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Radford, Pulaski County renew old football rivalry

By MASON CLARK
The Patriot

Even though this week is only a benefit game that has no bearing on either team's final record, the hype for Friday's Pulaski County vs. Radford football game is high. Both teams want to win, not because of playoff points or standings, but for something that both programs are built upon – pride.

The Cougars rank fourth in win percentage in Timesland history at .631 (or 63.1 percent), while Radford is right behind at .625 or 62.5 percent. Both have won many region and district titles through the years and each team has state championships in its program's history. There will always be a lot of passion and pride when the two teams get together, whether for a scrimmage or real game.

History

The Cougars will welcome the neighboring Radford Bobcats to Kenneth J. Dobson Stadium Friday. Even though the Cougars and Bob-

cats have met just ten times since PCHS opened in 1974, there is plenty of history between the two.

The rivalry, if it should be considered one, runs deep, all the way back before the merger of Dublin and Pulaski high schools after the 1973-1974 school year.

Back then, the Dukes and Orioles were in the New River District with the Bobcats, where the three battled things out for years. The Bobcats won back-to-back state championships in 1971 and 1972, and narrowly beat the Dukes in each of

those two seasons. Over the final 17 years of Dublin's existence, the Dukes beat the Bobcats in the series 10-6, with one tie. They also won the final meeting ever between the two, with a 12-0 win at Soldiers Field, before some 10,000 fans.

For the Orioles, Radford proved to be a harder team for them to beat. Pulaski won just three times over the last 17 years of their existence. Even though "the Birds"

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Football Season Is Back!

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Phillips to succeed Webb as Director of Elections

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

After 25 ½ years as Pulaski County's Director of Elections / General Registrar, Kathy Webb is retiring.

While her official retirement date is Sept. 1, her last day on the job will be Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Leann Phillips, the current Chief Deputy Registrar, has been named as the new Director of Elections.

"She has been an important part of the good work we have completed since she came on board," Webb said of Phillips. "She will do an exceptional job."

For Webb, her retirement brings to an end over four decades of being directly involved in elections and voting in Pulaski County.

Prior to her time as Director of Elections and Registrar, Webb served as an Officer of Election for 20 years.

Looking back, she figures she has worked approximately 70 elections, including:

- 25 November General Elections – including six Presidential Elections
- 7 Gubernatorial Elections
- Local Pulaski County Elections
- Town of Dublin and Town of

Pulaski Municipal Elections

- Multiple Primaries and Special Elections

Besides the elections, Webb has led the county through three redistrictings, three different voting methods, the change from paper to electronic pollbooks, online registration and early voting.

Webb doesn't like the spotlight and won't take credit herself for the good work of the registrar's office all these years, choosing instead to credit the "team."

"To put on an election, it takes a team," Webb states. "It re-

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as they were referred to at the time won the NRD in 1973, the Bobcats still beat them that season.

Then the two merged to become Pulaski County High in the fall of 1974, and the Cougars didn't play the Bobcats in either 1974 or 1975. But after a few years of anticipation, the rivalry, though in a new form, would be renewed.

Our players made the trip across the bridge, to "the hill" as many refer to it, to play Radford. Over

10,000 people packed into Radford's stadium to see the first-ever meeting between the newly merged PCHS and Radford.

Jerry Hendrix rushed for 130 yard and 2 touchdowns to lead the Bobcats to a 32-12 win. Norm Lineburg had Radford's program rolling by this time, while Cougar head coach Dave Brown was trying to mesh two bitter rivals while also building a winning football program.

Cougar standout Timmy Venable did all he could, but it proved to be futile. Isiah McClanahan and Venable scored the two touchdowns

that day for us.

The next year, perhaps the best Cougar team up to that point hosted Radford in 1977. Venable ran for 111 yards and 2 touchdowns, but it would only result in a tie. This also happens to be the most recent time the Cougars had a game result in a tie, and it will almost certainly be the last, as overtime was implemented in the 1987 season.

The 1978 year was a tough 3-7 season for the Cougars, and the Bobcats defeated the visiting Cougars that year 13-0, completely shutting down the Cougar offense.

We were winless against Radford in our first three tries.

Then a man from West Virginia came to town. Joel Hicks' very first game as the head coach of the Cougars came at home (County Stadium at the time) against Radford. The Cougars totally shut down Radford, holding them to just 89 yards of total offense on 42 plays (about 2 yards per play) in a 13-0 win.

Perry Reese had an interception return for a touchdown, and future NFL Pro Bowler and Super Bowl champion Gary Clark caught 3 passes for 53 yards and a touchdown to lead the way. The late, great King Harvey was also on the team, rushing for 52 yards.

With this, the Bobcats didn't play us anymore for 30 years. I'm not sure why, but I would imagine they knew they had no chance against a Joel Hicks-led AAA Cougar team.

Many years passed, and finally, the rivalry was renewed in 2009. We made the short trip across the

bridge in the first meeting under the name "Battle of the Bridge." We won 19-7 over a Radford team that would go on to reach the state championship game, losing to Essex, led by former Cougar coach Todd Jones.

Nine months later they saw Coach Jones again, this time as the head coach of the Cougars. They narrowly beat us two straight years: 32-29 in 2010, and 13-12 in 2011, two tough seasons for the Cougars.

Then Pulaski County got revenge with a 41-9 win over Radford in 2012. In 2013, we beat them 31-13, and 2014, we won 28-15. With that, we lead the series 5-4 with a tie between the two.

Radford Preview

Radford is expected to be a good team this season in 2A. The Bobcats are led by senior Marcell Baylor. The 6'3" 195-pound senior is committed to Virginia Tech on a full-ride scholarship offer, while he also holds offers from many other schools like Boston College, Liberty, and UConn. He will line up at wide receiver and cornerback. Landon Clark is a junior after starting much of his sophomore season behind center and performed well in their scrimmage.

In a spread scheme, the Bobcats will throw the ball plenty, and will look to get their athletes into space to let them make plays. Other good players to expect to touch the football will be Parker Prioleau (son of former Hokie great Pierson Prioleau). The Bobcats are pretty tough up front as well. They are coming off an 8-4 campaign in Mike Crist's first season on the hill and will be looking to compete for a Three Rivers District championship this season.

Cougar Preview

For the Cougars, the lineup will likely be the same as last week but expect a more game-like approach as the regular season nears.

Chris Gallimore will be under center, Trevor Burton will be right behind him at the superback position, and the a-backs will be Zach Parker and Brett Jones. Expect sophomore Taner Mace and junior Trey Landreth to get in at a-back as well.

Up front on the offensive line from left to right will be Evan Alger (left tackle), Aiden Moore (left guard), Nolan Dalton (center), Diego Turner (right guard), and Hunt-

er Hill (right tackle). Out wide will be Davis Neel and Marcus Reed.

Defensively, the Cougars will have Turner, Alan Fernandez and Jack Allen on the defensive line. The linebackers will be Burton and Nicholas Woolwine on the outside, then Tyler Underwood and Alger will be the inside linebackers. Parker and Landreth will be the cornerbacks, with Mace and Jones being the last line of defense at safety. This group performed well against a significantly bigger Franklin County team last week virtually shutting down the Eagles' run game.

Game time is set for 6 p.m. on Friday and will be our final pre-season action before things get underway next week at home against Northside.

Come out and support your Cougars!

Phillips

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quired everyone to focus on the goals of serving the citizens of Pulaski County and making the procedures of voter registration and casting a ballot easy.

"A successful election requires collaboration between the county's Electoral Board, the Director of Elections, and the staff of the Registrar's Office.

"In addition, our team includes local Officers of Election who work at the individual voting precincts. Officers of Election are a very dedicated group, some of whom have worked for many years," she said.

Webb added she has worked with many "great people" over the years who have served on the Electoral Board.

"Our current board members are some of the most dedicated, involved and hard working. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve with them," Webb said. The current Electoral Board includes Chairperson Amy Lewis, Vice Chairperson Janet Johnson and Secretary Sybil Atkinson.

"We always strive for fair, transparent and accurate elections," Webb said. "We work to make sure that every qualified citizen has the opportunity to register to vote and cast their ballot."



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Big day arrives - Fazoli's in Dublin finally open

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The big day has finally arrived. Fazoli's at 4416 Cleburne Boulevard in Dublin has opened. Tuesday was the first day of operations for the quick-serve Italian restaurant. Tuesday's opening was one of the most eagerly anticipated events in the county. On Monday, local business and government leaders and others were treated to a ribbon cutting ceremony and complimentary dinner by the restaurant staff and ownership.

The event was hosted by the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce and President Bill Cunningham. "There's so much excitement in the community to welcome you guys," said Laura Walters, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman.

Walters recognized Young and Associates as one of the county's exceptional business partners. "When Shoney was unable to stay open due to the pandemic, instead of just leaving and going away Brian Spencer of Young and Associates helped find Fazoli's – another good fit for our community – and that's going the extra mile and we really, really appreciate it. Our county and towns are lucky to have ya'll."

Also, Walters noted, the owners of the restaurant continue to support the county. "They donated the land for our Visitor's Center," Walters stated. "I'm not sure they ever really were officially thanked for that, so thank you."

She also thanked the company for being such great partners and working with Pulaski County Public Schools through the CTE program.

Robert Murphy, franchise consultant for Fazoli's, recognized the staff and management at the restaurant, and shared some information on Fazoli's. Murphy said the Dublin location represents the first-ever Fazoli's created from a former Shoney's. "And they did a great job," he said.



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Local government and business people join with Fazoli's and Young and Associates representatives to cut a ribbon to officially open the Dublin Fazoli's - only the second Fazoli's to open in Virginia.


The Dublin restaurant is the 159th franchise Fazoli's that's opened around the country, Murphy said. "We also have 57 corporate locations for 216 restaurants nationwide," he added. "We are America's largest quick-serve Italian restaurant chain in the U.S. We had a very good year last year and are looking forward to another big one this year."

