Methodist Church**
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office@dublinumc.com
Sunday Worship at 9:00 & 11:00am
Sunday School - 10:00am
- Freedom Fellowship Church**
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540-577-5780
jcollinsfreedomfellowship@yahoo.com
Sunday Service: 10 a.m.
11 a.m. Children's Church
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Service
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- Grace Episcopal Church**
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639-3494
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Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church
- Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA)**
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
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Sunday Services: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship (with children's message): 11 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday: 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Worship Service: 11:00am

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Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.
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McCraw

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We need to have a Holy Ghost Revival when we come to Church. We need the fire of God to be burning in our Churches to the point where we'll be ignited and set on fire for God.

I love to be in a service where the Holy Ghost fire of God is in manifestation. The Holy Ghost quickens. That word quickens means to give life. So if a Church or a Church member is dead and dry as last year's bird nest, what they need is to do is to have the Holy Ghost Fire rekindled and burning in their services.

John the Baptist said, "I baptize you with water but there is one coming after me whose shoes I am not worthy the bear. He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with Fire.

When we are baptized with fire we glow with enthusiasm. We become red hot, burning, fire brands for the Lord. The power of God radiates and emanates from our lives.

When the 120 in the upper room received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, they exploded spiritually. They spilled out into the Streets speaking of the wonderful works of God. Peter, filled with the power of the Holy Ghost anointing, preached a sermon and 3,000 souls were saved and added to the Church.

The Holy Ghost fire is needed in every Church for without it, their services will be dead and dry. Just like dead leaves that were once alive have fallen and are good for nothing but to be raked up and taken to the dump.

Sardis had a name that claimed to be alive, but were dead. They had a reputation in the past of being on fire for God, but many in the Church at Sardis had lost their zeal. Certainly no Christian full of the life of Christ wants to go to Church service where there is no Holy Ghost in manifesta-tion and no anointing. There's a big difference in singing and anointed singing. There's a big difference in preaching and anointed preaching.

I always loved the old gospel song that we ought to be singing every chance we get. "O Lord, send the power just now, O Lord send the power just now; O Lord sent the power just now, and baptize everyone."

Bible Trivia

- Is the book of 1 Timothy in the Old Testament or New Testa-ment or neither?
- When the 7th seal was opened, there was silence in heaven for ...? 1 breath, Half an hour, Full day, 3 days
- What region of 10 cities did Jesus mention in His ministry? Pentateuch, Trinidad, Lilliom Decapolis
- From 1 Kings 19, how many days and nights did Elijah fast? 7, 21, 40, 70
- Muppim, Huppim and Ard were all whose sons? Gabriel, Michael, Benjamin, Paul
- Who was the first king of Israel? David, Benjamin, Saul, Abraham

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Half an hour; 3) Decapolis; 4) 40; 5) Benjamin; 6) Saul

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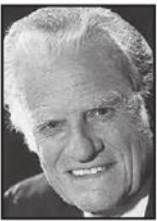
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Is it true that the Bible says to eat, drink, and be mer-ry? - F.H.

A: The author of Ecclesiastes (in the Bible) wrote of the reality of searching for happiness in a foolish way. A comedian has said, "Enjoy as much as you can. Even if you live to be 90, that's not as long as you're going to be dead!" We can laugh and throw it off, but there is a penalty to pay when God's Word is disregarded. Death brings an end to physical

life, but the life of the human soul lives on for eternity, in either Heaven or Hell. The time to make peace with God is now - today!

Godless influences are ev-erywhere persuading us toward idolatry (worship of the values of this age, the false gods among us) and sexual immorality. Right moral living (righteousness) is not easy. It demands difficult choices. We have at our finger-tips every pleasure that mankind is capable of enjoying, and man-kind has abused every gift God ever gave. Sinfulness and sensu-



My
Answer

Billy Graham

ality are inevitably destructive, dehumanizing, and demeaning to God's creation. At times, it may create tension between what we want to be for God and others, and what we crave for ourselves.

How do we overcome? By turning to God for His help by

first repenting of sin and receiv- ing His forgiveness. He enables us to live victoriously over sin that dominates the human heart. To His followers He says, "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20).