Murphy introduced several Fazoli's employees who traveled to Dublin to work with the local restaurant staff to get Fazoli's open here. They came in from cities such as Indianapolis, Indiana and Dayton, Ohio. "I congratulate CCCKY – Kevin Young and Brian Spencer – it's been a pleasure working with you guys for the last few months getting the restaurant open," Murphy said. Spencer, whose Young and Associates operates Shoney's and Bojangles restaurants – and now Fazoli's – across the Southwest Virginia and Northeastern Tennessee regions, said the company has been serving food in Southwest Virginia for 52 years. He noted the opening of Fazoli's in Dublin brings the third generation of the Young family into the restaurant business.

"It's a wonderful family owned operation, and because it's family owned and family oriented, we are now excited about the additional 50 members of our family. All of you have done such a great job," he said to the restaurant staff. "I used to be on a county board of supervisors and ya'll have a great county administrator. It's been a pleasure working with [Pulaski County Administrator] Jonathan (Sweet). He's done such a great job.

He's gone over and above helping me. The county has been there every step of the way. You're lucky to have him," Spencer said. "When COVID hit it was hard," Spencer said, explaining the closing of Shoney's. "You had to wear gloves and masks. And we needed to close this location and we hated it. But we were committed to Pulaski County. We prayed and we talked about it for almost 12 months, and we found the company – Fazoli's.

We love the company, and we hope you will love the company because they are family oriented." Dublin's new Fazoli's will be open Sunday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Fazoli's was founded in 1988 in Lexington, Ky. The Dublin Fazoli's is the second location in Virginia. The other is in Chesapeake.



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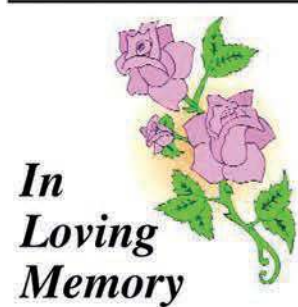
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ALICE CHAN

Alice Chan, age 71 of Pulaski, VA passed away on Monday, August 15, 2022 at Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski. Born June 9, 1951 in Taiwan she was the daughter of the late Chia Bin Tang & Fang Ping Tao Tang. She was also preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. She and her spouse, King Chan, were former owners of Beijing Restaurant and Motel.

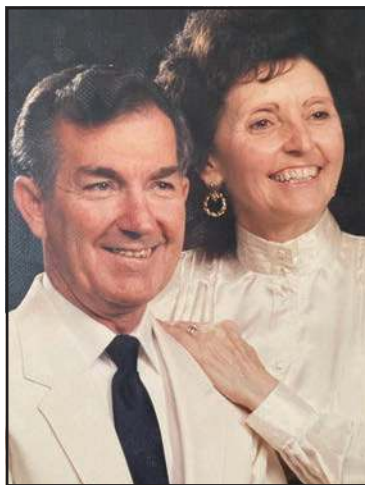
Alice is survived by her Husband – King Chan – Pulaski, VA

Children – Charlie Chan – Pulaski, VA; Amy Chan – Herndon, VA; Angela Chan – Charlotte, NC

Grandchildren – Cameron, Chloe and Andrew

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, August 19, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. The family will receive friends one hour before service time at the Funeral Home.

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



SHELLEY EVANS MONTGOMERY

Shelley Evans Montgomery, age 90 of Salem passed away Monday, August 15, 2022 in the Salem Health and Rehab.

Born May 29, 1932, he was the son of the late Donnie Edgar Montgomery and Josie Quesenberry Montgomery. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Les Montgomery, and sisters, Catherine Harris, Evelyn Walters, and Reba Farmer.

He was a veteran of the United States Army. He graduated from NRVIT with honors, was a long time employee of Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern and Roanoke County before retiring as an associate engineer from Radford College.

He is survived by His wife - Julia A. Cox Montgomery - Salem

Children - George Montgomery (Terri) – Salem, Elaine Montgomery Caswell (Steve) – Hollins,

LeaLynn Montgomery Firebaugh (Jeff) – Buchanan, Rebecca Akers Johnson – Raleigh, Barbara Simpkins – Floyd, Victoria Simpkins - Giles County

Grandchildren - Angela Martinez, Evan Montgomery III, Zachary Montgomery, Kelsey Firebaugh, Kaitlin Hill & LaTara Sturgis

Numerous Great Grandchildren Brother - Marvin Cecil Montgomery (Effie) - Dublin

Graveside funeral services will be held 11:00 AM – Friday, August 19, 2022 at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin with Chaplain Bobby Ward officiating.

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

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



RANDALL CREED SUMNER

Randall Creed Sumner, age 75, of Pulaski, VA, went to His Heavenly Home, August 14, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents A. C. Sumner and Alene Sumner, and Grover and Bonnie Boothe.

Randy retired as Facility Manager for Pyrotechnics by Grucci in Radford VA. Previously, he worked at Radford Army Ammunition Plant as a Safety Manager. He was a very devoted husband and father, and had a love of Virginia Tech football, hunting, fishing, and all things outdoors. He had a deep love for his canine pets, and his last canine son was Max.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Elizabeth Kaye Sumner; Christopher and Laura Sumner and grandsons Josh and Luke Sumner; his brother David and Vanessa Sumner.

His brother-in-law Malcolm and Debbie Boothe; niece B. J. and Dan Ratliff and great niece Valley Rhea; niece Lacie Ann and Ryan Jones and great nieces Nolcie Mae and Joni Leigh all from Pulaski and Dublin.

Cousins Gary and Carol Hancock, Kenny and Debbie Hancock, Debbie Mack, Ashley McGrady, Lisa and Junior Frasier, Aunt Sonia Easter, Uncle John and Janet Hancock.

Best friends George and Bonnie Bevins, Roger and Mary Dunbar, Mary Katherine and Doug Woodie, William and Ping Braddock, Roger Dean and Barbara Cain, Jack and Mary Ellen Byrd.

Devoted caregivers George Wynes and Mike Mullins.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at Heritage Church in Dublin, 6195 Cleburne Blvd Dublin, VA 24084 at 6:00 p.m. Pallbearers will be Malcolm Boothe, Dan Ratcliff, Ryan Jones, Roger Dunbar, George Blevins, Josh Sumner, Dale Sumner, Jeff Bain, Jack Byrd, and Doug Woodie. The family will receive friends at the church on Tuesday, from 3 -6 PM. Burial will be private at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

Gifts of flowers should be sent to Heritage Church, or donations should be given to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 5th St NW Pulaski VA 24301.

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



ANN PARSELL DONNELLY

Ann Parsell Donnelly, 83, passed away Saturday, August 13, 2022 with her loving family by her side.

Ann was born August 24, 1938 in McComas, West Virginia to Stella and Thomas Parsell.

She graduated from Pembroke High School in 1956 and Radford Community Hospital Lab School in 1958.

Ann was happily married to Johnny Donnelly for sixty-two years, tying the knot on June 5, 1960 in Pembroke, Virginia.

Ann worked at Vet Science and the Anaerobe Lab at Virginia Tech for many years and was known by her colleagues for her sense of humor and boundless energy.

Ann was an active member of Fairlawn Presbyterian Church and served as organist and choir director until her retirement.

Ann loved cooking, baking, music and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, John Donnelly; her children, Dina (David) Yauger, John (Melody) Donnelly, Tim Donnelly; her grandchildren, Laura (Aaron) Horowitz, Mattie (Nathan) Williams, William Yauger and Grayson Donnelly; her great-grandchildren, Beckett and Cohen Williams and life-long friend Shirley Roby.

Ann will be remembered for her laughter, her gentleness, and her love of life. A private memorial service to celebrate her life will be held in September for family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, Ann would be honored if donations in her memory were made to the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church.

The Donnelly family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.

RAYMOND "CRUNCH"

RANDALL RICE, JR.,

aymond "Crunch" Randall Rice, Jr., age 71, died Friday, August 12, 2022 at his residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700

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OLIVIA DESABAUGH CLARK

Olivia DeSaBaugh Clark, age 95 of Pulaski passed away Thursday, August 11, 2022 at the Highland Ridge Rehab Center, Dublin.

Born August 12, 1926 in Florida, she was the daughter of the late Forest DeSaBaugh and Niona Kea Pope. She was also preceded in death by Sons, Donald Eugene Clark, Jr. and Richard Wayne Clark; Brothers – Richard, Charles, and Walter Jennings and one Sister, Ruth Edwards.

She was a veteran of the United States Army having served under General Patton in Germany during World War II.

Olivia was the first female Deputy for the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department and she retired as a security officer with the Radford Arsenal. She attended the Pulaski Church of God.

She is survived by Nine Grandchildren – Dawn, Derek, Josh, Jessica, Brad, Brett, David and B.J.

Nineteen Great Grandchildren and Two Great- Great Grandchildren

Brother – Jeffrey Pratt- Florida
Funeral services were held Monday, August 15, 2022 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Tony Eads officiating. Burial with honors was at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

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

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

LARRY EUGENE HOLSTON

Larry Eugene Holston, age 61, of Newport News, VA, passed away Sunday, Aug. 7,

2022. Born October 8, 1960 in Pulaski, VA he was the son of the late Clarence Neil Holston and Cora Mae (John) Brookman. He was also preceded in death by his brother Roger Dale Holston and sisters Sandra Wilkerson and Shannon Holston.

Larry is survived by his brothers and spouses, Sherill & Alvertie Holston, Pulaski, Samuel & Carol Holston Bastrop, LA., Randall Holston, NC; sister Mary Newman Pulaski and numerous nieces, nephews and a

host of other family members. At the family's request there will not be a Memorial Service.

Locally announced for the family by Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski.



CAROLYN ALBERTA "BERT" EVERSOLE ARNOLD

Carolyn Alberta "Bert" Eversole Arnold, age 81 of Dublin passed away Saturday, August 13, 2022. Born February 13, 1941 in Wytheville, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Robert Taylor Eversole & Bertha Elma Jonas Eversole. She was also preceded in death by her brother, J.D. Eversole, sister, Helen E. Etter and nephew, Nick Folden.

Carolyn retired from Volvo Trucks with over 30 years of service. She was a very adventurous lady and loved to travel and meet new people. She volunteered working at Pulaski Public Library and went out of her way to help animals in need. She was a member of the Good Neighbor Club, which helped fellow citizens of the community and the Christian Women's Club.

She is survived by her Husband of 56 years – Donald Junior Arnold – Dublin
Brother – Richard Eversole – Wytheville

Sisters – Margie Jane Folden – Pulaski, Patsy Saferight – Wytheville

Sisters-in-law – Joyce Eller – Dublin, Sarah Horton – Dublin

Several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends

Per her request there will be no visitation or funeral service at the funeral home. Graveside funeral services were held Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin with Rev. Ted Anders officiating.

In lieu of flowers/food, please make a contribution to the church or charity of your choice.

A special thanks goes to the Forever Young Nursing Home and the Hospice Care of Roanoke.

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

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

Wytheville man charged with robbery, abduction

On Thursday (Aug. 11) around 8:40 p.m. Pulaski County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to the 7300 block of Hazel Hollow Rd. in reference to an assault.

After investigation it was determined that the victim, Berley Dalton, 45 of Pulaski County, was taken to Hazel Hollow Rd. where he was assaulted and robbed. Dalton was able to walk to a nearby home and call for help.

The suspect, Clarence Nalls, 49 of Wytheville, was later found at a home in the Alum Spring area.

Nalls was talked out of the residence by Pulaski County Deputies after he had initially barricaded himself inside.

Nalls was charged with a Class 2 felony of Robbery and Abduction. Nalls was held at NRV Regional Jail.



Personal Property Taxes & Vehicle Market Update

The Commissioner of the Revenue Offices are tasked by the state of Virginia with valuing personal property such as vehicles in a uniform manner. To fulfill this requirement, experienced valuation agencies are utilized to determine the current market value of property located in Pulaski County as of January 1 each year. The market value and local tax rates are both used to determine a tax amount due. Generally, personal property values decrease from year-to-year but since 2020 we have seen an increase in evaluations for the following property because of limited supply: cars, trucks, motorcycles, motor homes, campers, and boats. For 2022 these same property items are slated to see a 7-25 percent increase in value. This trend will continue to affect the U.S., Virginia, and Pulaski County as long as our overall vehicle supply remains low.

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Local woman hopes moth's arrival will bring blessing

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Pattie Robinson views it as a sign or promise of a blessing from the Lord.

"It" being the moth that landed recently on a handicapped ramp attached to her house.

The Largen Hill Court resident says the moth is often referred to as a "Jesus Moth," because of the cross shaped marking on its wings.

Many people say if you see one or it visits your home, you're due for a blessing.

Pattie is hoping that's true. The ramp the moth landed on was constructed recently by the Veterans Administration to assist her husband, Ron in coming home following hip surgery he is due to have soon. The 20-year military veteran and a native of Pulaski, has been struggling with the hip problem for a while.

"It's the craziest thing I've ever seen," exclaimed Robinson who says no one she's spoken to about it has ever seen one before.

She is hoping the appearance of the moth on the ramp means Ron will make it home and up the ramp just fine following his surgery.

A Google search acknowledg-



The 'Jesus Moth,' as Pattie Robinson calls it is officially known as the Clymen Moth.

es the "Jesus Moth," but adds the moth is officially known as the Clymene Moth (Haploa clymene). It is noted for the striking upside-down cross pattern on its forewings.

According to Google, because of this design, some people also refer to it as the "Crusader moth." A member of the Tiger Moth family, the Clymene Moth can be seen flying day or night.

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Democrats Gamble With Our Country's Future

Seeing the Democrats continue to push the same failed policies with the hope of different results, I can't help but think of a gambler who has already lost big but who remains at the table hoping the next roll of the dice will pay off.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Let's start with spending. An early priority of President Biden and his party's congressional majorities was the

so-called "American Rescue Plan" that spent \$1.9 trillion. Even some liberals like former Clinton and Obama advisor Larry Summers cautioned that the result of such excessive spending would be surging inflation.

Those warnings have been vindicated. Our economy has since suffered from inflation not witnessed for 40 years. Costs have risen so sharply that the White House actually celebrated July's consumer price index, which found "only" an 8.5 percent rise over the previous year and continued increases in food and housing prices.

Yet the continued priority of President Biden, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has been passing another huge spending bill paying for the progressive wish list. In their so-called "Inflation Reduction Act" is \$745 billion of new spending. Among that spending is over \$400 billion for Green New Deal-type policies when removing false two-year sunsets and \$80 billion for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to hire 87,000 new agents.

The impact of this spending will be bad enough, but it follows other big-spending packages of spending bills already passed by House Democrats for the next fiscal year. If a package of six appropriations bills sent by House Democrats to the Senate were enacted, it would increase funding by almost \$56 billion over the same appropriations bills from last year, including increases for the Environmental Protection Agency of twenty percent and the Department of Housing and Urban Development of seventeen percent. The IRS would get \$1 billion more.

Further, note that the government is funded by twelve appropriations bills, so Democrats still have half of them to go.

Pouring money into the economy helped generate the inflation now driving up costs for Americans on goods and services they use every day. More money for these agencies would also empower bureaucrats imposing regulations, which tend to inhibit economic activity and would aggravate our current difficulties. Yet Democrats are ready to do it again with the hope that this time will somehow yield better results.

In their proposed ban on so-called assault weapons, the Democrats are also ready to roll the dice again. The original ban was passed in 1994, thanks in part to the leadership of then-Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joe Biden and then-Congressman Chuck Schumer. It expired in 2004, having had little effect on crime rates.

Now, eighteen years after the expiration, Democrats want to reimpose the ban and have voted to do so in the House of Representatives. They acknowledge that the firearms which would fall under the ban are in common use, making the ban unconstitutional under the Supreme Court's ruling in District of Columbia v. Heller. Nevertheless, the left remains wedded to unconstitutional and ineffective restrictions on law-abiding gun owners.

At the southern border, the Biden Administration's decision to dismantle enforcement and stop work on the border wall created a crisis. More illegal immigrants have been encountered at the border this fiscal year than in any other on record, and the fiscal year does not even end until September 30.

Responding to the chaos caused by undoing border enforcement measures, the Biden Administration has chosen to . . . undo more border enforcement measures. They have announced an end to the Remain in Mexico policy that required asylum seekers to stay in that country while their claims are processed. The Administration had previously sought to end the policy but had been blocked by the courts. As illegal immigration and drug trafficking spiked in the meantime, they could have shelved this ill-considered repeal. Instead, President Biden once more doubles down.

In under two years of one-party rule at the federal level, Americans face soaring costs of living, restrictions on constitutional rights, a border out of control, and numerous other problems that would be alleviated if only Democrats recognized the harm their policies have inflicted and changed course. But they just can't walk away from the gaming table, no matter how much they lose. It's too bad we lose, too.

Be Afraid of Government Overreach

If you go to the IRS History.gov timeline, you will see that it erroneously states: "Taxation without representation was the seed of the American Revolution. Colonists rebelled against Britain's punitive taxes because they had no voice in parliament." Apparently, the author of this website didn't take time to read the Declaration of Independence, which enumerates 27 reasons why the Colonists needed to separate from Great Britain. Taxation without representation was more than half-way down the list, as grievance number 17.

That revelation doesn't lead us to depend on their accuracy or trust in administering their duties as a powerful bureaucratic arm of the federal government, does it?

For those of you who have strong feelings about the IRS (my Dad referred to it as the Infernal Revenue) here is a brief early history of the agency:

In 1787 when the Constitutional Convention convened, Congress was given "the power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States." Two years later, Congress established the Department of the Treasury and appointed Alexander

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Hamilton as the first Secretary.

Just seven-years after that, 75 whisky distillers challenged the revenue laws in what is referred to as The Whisky Rebellion. It cost the American taxpayers \$1.5 million for the IRS to prevail against average American citizens. To give you an idea of how the dollar has been devalued since then, \$100.00 in 1894 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$3,445.07 in 2022.

The War of 1812 caused considerable debt so Congress passed new internal taxes and reinstated the Commissioner of the Revenue to collect them. When the British attacked Washington, DC in 1814, they burned the Treasury building.

In what must have seemed like a Christ-

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Rich Lowery

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Joe Biden Still Isn't a Good President

Every dog has his day, and apparently so does every miserably inadequate president.

Joe Biden, who has been out-of-touch, tone-deaf and disturbingly incompetent from the outset of his presidency, suddenly has the "Big Mojo," or at least the "Moderate-Sized, This Isn't Quite the Legislative Debacle We Expected Mojo."

The climate and health care spending deal forged by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and longtime Democratic holdout Joe Manchin has revived talk in the media and among Democrats of Biden's transformative agenda -- if not quite FDR- or LBJ-level, substantial and to be reckoned with.

There's no doubt that Biden has spent a lot of money between the so-called \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package and now the \$700 billion in the latest bill.

It's also true that winning is better than losing; success is better than futility; and passing something is better than nothing.

The Schumer-Manchin bill, though, is a shadow of the original sprawling proposal that constituted nearly the entire progressive wish list, from free community college to universal pre-K to expanded parental leave, stuffed into one legislative casing.

The scaled-back version is a not particularly coherent combination of whatever Joe Manchin and his fellow resistant Democrat, Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, were willing to support.

Its claim to reduce inflation is a joke; its deficit reduction is back-loaded and has already been vitiated by other unpaid-for spending; its taxes will hit Americans earning less than \$400,000-a-year, despite Biden's promises; its electric car subsidies are frustrated by its own requirements that key components not come from China -- requirements that no car can currently meet.

The bill doesn't remove any of the doubts about Biden, whose main contribution to the process of cutting the deal was to stay out of the way.