What is that price? The shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. He paid the penalty for our sin so that we can live righteous- ly and bring glory to Him.

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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by Mike Marland

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by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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!

Rare
CREACS

Conduct
EATROPE

Gallery
RACEAD

Brush
KORSET

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Russian range

6 First lady before Michelle

11 Salem's state

12 Cancels

14 Mexican revolutionary

15 "Are you happy I'm back?"

16 Low digit

17 Omits

19 Soak (up)

20 1492 vessel

22 Rock's Brian

23 Spanish ayes

24 Devour

26 Religious doctrines

28 — Moines

30 Actress Long

31 Fairly shared

35 Snarcs

39 " — Smile Be Your Umbrella"

40 Director Howard

42 Half a sextet

43 Egg (Pref.)

44 Pale purple

46 Club —

47 "New World Symphony" composer

49 Recital piece

51 Bagel choice

DOWN

1 Muse of astronomy

2 Show contrition

3 Khan title

4 Used-car sites

5 Plumber's tool

6 Spoof

7 Black birds

8 Young — (tots)

9 Putin's land

10 Nearly

11 Ultraviolet filter

13 Old photo tint

18 Ky. neighbor

21 Actress McDonald of "Private Practice"

23 Brainy

25 Pod dweller

27 "Shool"

29 Picket-line

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31 Trudges

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44 Hobbling

45 Musical finale

48 Squealer

50 "Kidding!"

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top ten

Americans' Mental Health Issues

1. Anxiety

2. Stress

3. Depressive phase

4. Loneliness/social isolation

5. Mood swing

6. Sadness

7. Panic attacks

8. Self-esteem

9. Lethargy

10. Phobias

**in past 12 months*

Source: Statista Global Consumer Survey

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEASUREMENTS: What period of time is represented by a triennial?

2. MOVIES: Which actress is the voice of Jessica Rabbit in "Who's Afraid of Roger Rabbit?"

3. LANGUAGE: What word represents the letter E in the radio phonetic alphabet?

4. TELEVISION: What is the name of the alternate dimension in Netflix's original series "Stranger Things"?

5. ART: What is alebrije?

6. COMICS: What was superhero Deadpool's real name?

7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which mammal has the shortest gestation period at 11 days?

8. LITERATURE: What did Hagrid name his Norwegian Ridgeback dragon in J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" books?

9. HISTORY: Who was Time magazine's first man/person of the year?

10. GEOGRAPHY: What are the official languages of Haiti?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers

1. Every three years

2. Kathleen Turner

3. Echo

4. The Upside Down

5. A type of Mexico folk art that depicts fantastical creatures painted in bright colors and intricate designs

6. Wade Wilson

7. Striped face dunnart, an Australian marsupial. (Possums have the next shortest gestation period at 12 days.)

8. Norbert

9. Aviator Charles Lindbergh

10. Haitian Creole and French

Americanisms

— King Crossword —

Jewelry, to me, is a pain in the derriere, because you have to be watching it all the time.

— Eartha Kitt

Cryptoquip

When you cut a hero sandwich into several pieces, I would probably call that sub division.

SCRAMBLERS

CROOKED

Today's Word

1. Scarce 2. Operate; 3. Arcade; 4. Stroke

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: A equals S

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Pulaski County Schools recognizes several

The Pulaski County School Board, meeting Tuesday at the middle school for their regular monthly meeting for October, recognized several members of its staff and a PCHS senior.

Employee of the Month

As noted in the comments of several nominations for Mrs. Kim Alger, she is the glue that holds everything together at PCHS. When faced with challenges, Mrs. Alger is always the person to rise to the occasion and solve the problem. She conquers the daily challenges of substitute assignments with creativity and determination. Kim is valuable in making others feel welcome and strives to show excellence in all aspects of her work. She is a wealth of information and a major asset to our school and school division. Her smiles are plentiful and her jokes are the highpoint of many peoples' day. Her ability to stay positive has been beneficial for everyone this school year and her willingness to serve as the go-to for all things is what keeps us moving forward! We are extremely proud to name her as our employee of the month.





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2021/2022 SCHEDULE

FREE ADMISSION for shows listed in white. Donations accepted to help pay band expenses.	*November 13, 2021	Mountain Thunder Dixie Blue Grass Boys
	*December 11, 2021	Bluegrass Kinsmen (50th Anniv.) New Ballard's Branch Bogtrotters
* Bands subject to change. * Doors Open: 5pm * Music: 6:00pm - 8:30pm	*January 8, 2022	Java Brothers Nobody's Business
	*February 12, 2022	Sassafras Bluegrass Band (2 sets)
	March 4, 2022	Blackhawk
	*March 12, 2022	Gate 10 Friday Night Dance Band
	*April 9, 2022	The Country Boys Slate Mountain Ramblers
	April 29, 2022	Dailey & Vincent

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Teacher of the Month

Mr. Reid took over the Seat Time Wavier position last year and has been a wonderful addition to the program. Through his efforts last year there were 45 students who completed high school through the Seat Time Wavier program. His support has helped those students be able to walk proudly across the stage on graduation night. Already this year he has nine students who are on pace to complete high school through participation in his program. Mr. Reid consistently serves as a source of encouragement for students and staff. We are thrilled that he decided to join us and Mrs. Reid at PCHS and hope that we'll enjoy their presence for many years to come.

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School Board Awards

The Virginia School Board Association recognizes board members for their dedication, time and hard work in improving boardmanship skills through VSBA meetings, conferences, board development and training, and active involvement in the association. VSBA members earn credits for VSBA Academy Awards which are based on participation from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

Award of Honor (66 credits in 2 years - Gold) - Mr. William Benson

Award of Honor (66 credits in 2 years - Gold) - Dr. Paige Cash

Award of Honor (66 credits in 2 years - Gold) - Mr. Timothy Hurst

Award of Honor (66 credits in 2 years - Gold) - Dr. Kevin Siers

Award of Excellence (48 Credits in 2 years - Silver) - Mrs. Beckie Cox

Award of Achievement (24 Credits per year - Bronze) - Penny Golden

Senior of the Month

Pulaski County High School is pleased to announce our Senior of the Month for October, Brian “Allen” Queen. Allen is the son of Leslie Queen of Pulaski, VA and Brian Queen of Riner, VA. His nominating teacher said, “Allen has worked on the show Spongebob all summer while juggling work and two vacation weeks. He ended up taking full responsibility for the show when the other student, who was double cast in the role with him, quit. Allen always carries a positive attitude, builds others up when they are down, rehearses extra hours, and is consistently determined to do the best he can do. He is a very good student with a great work ethic and attendance record. He is a strong student who has been a vital member and a strong leader in the Theatre Department over the past few years.”

Upon graduation, Allen plans to attend college and pursue a career in criminal justice. He currently works at Walgreens but manages to find time to play video games with his friends and spend time with his girlfriend. We’re extremely proud to present our senior of the month, Mr. Allen Queen.



Citizenship Award

The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Brooke Arnold. Brooke resides in Dublin, VA with her parents Marvin and Stacy Arnold. She is the Senior Class President and member of the Student Advisory Council.

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Pulaski County Christmas Store 2021 Intake Schedule



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10:00am – 1:00pm



6:00pm – 8:00pm



6:00pm -8:00pm



10:00am – 1:00pm

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10:00am – 1:00pm

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🌲 No applications will be accepted without proof of social security number for each child

🌲 Parents will be responsible for shopping for their child/children at the Pulaski County Christmas Store from the available inventory at the store. Each item in the store will be assigned a point value and parents will use their allotted points to select gifts.