Otherwise, the president still hasn't successfully made the public case for anything. Indeed, he has almost zero capacity for persuasion -- something that the White House clearly realizes and is reflected in his limited schedule and interactions with the press.

He's allowed the left to lead him around by the nose on most things, mouthing its lines about the Georgia voting law supposedly being "Jim Crow on steroids" and slamming the Supreme Court while on a trip overseas.

His agenda has been almost entirely removed from the concerns of ordinary Americans. The title of the new spending bill is a nod to inflation, but what it really offers Americans groaning under double-digit price increases in key goods is -- just what they need -- more solar panels and wind turbines.

Of course, Biden's first big achievement, the COVID bill, turned out to be most consequential for what it did to stoke an inflation that has disrupted the lives of much of the country and eroded its standard of living.

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Inflation reduction act won't

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

In January 1925, President Calvin Coolidge, addressed the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington. In his remarks, Coolidge said, "the chief business of the American people is business. They are profoundly concerned with producing, buying, selling, investing, and prospering in the world."

On Tuesday, President Biden returned from vacation to sign the misnamed "Inflation Reduction Act." He might as well have said in his mischaracterization of the legislation that the chief business of America is now government spending and increased debt.

The new law puts government ahead of business and diminishes the power of the individual in favor of the power of Washington. And it doesn't do what Biden and Democrats say it will do, particularly on inflation. The Penn Wharton Budget Model, a group of economists and data scientists at the University of Pennsylvania, concludes the law will have no impact when it comes to reducing inflation.

An analysis by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office finds that audits of taxpayers making under \$400,000 annually will account for about \$20 billion in revenue for the Inflation Reduction Act.

Republicans don't have clean hands when it comes to government spending, a leading cause of inflation. The national debt increased by \$7.8 trillion during the Trump administration. The last president to preside over surpluses was Bill Clinton, from 1998 to 2001. Part of that had to do with welfare reform, which resulted from cooperation between Clinton and Speaker Newt Gingrich. Such bipartisan ship appears to be long gone.

The federal government is taking in record amounts of revenue, but politicians can't control themselves when it comes to spending.

There is a certain elitism about this bill, as well as there is with many things that come from Washington. Government now sees itself as the primary provider of life's necessities. For many it has become a first resource, while in the Coolidge and earlier years it was a last resort. Credit, or blame, Franklin Roosevelt for expanding the role, reach and cost of government. Though some of his programs were necessary during the Depression, the idea of "entitlement" grew. Addictions, whether to substances, or government, are hard to break. Politicians know this, which is why trying to cut even the rate of increased spending for outdated programs is treated like taking away a child's favorite toy.

I am going to repeat a suggestion I have made before and maybe this time some legislators will pay attention. If Republicans regain control of at least the House of Representatives in November, they should commission an outside firm with no connection to a party or politician to conduct a complete audit of the federal government. Every program and agency that is not living up to its original purpose and can't be done better in the private sector should be eliminated. Businesses do this, or something similar. Only government seems to grow without end.

More spending, as in "The Inflation Reduction Act," won't reduce inflation, any more than drinking more alcohol leads to sobriety. But when Democrats are drunk on spending and power and too many Americans have an entitlement mentality, it doesn't appear either side is prepared to go cold turkey when it comes to spending.

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 mas present on December 23, 1817, Congress repealed all remaining internal taxes and abolished the position of the Commissioner of the Revenue and all offices that collected taxes.

On July 1, 1862, because of the cost of the Civil War, President Lincoln signed the second revenue measure of the Civil War into law. This law levied internal taxes and authorized a permanent internal tax system. Congress established the Office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue under the Department of the Treasury. In its first year, 1863, the Office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue collected \$39.1 million or the equivalent of \$917 million in 2022.

On February 25, 1913, the 16th Amendment granted Congress constitutional authority to levy taxes on corporate and individual incomes. The Bureau of Internal Revenue established a Personal Income Tax Division and Correspondence Unit and a special division within General Counsel to prepare opinions interpreting internal revenue laws.

On August 14, 1935, Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act. Employees originally paid one percent of the first \$3,000 of their salaries to finance the benefits. The law required a new system of tax withholding, which the Bureau of Internal Revenue had to collect and turn over to the Social Security Trust Fund. Currently, employers and employees each pay 6.2 percent of wages up to \$147,000 while the self-employed pay 12.4 percent.

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman called for the agency's reorganization, which officially became the Internal Revenue Service.

In 1998, (R-GA) Rob Woodall introduced a bill to repeal the Internal Revenue Code by 2002... and has introduced a bill every year since he entered Congress in 2011 to eliminate income taxes and abolish the IRS. Many taxpayers will remember the debates during the 2016 elections about a Flat Tax and reducing the IRS forms down to the size of a post card.

In 2016, the Republican Study Committee called for “the complete elimination of the IRS” but obviously, it never transpired.

On December 22, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed into law H.R. 1, known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the most significant piece of tax reform legislation in decades. IRS Form 1040 was streamlined into a shorter, simpler form; and IRS presence now was on Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

So, why should the average American citizen be afraid of the IRS? It was announced in a recent

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It is this failure, more than the border or Afghanistan, that has sent Biden below 40% approval in most polls. It's one thing to sag in popularity before a midterm election -- that's normal. It's quite another to convince most everyone in the country, including members of your own party, that you are unsuited to running for president again.

Only 18% of Americans in the latest Yahoo News/YouGov poll say that Biden should run for a second term. Just 29% of Biden voters are ready for him to suit up and ride again in 2024, an astonishing repudiation from people who presumably wish him well

press conference about the Inflation Reduction Act, that the IRS has been given \$79.6 billion to spend over the next 10-years and the addition of 87,000 new IRS agents. Although we are told the intent is to audit wealthy individuals and companies, there is great skepticism about the current administration's actual motives.

A former IRS lawyer, William Henck, recently stated that the government will target middle-income Americans with new audits under the Inflation Reduction Act.

“The idea that they’re going to open things up and go after these big billionaires and large corporations is quite frankly BS,” Henck told FOX Business in an interview. “It’s not going to happen. They’re going to give themselves bonuses and promotions and really nice conferences.”

A GOP House analysis believes that Americans with an annual income of less than \$75,000 would be subject to nearly 711,000 new IRS audits. By comparison, individuals making more than \$500,000 will receive about 95,000 additional audits as a result of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Remember the scandal in 2013 where it was discovered that the IRS more stringently scrutinized and subjected conservative groups filing for tax exempt status during a presidential election? Later in 2014, a Senate Subcommittee confirmed that the IRS used inappropriate, intrusive and burdensome criteria to target groups like the Tea Party. In fact, 83% of the groups being held up by the IRS were right-leaning or conservative; and could not accept donations until their tax exempt status was approved.

On May 25, 2015, the agency announced that over several months criminals had accessed the private tax information of more than 100,000 taxpayers and stolen about \$50 million in fraudulent returns. And by August, the IRS disclosed that an additional 220,000 taxpayer records were compromise and more than 700,000 Social Security numbers had been stolen. The Government Accountability Office had pointed out that some of the IRS systems were more than 50 years old and faced significant risks due to their reliance on legacy programming languages and outdated hardware.

Other actions that create concern began in October 2021, when Joe Biden asked Congress to authorize new bank surveillance measures of Americans and report to the IRS.

Additionally, on March 9th, Joe Biden signed an Executive order establishing digital currency. In part, this Executive order directs agencies to: “Explore a US Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) by placing urgency on research and development of a potential United States CBDC, should issuance be deemed in the national interest. The

Order also encourages the Federal Reserve to continue its research, development, and assessment efforts for a US CBDC, including development of a plan for broader US Government action in support of their work.” You can read the entire Executive order by going to [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov)

While there are positive aspects to the order, others have made negative comments about the expanse of it, indicating that it takes a “whole of government” approach, encompassing the Department of Justice, Department of State, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Director of National Intelligence, and the National Climate Advisor – agencies that may reflect Left-leaning agendas.

And then there is the Senate Bill 3571, Banking for All Act, that establishes digital dollar accounts at

Federal reserve banks. “The term ‘digital dollar wallet’ means a digital wallet or account, maintained by a Federal reserve bank on behalf of any person, for the purpose of holding digital dollar balances.” <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3571/text>

Does this mean that our monetary system is going digital, where the value and use of our money could be controlled by a federal agency? Comments include, “This would effectively give the government the ability to see everything you buy including where you are when you buy it. Law-abiding citizens should be concerned when the government feels the need to monitor your transaction.”

Earlier in 2022, Representative (FL) Matt Gaetz introduced a bill to disarm the IRS after the agency had drawn public attention for a \$700,000 purchase of ammunition. For what possible purpose would

the IRS need to purchase this much ammunition?

After learning of the administration's addition of 87,000 new IRS agents and \$79 billion in new funding which makes the IRS larger than the Pentagon, State Department, FBI and Border Patrol combined (quote by Sen. Marshall Blackburn); the agency's previous discriminatory actions toward conservative groups; directives of new bank surveillance measures toward US citizens; crossing over to digital currency; the large purchase of ammunition by the IRS; and a recent IRS job description which states in part "must be willing to work 50 hrs. per week, which may include irregular hours, and be on call 24/7, including holidays and weekends...and carry a firearm and be willing to use deadly force, if necessary," why wouldn't the average American be afraid of our government overreach?

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Christian school marks first day with ribbon cutting

By WILLIAM PAINE
For The Patriot

Monday, August 15 marked the first day of classes for the newly established Valley Harvest Christian School in Dublin, which offers instruction for students attending 1st through 10th grades. School Administrator Derek Burton and Lead Pastor Steve Willis, along with several members of the VHCS staff and all 35 new students, marked this auspicious occasion with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The campus of Valley Harvest Christian School is located on the church grounds of Valley Harvest Ministries in Dublin, where Willis has served as Pastor for more than a quarter century. This isn't the first time Willis has attended such an event. Before coming to Dublin, Willis took part in opening a Christian School when he served as an Associate Pastor in Ohio.

"We're excited about today," said Willis. "I think all of us came today with a lot of anticipation and maybe just a little



William Paine photo

Students and Staff at Valley Harvest Christian School take part in a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening day of Pulaski County's newest learning institution.

anxiety. We had high expectations because we worked hard all summer to get things ready. We spent quality time meeting and

interviewing parents and students and we were confident we were just going to have a great group of kids and families to work with this year."

The Valley Harvest Christian School staff has been busy readying the building for the inaugural school year. New learning "offices" were installed to provide each student with their own study area. Other furniture needed assembly and walls were given a fresh coat of paint.

The students, who range from 4 to 16 years in age, are divided into Upper and Lower Learning Centers, as is appropriate for their learning levels. A Supervisor, who answers questions regarding the subject matter, is assigned to each Learning Center. In addition, five Monitors will be on site to assist the Supervisors in their instruction, as well as answer questions the students may have about their lesson plan. The recently hired Physical Education teacher will visit the campus once a week and the janitorial staff has been expanded for daily cleaning with plans to do a deep cleaning of the facility at the end of every week.

School Administrator Derek Burton and his wife, Pastor Crys-

tal Burton plan to be available throughout the school day, as do Lead Pastor Steve Willis and his wife, Pastor Sheila Willis.

"I've been here all morning and honestly, I've been amazed at how well-behaved the kids have been," Willis enthused. "We're just encouraged that this is going to be a great year."

Students will attend classes from 8:30 till 3:30 Monday through Thursday. Valley Harvest Christian School will utilize the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) program of learning, which uses the Packet of Accelerated Christian Education (PACE) system.

"This week we're doing diagnostic assessments," Burton explained. "One of the big things with the ACE program is to tailor the education plan for each student in accordance with where they are in each subject. So, this week, we'll be doing the assessments. Next week, they'll start working through their curriculum. Then it is four days a week and then an occasional, usually about once a month, homeschool day."

This year's enrollment of thirty-five students means that that the Valley Harvest Christian School is at full capacity, but ex-

pansion is on the minds of the school's founders. Their intention is to offer 11th and 12th grade level classes in the coming years.

"We do have plans to expand again next year to a third Learning Center," said Burton. "So, we'll have the three Learning Centers along with additional staff and be able to take on more students. We're believing that next year we'll have over 50 students enrolled."

The students themselves seemed to be in fine spirits as they held the red ribbon for Monday's ceremony and accompanying photo. Their mood only improved afterwards, when cake was provided to celebrate the official opening of Dublin's new Christian school.

"I just want to thank the community and our church members and it's just been an overwhelming response of support," stated Burton. "Not only from our church family, but throughout the whole community and neighboring churches. With everybody really getting behind us and helping and supporting us and providing resources ... we've just been truly blessed."

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Biggest Fish

Talia Shaffer, 6 of Dublin was presented this fish mount by Pulaski County's Kids Fishing Day committee member Dan Olayvar and Virginia DWR Conservation Police Officer Ron Wood. Talia won the "Biggest Fish" contest at Camp Powhatan in Hiwassee during the annual Kids Fishing Day event held this past May. The reproduction mount has been donated and prepared every year by Outer Limits Taxidermy. Talia's winning trout weighed 5 pounds and was 24 inches long. Congratulations Talia!



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AG Miyares local officials revive TRIAD effort

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

According to current statistics, older Americans make up the fastest growing segment of the population and by 2025, twenty-five percent of Virginia's population will be age 60 or older. Because criminals find ways to prey on senior citizens, organizations have been developed to help educate, inform and protect this increasing segment of our population.

One such organization, TRIAD, was established in Louisiana in 1988 when caring individuals from three national organizations joined forces to cooperatively help protect the elderly. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) developed a TRIAD cooperative agreement. The term "triad" simply means a group or set of three connected people or things, such as the Trinity.

As other states became aware of TRIAD, they formed their own organizations. TRIAD was brought to Virginia in 1995 by Attorney General Jim Gilmore, who established a state TRIAD coordinating section in his office. Pulaski County originally established their TRIAD in 2016.

According to Lori Saul, Vice President of "Seniors and Law Enforcement Together" (SALT), TRIAD is run by a (20-member) SALT Council. The SALT Council develops, expands, and implements effective crime prevention and education programs for seniors. The Council also works to improve the overall quality of life for seniors in the community. She noted that the last agreement was signed in August 2016; and that the support organizations are very excited to be part of the signing of the reunification of the Pulaski County TRIAD agreement.

County agencies and volunteers held a Signing of the Cooperative Agreement for the Reunification of Pulaski County Triad on Thursday, August 11 at the historic Pulaski Train Station.

Virginia Attorney General Jason S. Miyares was present in Pulaski to reaffirm the cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies (Police, Fire and Sheriffs) as well as interested senior citizens and numerous senior organizations, to protect the elderly.

"Triad recognizes there is a problem and brings the very best of law enforcement, seniors, volunteers and agencies together to inform, educate and protect our most vulnerable population," stated Miyares. "It is particularly loathsome when we see predators taking advantage of our senior citizens," he added.

Miyares, whose family escaped from Communist Cuba, recalled how his mother was able to vote for her son when he ran for the Virginia House of Delegates in 2015. Additionally, he is the first Cuban-American elected as Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Miyares continued, "The recent phenomenon that has taken place in the last 50-years is the sense that we no longer honor or trust our senior citizens. Any other culture around the world reveres their seniors because they have a lot of knowledge. Seek the wisdom of those who have gone before you — seek out that knowledge. Age gives you perspective."



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

Flanked by local Pulaski law enforcement agency members, senior citizen advocate organizations and senior citizens, Jason S. Miyares, Attorney General of Virginia, addressed the importance of protecting our most vulnerable population - senior citizens. Signing the Reunification of Pulaski County TRIAD Cooperative Agreement took place on Thursday, August 11th at the Pulaski Train Station. More than 75-people were in attendance to support the initiative to protect senior citizens from individuals who would take advantage by fraud, scams offering subscriptions, asking for charitable donations, TV shopping tricks and sweetheart offers.

He also noted that there is a lack of gratitude for law enforcement on a national level, stating "We are a good, decent and noble country where people commit hours of volunteering and donations to help others. When we recognize a need, we roll up our sleeves and get to work."

At this point, Miyares acknowledged members of the Pulaski County Hearts Behind the Badge non-profit organization whose mission is community support and support of law enforcement officers and their families.

Sonia Ramsey, Community Resource Specialist for the Pulaski Police Department, discussed the most prevalent crimes against senior citizens including fraud and elder abuse.

"Keeping the elderly safe is a high priority in Pulaski County," said Ramsey.

"Over \$3 billion in lost funds and 369,000 reported instances of fraud occurred in Virginia. Only one in 44 incidents are reported. Predators get information from sources like the obituaries, but nine out of 10 are not strangers to the victim. These include scams offering subscriptions, asking for charitable donations, TV shopping tricks and sweetheart offers. Elder abuse can be physical, psychological or sexual in nature. One in 10 elderly are abused and nine of the 10 abuses are perpetrated by family or caregivers," she explained.

Janet Brennend, Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Elder Abuse Prevention Specialist with the New River Valley Agency on Aging, provided closing remarks. She extended deepest appreciation to Miyares and his staff, community leaders, special guests and senior citizens for being present in the relaunching of our area TRIAD.

Brennend summed up the prevailing feelings of the TRIAD reunification participants: "As we close out today's ceremony, we reaffirm our commitment toward strengthening the relationships between our law enforcement agencies, our senior citizens, and community-based organizations serving our seniors in our endeavor to make our communities safer for our senior population. We reaffirm our dedicated efforts to reduce and eliminate crimes against our seniors by enhancing community

outreach, education, fostering collaborations within our communities and supporting crime prevention initiatives."

For those interested in further involvement with TRIAD, you can Register for TRIAD 2022 Conference, being held October 4 – 6 at Great Wolf Lodge. Reservations must be made before midnight on September 3rd.

Call 1-800-551-9653 and ask for group code TRIAD2022. Additional TRIAD information can be found at: <https://www.oag.state.va.us/programs-initiatives/triad-seniors>

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Sen. Hackworth visits county's Innovation Center in Fairlawn

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After meeting with Lydia Gilmer, and seeing the 50,000 square foot center, the Senator praised the center as a model that needs to be duplicated throughout Southwest Virginia.

Senator Hackworth stated that, "I was so impressed with the great incubator concept at the Pulaski County Innovation Center. The Innovation Center is home to 40 tenants across a variety of industry and retail sectors, including the Small Business Solutions Department which provides one-on-one advising services to all businesses and startups. Entrepreneurship is the seed of economic growth, and Pulaski County embraces their small businesses. The future is strong for this vibrant community."

The Center offers an array of office spaces, manufacturing bays, and office suits to meet the needs of the local business community. In addition to conference and co-working space for tenants and local organizations, it is home to Pulaski County's Small Business Solutions Department.

This office provides a creative space to conceptualize and actualize potential business ideas, explore new possibilities, and find solutions for any business challenges that arise along the way of strategic planning.

Senator Hackworth stated that, "Every county needs an Innovation Center and the foresight of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors along county leadership and staff enables Pulaski County to be a step ahead. Relocating the Pulaski County Chamber to the center provides additional collaboration with small businesses and every business in the center is a member of the Pulaski County Chamber."



Pictured: Pulaski County BOS member Jeff Reeves, Lydia Gilmer, Grange Newton, Senator Travis Hackworth, Sean Oliver, Pulaski County BOS, Chair, Laura Walters and Pulaski County Administrator Jonathan Sweet.

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Federal Government Rescue Plan Act	\$4,520,460
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All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed budget amendment should appear at the Town Council Meeting or to submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing.

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JULY 29, 2022

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Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will consider the applications as listed below at the scheduled monthly meeting. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

A) SUP Permit Application submitted by Helios Solar, LLC to allow a Solar Farm located at Tax Map 091-001-0000-0092 at 3063 Lomans Ferry Road, Draper District.