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DAK Lights is back for expanded season

DAK Lights is back for an expanded 2021/2022 season at Randolph Park in Dublin, VA! The fan-favorite Halloween light show runs from October 1st thru October 31st beginning at 7pm each night, including two all new songs (“I Put a Spell on You” from the Hocus Pocus movie, and a mash-up of thrilling music from the Star Wars franchise) and hundreds of new lights. The Halloween light show runs continuously until 10pm on Sunday thru Thursday nights, and until 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

We’re also right around the corner from our traditional Christmas light show which begins at 5:30pm nightly from November 19th through December 25th. We’ll have a wide-range of new music this year to celebrate the holidays across Southwest Virginia. Christmas light shows will run continuously until 10pm on Sunday thru Thursday nights, and until 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

We’re excited to announce that we’re expanding our light show this year to include an all-new “New Year’s Celebration” light show, which will operate starting December 26th through January 16th. We’ll have party and dance songs to ring in the new year and bid adieu to 2021, including “Can’t Stop the Feeling” by the cast of the Trolls movie. This New Year’s Celebration light show will start at 5:30pm each night and run continuously until 10pm on Sunday thru Thursday nights, and until 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

And finally, we’re going all out with our first-ever Valentine’s Day light show, premiering on January 21st and running every night through Valentine’s Day night, February 14th. Come enjoy over 10,000 new lights and shapes synchronized to some classic and



modern love songs every night starting at 5:30pm. Like our other shows, the lights will run continuously until 10pm on Sunday thru Thursday nights, and until 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

DAK Lights is an annual Halloween, Christmas, New Year’s, and Valentine’s Day light and music show which premiered in November 2010 and relocated to Randolph Park in 2018. Every year, thousands of families from around the New River Valley and beyond visit to enjoy a roughly 25-minute light show set to music being broadcast over 103.9FM. Since its inception, the show has grown from about 3,000 incandescent (traditional) lights in white, red, and green to over 20,000 LED lights capable of producing millions of color combinations. DAK Lights has been and always will be free, offering entertainment to everyone each year!

DAK Lights is located at Randolph Park in Dublin, VA right off of Route 100 and Interstate 81. Driving directions are available through our website at <https://daklights.com>.

Once you enter the park from Alexander Road, take the first right and follow the circle to the back of the park. You’ll see plenty of signs to guide the way! As you approach the back of the park, tune your car’s radio to 103.9FM to listen to the show. There are plenty of parking spots available with excellent views of the entire light show. Please remember to turn off your headlights, and don’t block the road or obstruct the views of others around you.

For more information, including show times, FAQs, and videos of our previous shows, visit <https://daklights.com> or follow us at

<https://facebook.com/daklights>. Happy Halloween, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Valentine’s Day from

DAK Lights at Randolph Park!
Shay Dunnigan
Pulaski County Parks & Activities Coordinator

Dollar Tree breaks the \$1 barrier in some stores as costs take a bite

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — Dollar Tree embedded in its very name what it stands for: Behind these doors, everything can be had for just \$1.

The mantra to which the Chesapeake, Virginia, company has held true for decades will now be only mostly true.

After expanding nationwide from only a handful of stores in Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia, Dollar Tree is breaking the mold and will sell items in some locations that exceed the tantalizing \$1 grab-n-go price.

The cost of clothes, cars, food and just about everything else has soared this year as the global economy emerges from a pandemic uppercut and Dollar Tree has not been untouched.

Last month the retail chain said that rising shipping costs would take a bite of \$1.50 to \$1.60 out of its per-share profits this year. That’s a huge hit for any business, perhaps more so for one founded decades ago steadfastly calling itself “Only \$1.00 Inc.”

“For decades, our customers have enjoyed the ‘thrill-of-

the-hunt’ for value at one dollar - and we remain committed to that core proposition - but many are telling us that they also want a broader product assortment when they come to shop,” said CEO Michael Witynski in a prepared statement.

Raising some prices will certainly give the national chain some flexibility and likely more variety on its shelves. But a dollar this year will not buy you what it did in 2020.

Annual inflation in the U.S. reached 4.2% in July, the highest in three decades. And this week in an appearance before Congress, Fed Chair Jerome Powell said that price increases have worsened amid snarled supply chains and rising labor costs.

That has hit businesses of every type, perhaps especially one that has held the line at \$1 for decades.

Witynski said this week that Dollar Tree is a “test-and-learn” company, and they’ll be watching how customers react.

The company had already begun testing higher prices at several hundred of its nearly 8,000

locations in a section of the store called “Dollar Tree Plus” with items that can go for as much as \$5. Items that can go for \$1.25 to \$1.50 will soon be found in the mix at some locations amid the typical assortment of \$1 products.

Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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