Comments may be presented orally, or in writing, prior to the meeting or in person at the public hearing. Information regarding the matter(s) referenced above is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Community Development Department, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

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One Heart and One Soul

There are two roads. The strait and narrow way and the broad way. We can't be on both roads at the same time. It's either one or the other. There is a destination at the end of each road. One road leads to an eternal home in Heaven; and the other road leads to destruction in a Devil's Hell.

When the word "world" in the bible is used in a spiritual sense, it is speaking of the sinful world of ungodly pleasures; and disregard for God and others.

2nd Cor. 6: 17, 18 says. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

This means that we are to separate ourselves from the works and workers of iniquity. God inhabits His people thought His Spirit, but the Holy Spirit cannot and will not inhabit anyone who has concord with the Sinful world and the Devil.

We cant have one foot in the world and the other foot in the Kingdom of God, they separate themselves from God, and from God's promises and blessings. God's promises are conditional. Conditioned upon our obedience to Him. If we're not living for God, then we have no claim whatsoever on His promises or blessings.

Adam Clarke says: "Those who would have the promises of God fulfilled to them must come under the conditions of these promises: if they are not separate; if they touch the unclean thing; God will not receive them; and therefore will not be their God, nor shall they be his people."

Jesus will not share the throne of our heart with the world.

Some separate themselves from the world and dress in simple clothing that reflects a devotion to traditional ways. They do it as a sign of their faith. I have no problem with that. If that is what they believe in their hearts, then that is what they should do.

It's not how short or how long we wear our hair that will get us to heaven. It's not how we dress that makes us holy. Holiness is living up to the standards that God has set for us in His word.

We should dress decently and will dress decently if we have a true and living faith in God. But it takes more than the clothing we choose to put on, or how we wear our hair to be holy unto the Lord and to make us ready for heaven. What is going to get us unto heaven is that we have a saving relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Savior.

When our desires don't line up with the desires of others, we have conflict. When we love the world more than we love God, there is conflict. James 4: 1-3. "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not; ye kill and desire to have and cannot obtain: Ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

James is not just condemning differences of opinion. All of us have differences of opinion on some things. Not on what

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the word of God says, because we shouldn't have any differences of opinion on what the word of God says. It says what it says, and it means what it says. Maybe some think the Church should be decorated one way and others may want it decorated another way. Things like these are merely differences of opinion and it's not sinful, unless it causes us to fall out with one another over it.

James is not just speaking of having differences of opinion. He is addressing conflicts within the Church. He is teaching that true Christians do not fight against one another. One man said, "If I had wanted to fight I would have joined the Army."

Paul also preached against conflicts going on in the Church. He said in 1 Cor. 1:10, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

Instead of fighting with one another, the bible says that we are to live at peace with one another, insofar as it is possible. Romans 12:18 says, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Now granted, it may not always be possible but as far as our part goes, we should do all that we can to live at peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are supposed to be fore-bearing one another in love, and not wounding one another. Jesus taught that love is the Mark of a Disciple. By this shall all men know that ye are My Disciples IF you have love one to another. John 13:35

A life lived for worldly pleasure is a most unsatisfying life. The most satisfying life anyone can ever live is a life lived for God. There's nothing else as satisfying as knowing that we're saved and on our way to heaven. Being saved is a blessed life. It's a wonderful life. It's an abundant life. Being saved is the best thing that can ever happen to anyone.

The Early Church grew by leaps and bounds because they were "Of ONE HEART AND OF ONE SOUL." Acts 4:32

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Eutychus in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Who sent word to Pontius Pilate to leave Jesus alone after having a dream about Him? Servant, Soldier, Pilate's wife, Priest

3. From Zechariah 1, what type of tree surrounded a man on a red horse? Fig, Cedar, Sycamore, Myrtle

4. According to Romans 11, whose loss meant riches for the Gentiles? Caesar, Lucifer, Israel, Syria

5. In Genesis 25, what was the name of Isaac's older half-brother? Noah, Ishmael, Ezekiel, Micah

6. Who had a miraculous well open up to him after battle? Samson, David, Aaron, Uriah
ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Pilate's wife, 3) Myrtle, 4) Israel, 5) Ishmael, 6) Samson

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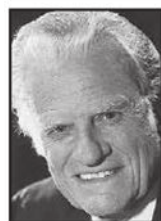
From the writings of the Rev.
Billy Graham

Q: There is so much talk about the world coming to an end: that the conditions are ripe for the final war that brings about destruction. Why does this narrative crop up when a war breaks out? - R.W.

A: The Bible speaks a great deal about the end of the world. It doesn't mean an end to life, but it means the end of a world that has been dominated by evil. Scripture tells us that the present evil world system will pass away and come

to a climactic, dramatic end. We are also told that Jesus Christ will come again and that He will set up a Kingdom of righteousness and social justice where hatred, greed, jealousy, war, and death will no longer be known. This is called the Kingdom of God.

Jesus did not engage in fantasy. He was not given to terror tactics. He was Truth and Veracity personified. He indicated that when we see certain things come to pass, be assured that the end is near. He indicated that only those who have spiritual discernment, given by the



My
Answer

Billy Graham

Holy Spirit, can understand the trends and meanings of history.

God's Word plainly says that certain conditions will prevail just before the end. The Bible says there will be knowledge without wisdom. Today there is more

knowledge about everything than at any other time in history. There is more knowledge crammed into our heads than at any time the world has ever known, but our hearts are empty.

People live only for pleasure, never considering what life is really all about. Difficulty causes us to think about what is important. Time is running out for people to get right with God. The Bible says, "Prepare to meet your God" (Amos 4:12). Do not delay.

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

FAC for NRV produces another successful Rhythm and Ribs

By WILLIAM PAINE
For The Patriot

Jackson Park in Pulaski was alive with activity this past Saturday, Aug. 13, as hundreds of music and art lovers streamed into the Rhythm and Ribs Fest, sponsored by the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley.

This year's Rhythm and Ribs, the first since 2019, featured musical acts from all over the area including Nu Blu (North Carolina), Virginia Hollow (Floyd), The Thrillbillyz (Roanoke) and The Kind (Christiansburg/Roanoke). The music started playing at 11 a.m. Saturday morning and continued until 10 o'clock that evening.

In the early afternoon, between professional music acts, the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPeJAM) performed several traditional and a couple of not so traditional acoustic songs for those attending the event.

As the name implies, there were several vendors of BBQ ribs provided for event goers including Waskey's Smoked Meats, Bowman's Butts and Bootleg BBQ. Several other vendors were present as well, selling

woodcraft, textiles, glassware and other handmade items.

The Fine Arts Center served up beer and wine and provided art and crafts tables for adults and the younger set to enjoy. GRAPeJAM set up an adjacent table and signed up three more music students for their upcoming Autumn semester, though there is plenty of space available for more students to enter the program.

Rhythm and Ribs was the largest scale event to occur in Jackson Park this year and the first big event for newly appointed Director of the FAC, Becky Lattuca.

"I personally heard repeatedly from artists, food vendors and attendees that they had no idea Pulaski was such a cool little town," stated Lattuca, "I can't begin to thank the food vendors, the artists selling their wares, GRAPeJAM students and instructors, all of the other musicians, the center's board of directors or our ACCE volunteers enough! We are so grateful to the Town of Pulaski for the use of Jackson Park for this family-friendly event. Throughout the day, the general mood was one of sheer joy from each and every person I encountered — which I see as a true measure of our success!"



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As the day progressed into the evening, the crowds grew larger for the Rhythm and Ribs event.

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Cougar Football set to begin its 49th year



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

The 2022 edition of the Pulaski County High School Cougars

By MASON CLARK
The Patriot

A Q&A With Coach Cam Akers

For the forty-ninth year, Cougar Football is upon us. Summer is coming to a close, school is now back in session, and the marching band, volleyball, football and cross country teams are hard at work preparing for the season. In just a few short days, fifty-six young men, wearing the

iconic gold helmets, will descend the 63 steps down to the surface of Joel Hicks Field. “2001” will be playing as they enter the stadium and touch the Cougar statue before 48 minutes of the county’s favorite sport.

Nothing brings Pulaski Coun-

ty together like Cougar Football does.

The hope in Cougarland is that the 2022 season will be better. The 2021 season was not what we wanted, as we finished 4-6, our first losing season since 2014. Riddled with the injuries of some eighteen starters missing time at some point in the season, as well

as a very youthful team due to a small senior class, the 2021 team struggled, particularly down the stretch. We suffered the biggest home loss in school history against Salem, allowed the most points at home in school history against Graham, and allowed 305 points, the third highest total in school history.

Mason Clark to cover Cougar Football for The Patriot in 2022

Introducing our Cougar football writer for this season, Mason Clark.

Mason is a 2018 graduate of Pulaski County High School and a former Cougar football player. He lives in Snowville, and has attended New River Community College and is now entering his senior year at Radford University.

Mason plans to be a history teacher, and this year is his student teaching year.

Mason’s parents are Ross and Regina Clark and he has a brother, Ryan.

He enjoys long distance running, working out, and spending time with family and friends.

Clark also operates the Facebook page “Pulaski County Cougar Football.”

He is excited to cover Cougar football this year, and we’re happy to have him writing for **The Patriot!**



Follow Mason’s coverage of Cougar Football each week of the 2022 season in **The Patriot**.

But sometimes, in both football and life, rock bottom episodes such as those teach you lessons the mountaintop never could.

Leading the Cougars will be Cam Akers, in his first season at the helm. At 32, Akers is the youngest head football coach in PCHS history. He is going into his second year overall back home in Pulaski County, and his eleventh year in coaching on the gridiron.

Here’s a look at some questions I recently asked him, and the answers he gave.

Q1. Being a former Cougar and PCHS alum yourself, how does it feel to be back home and to lead the program you once played for?

A1. It’s exciting, and I am very blessed to get to come back

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Cougar Offense: Here comes the ‘flexbone’

By MASON CLARK
The Patriot

Perhaps the most noticeable change this fall for Pulaski County will be that we will not be running the spread-RPO scheme that we have run under recently retired coach Mark Dixon. We will run the flexbone offense, which is designed to put defenders into conflict, force the defense to play disciplined football, and stresses teamwork, execution, and selflessness.

You don’t see this offense much anymore with the pass-happy offenses that are popular today, outside of the likes of Army, Navy and Air Force. For those Cougar fans who support the Hokies or Hoos on Saturdays, they saw the offense run – and executed well – by the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets for a decade when led by Paul Johnson. It will be a drastic change, but if executed it can be one of the toughest offenses to play against for a defense.

Chris Gallimore (6’2” 182 pounds) will be under center for the Cougars this fall. The rising junior returns after starting six games last fall, passing for 767 yards and 9 touchdowns and rushing for two more. His role in this offense will obviously be different, but Cougar fans can be confident in #14.

At fullback or “superback” as it’s known in flexbone terms, will be Trevor Burton. The 5’11” 185-pound senior is coming off an outstanding junior season, rushing for over 1,000 yards despite missing some of the Northside game from running back and all of the James Wood game. Burton

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here to my home. My blood is here, I grew up here, played my rec league ball here and played for the Cougars. I also know just how much Cougar football means to so many people in the community. But I’m also excited to be leading our young men. I believe football is a great institution for young men. It challenges them in a variety of ways that will directly translate to life, far beyond their playing days. Of course, we want to be the best football team we can be, but we also really emphasize that our young men are great young men when they leave our program.”

Q2. With us running the flexbone offense this season, it’s a pretty rare scheme today with pass-happy offenses being popular across all levels of football. How did you end up believing in this offense and it’s philosophy when it’s less common today?”

A2: “It really all began when I was playing for Coach (Jack) Turner in high school. We began running some sets with 2 split ends/wide receivers, which is similar to what we do now in a lot of our formations. Then I remember when I was younger, I got into watching the lesser watched channels on Saturdays watching college football, and watching Army, Navy and Air Force. So, when I got the job at Auburn in 2016, I wanted to be flexbone and wing-T mix, and it didn’t work too good. So, I decided to go full into the flexbone. I developed a relationship with Scott Dietrich, who was a coach who ran the flexbone offense in Louisiana and won multiple state championships with it. I learned a lot from him, and also was able to make the offense more high school-friendly. It’s an offense that takes time, that you have to get good at executing, and we’re obviously not there yet, but it’s a work in progress and the effort has been there from our young men.”

Q3. Tell us how you went from a 2008 PCHS graduate to the head coach here in 2022. Take us on your journey to this point.

A3: “A big part of it has been relationships and learning from many different people. I learned so much from Coach Turner as both a player and a coach, and I also did from coaches from the area who have had lots of suc-



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Head Coach Cam Akers and his starting quarterback, Chris Gallimore.

cess such as Tim Cromer (Christiansburg head coach from 2002-2016), Winfred Beale (current head coach at Floyd County, and has been there since 1981), and coached under former head coach Mark Dixon. Being around the right people has really helped me. I’m really blessed and excited.

Junior Tyler Underwood also

could see time behind the quarterback, and sophomore Trevor Gallimore has looked very good thus far as well. All of them run hard, embrace contact and will be coming downhill every single snap.

At slotbacks or “a-backs” as they’re called will be different combinations of Zach Parker (6’ 148), Brett Jones (5’10” 161), Taner Mace (6’ 139), and Trey Landreth (6’1 165). Most of these guys saw most of their time on the defensive side of the ball last season, but now will be called upon to run the ball and, when needed, catch the ball too. All of them are fast, have good hands and are versatile players, as this is likely the most versatile position in the offense. Expect these guys to be big parts of the offense.

Lining up out wide will usually

be Davis Neel and Marcus Reid. Neel is a 6’4” 204-pound transfer from North Carolina who will be a good blocker, but has also shown his ability to catch the football, catching an over-the-shoulder touchdown against Franklin County. Reid is also a good-looking receiver, also standing 6’4” and weighing 193 pounds. He also is a good blocker and can catch the ball well too. The Cougars will not pass the ball much, but when we do, expect deep shots with these two. They won’t catch as many passes as some receivers have in recent seasons, but the ones they do will really count.

But no group for the Cougars in 2022 will be depended upon more than the offensive line. For at least the time being, at left tackle is se-

nior Evan Alger (6’3 197), the left guard is sophomore Aiden Moore (5’10 246), the center is sophomore Nolan Dalton (6’2 263), the right guard is senior Diego Turner (5’10 219), and right tackle is sophomore Hunter Hill (5’11 197).

Alger and Turner bring a lot of experience to a rather young, but talented group. Improving each day in practice and each week will be crucial for the offensive line, but the effort is there. Many who have been around football make no mistake about it: the linemen don’t get the glamour and glory that some positions do, but they are the most important group on the field. Akers also emphasizes that competing is a big part of the program and that position battles are very much still going on.

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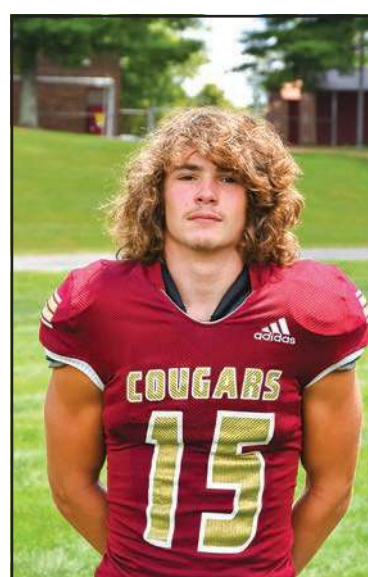
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Area High School Football Schedules

Pulaski County Cougars

Aug. 26 - Northside
Sept. 2 - Tennessee
Sept. 8 - Thursday @ Bluefield
Sept. 16 - Open
Sept. 24 - Saturday @ Cave Spring
Sept. 30 - Hidden Valley
Oct. 7 - @ Salem
Oct. 14 - Blacksburg (HC)
Oct. 20 - Thursday @ Graham
Oct. 28 - Patrick Henry
Nov. 4 - @ Christiansburg

Radford Bobcats

Aug. 25 - Thurs. @ Geo. Wythe
Sept. 2 - Gate City
Sept. 9 - Fort Chiswell
Sept. 16 - @ Galax
Sept. 23 - Christiansburg
Sept. 30 - @ Alleghany
Oct. 7 - @ Carroll Co.
Oct. 14 - Open
Oct. 21 - @ Floyd Co.
Oct. 28 - Glenvar
Nov. 4 - James River

Fort Chiswell Pioneers

Aug. 26 - Rural Retreat
Sept. 2 - @ Geo. Wythe
Sept. 9 - @ Radford
Sept. 16 - Floyd Co.
Sept. 23 - Giles
Sept. 30 - @ Auburn
Oct. 7 - Galax
Oct. 14 - Open
Oct. 21 - Grayson Co.
Oct. 28 - @ Tazewell
Nov. 4 - Open

Giles Spartans

Aug. 26 - @ Blacksburg
Sept. 2 - Galax
Sept. 9 - George Wythe
Sept. 16 - @ Narrows
Sept. 23 - @ Fort Chiswell
Sept. 30 - Open
Oct. 7 - North Cross
Oct. 14 - Grayson County
Oct. 21 - James River
Oct. 28 - @ Auburn
Nov. 4 - @ Glenvar

Auburn Eagles

Aug. 26 - @ Narrows
Sept. 2 - Craig County
Sept. 9 - @ Floyd County
Sept. 16 - Eastern Montgomery
Sept. 23 - Open
Sept. 30 - Fort Chiswell
Oct. 7 - @ Grayson County
Oct. 14 - Bland County
Oct. 21 - Galax
Oct. 28 - Giles
Nov. 4 - @ George Wythe

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PCHS introduces new athletic ticket sales platform

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help fans navigate on-line ticket purchases. PCHS will continue to sell tickets at the gate for those that prefer cash sales.

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Grade	#	Last Name	First Name	Height	Weight
9	1	Carrasco	Sammy	5'5	130
9	11	Nottingham	Bryant	6'0	145
9	16	Hatch	Kaden	5'9	136
9	20	Boone	Cole	5'11	129
9	28	King	Chase	5'10	158
9	33	Hill	Roshawn	5'5	141
9	30	Boone	Skylor	5'10	160
9	44	Lyman	Glenel	5'6	94
9	53	Goodman	Ayden	5'10	174
9	55	David	Fagg	6'2	286
9	62	Martin	Ryan	6'0	186
9	66	Ratcliffe	Blake	5'11	200
9	68	Worley	Kaden	6'1	223
9	71	Thompson	Savion	5'10	175
9	72	Dummonds	Aden	6'3	216
9	72	Ledbetter	Damien	5'7.5	181
9	74	Martignoni	Antonio	5'10	223
9	76	Powell	Jack	5'8	171
9	79	Kaul	Rohan	6'3	284
9	81	Brooks	Zion	6'1	153
10	4	Mace	Taner	6'0	139
10	22	Gallimore	Trevor	5'11	169
10	25	Lawrence	Chase	5'11	156
10	26	Warden	Alex	5'8	133
10	57	Hill	Hunter	5'11	197
10	58	Moore	Aiden	5'10	246
10	61	Lytton	Gavin	5'8	149
10	70	Hinkley	Noah	5'9	228
10	75	Clarke	Ethan	6'2	211
10	78	Dalton	Nolan	6'2	263
11	5	Landreth	Trey	6'1	165
11	6	Underwood	Tyler	6'1	188
11	10	Reed	Marcus	6'4.5	193
11	14	Gallimore	Chris	6'2	182
11	15	Jones	Brett	5'10	161
11	23	Midkiff	Parker	6'0	165
11	24	Woolwine	Nicholas	6'0	170
11	34	Tickle	Ethan	5'11	180
11	40	Webb	Hayden	5'10	160
11	50	Allen	Jack	6'1	212
11	51	Umberger	Duncan	5'7	223
11	60	Malott	Austin	5'10	208
12	3	Burton	Trevor	5'11	185
12	7	Huff	Zachary	5'10	131
12	8	Parker	Zach	6'0	148
12	9	Neel	Davis	6'4	204
12	17	Hanks	Alex	6'3.5	172
12	18	Robinson	KJ	6'3	178
12	19	O'Neil	Kyle	6'1	150
12	21	Pratt	Nathan	5'10	146
12	52	Turner	Diego	5'10	219
12	54	Fernandez	Alan	5'10	208
12	63	Wines	Sean	6'2	219
12	64	Wright	Trevor	6'0	324
12	65	Alger	Evan	6'3	197
12	85	Fahmi	Mohamed	6'1	212



Rohan Kaul



Roshawn Hill



Ryan Martin



Savion Thompson





Skylor Boone



Taner Mace



Trevor Burton



Trevor Gallimore



Trevor Wright



Tyler Underwood



Zach Parker



Zion Brooks



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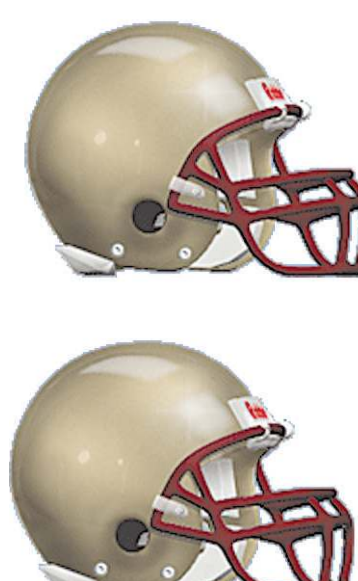
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Cougar Defense: A lot of experience returns

By MASON CLARK
The Patriot

Rob Colley will lead the Pulaski County defense, as he enters his ninth season on staff here at PCHS. Most of the starters from 2021 return, as well as many players who saw significant playing time. This provides the Cougars with lots of returning experience, which will be welcomed against a schedule that includes a lot of very good offenses with very good players.

We will be operating out of a 3-4 defense, which means we have three defensive linemen, four linebackers, and four defensive backs. It's one of the more versatile defenses, which is good considering the wide variety of offenses we will see.

The weak side defensive end will be Diego Turner, who is entering his third season as a starter. At nose guard will be senior Alan Fernandez (5'10 208), and the strong side defensive end is rising junior Jack Allen (6'1 212). This group will probably see some teams bigger than them up front, but that's never stopped them from getting into the backfield and wreaking havoc for the opposition.

Moving back to the second level, the strong-side linebacker will be Trevor Burton, entering year three as a starter. The two inside linebackers are senior Evan Alger and junior Tyler Underwood (6'1 188), both returning starters who had good seasons last year as well. Then the weak side linebacker will be junior Nicholas Woolwine (6' 170). He doesn't talk much, but



Antonio Nottingham/The Patriot
The Cougar defense swarms a Hidden Valley ball carrier for little or no gain during the two teams' game last season. The Titans could only manage 88 yards of rushing against the Cougar D. The Cougars will be hoping for more such performances this season.

he does really well. Some coaches even call him "the silent assassin."

In the secondary, senior Zach Parker returns after starting last year and will be the only senior

starter in the secondary. At the other cornerback will be junior Trey Landreth. Junior Brett Jones returns after starting as a sophomore in 2021 and recording an interception, and sophomore Taner

Mace will also be at safety after starting as a freshman last season, one of the only freshmen to ever start in the secondary at PCHS.

Historically when Pulaski County struggles, it is usually

when the defense struggles a bit more, and that was the case down the stretch last season. Obviously, the injuries we encountered didn't help anything, but the defense will still be asked to do better this year. And based on practices and on the road at Franklin County last Friday, it does appear to have been a lot better.

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Marcell Baylor rushed for 104 yards and scored 3 of the Bobcats touchdowns. The senior receiver and Virginia Tech commit returns for Radford this season.

Radford’s Crist says Bobcats are focused on themselves

By RODNEY YOUNG
For The Patriot

The Radford Bobcats, under second-year head coach Michael Crist went 8-4 in his first year. They made the playoffs in 2021, but saw their season come to an end in the Class 2 Region C semi-finals versus Appomattox.

Coach Crist has all his coaching staff returning. Coaches Josh Woods, Roger Hollins, Josh Smith, D. J. Baylor, Zach Landis, and Ike Dobson. In fact, athletic trainer Andrew Waff and video coordinator Doug Kanipe are also back. The continuity of the program is evident.

This year’s edition of the Bobcats will look to replace last years’ 11 seniors. Radford will have 14 seniors on this team and have had 49 kids out practicing.

Coach Crist said, “The kids have had a good off season. They have hit the weight room and we are focusing on getting better every day.”

Crist was then asked about this time last year when he was new and he remarked, “The kids know me better and I know them better. The coaches already knew them when I accepted this job, and the coaches made it easier for me. The kids and assistants know what I’m looking to do on the practice and football fields, a lot better and more familiar than at this time last year.”

“Last year these kids bought into what we wanted to do, and it made us successful,” said Coach Crist.

This year the Bobcats will need to replace good talent as names like Dobson, Wesley-Bruback, Hamblin and Grayson are all gone.

The Bobcats will be a spread team on offense.

“We need to find out what makes us successful,” said Crist. “The scrimmage and benefit game will be two weeks of evaluations for us.”

Some players to watch on offense will be quarterback Landon Clark. He’s a 6-0, 165 junior. Wide receiver and Virginia Tech commit Marcell Baylor is a senior who is 6-3, 195. Another wide receiver will be senior Parker Prioleau, who’s 5-8 and 145. Runningback David Woodward is a 6-0, 175 senior. Others to watch on offense will be Max Kanipe, T. J. Aursby and Ethan Brown. The offensive line is anchored by senior center Andrew Moore and junior guard Charlie Davis. Moore is 6-3, 265 and Davis is 5-11, 215.

On defense Radford will mainly be 3-5-3.

Coach Crist said, “We will be aggressive and our secondary will be multiple.”

The defensive line will see Moore, Brandon Thompson and Ricky Bailey anchoring the line, along with others. Thompson is a 6-3, 195 junior, while Bailey is a 6-1, 220 junior. Kanipe, Davis



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot
T. J. Aursby catches a pass and scrambles to the 1 yard line setting up another Bobcat touchdown last season against George Wythe.

and Zeb Martin will see the most action, and all three are juniors. The secondary will see Baylor, Prioleau and Clark getting the most time.

“We have some depth at spots and others will see action on both defense and offense,” said Crist.

Radford’s schedule will see them playing George Wythe, Gate City, Fort Chiswell, Galax and Christiansburg. Their district slate will see them take on Alleghany, Carroll County on the road with home games against Floyd, Glenvar and James River. Galax, Christiansburg and Glenvar all defeated the Bobcats last season.

Coach Crist was asked about his schedule and he replied, “I’m only focusing on us and us getting better every day. We have lots of room for improvement and getting a base for us to get better.”

Glenvar, Galax, Christiansburg, George Wythe, Gate City and Floyd should be tough games. James River is always competi-

tive, as is Fort Chiswell and Carroll County.

Alleghany is in their last year as they will combine with Covington next year and the two will become Alleghany Highlands. As of this writing they will move to Class 3.

Finally Coach Crist remarked, “We have some depth in spots. We lost some really good kids. There are opportunities and we got to focus on us. We have to take care of us. We’re working on fundamentals and we have a lot of work to do.”

Radford, as with lot of teams, needs to stay healthy. Some good luck and some good breaks are always helpful. As with lots of teams, the harder you work the luckier you get. The Bobcats are more seasoned that last year’s team. They are quick, athletic and talented.

This will be a season to watch and with some good luck, lots of work and focus this could be an interesting football season at Radford. Time will tell!

Schedule

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Northside and they return 17 of their 22 starters from an 8-4 team last year. This is a team that many think, myself included, will win the River Ridge District this year. They have so much size, speed and talent. But a lot can happen on a football field.

GAME TEN

And finally, we will travel to Christiansburg to take on the Blue Demons. Alex Wilkins has done a

great job building their program, going from 0-10 in 2017 to 10-2 last season, losing on a controversial call to Lord Botetourt. We lead the series all-time at 15-8, but they were able to snap a six-game win streak for us last year in the last game, beating us 41-28. The Demons would surprise many if they were quite that good again, but they are expected to be a really good team this fall. This game will be November 4th at 7:00.

Radford Bobcats Roster

Name	Position	Grade	Height	Weight
1 Sincere Taylor	QB/WR/DB	10	5'9	156
2 Ethan Brown	WR/DB	12	5'8	155
3 Jaden Hendricks	WR/DB	9	5'11	154
4 Xavier Joplin	RB/OLB	10	5'7	135
5 Parker Prioleau	WR/DB	12	5'7	140
6 Couper Doyle	WR/DB	11	6'0	170
7 Landon Clark	QB/DB	11	6'0	178
8 Marcell Baylor	QB/DB	12	6'3	192
9 Evan Rupe	K	12	6'2	175
10 T.J. Aursby	WR/OLB	12	6'2	184
11 Hutson Walsh	QB/WR/DB	10	5'10	143
12 Jay Clark	WR/DB	12	5'6	138
13 Luke Woodard	WR/OLB	10	6'1	165
14 Cole Martin	QB/LB	9	5'10	137
15 Owen Dunn	RB/LB	12	5'10	185
18 Max Kanipe	QB/OLB	11	6'1	174
19 Colton Pyne	WR/LB	12	5'10	173
21 David Woodward	RB/OLB	12	6'	170
22 Sam Khandan-Barani	RB/LB	10	5'10	160
24 Tanner Lester	WR/OLB	12	5'9	147
27 Junior Lester	WR/DB	12	6'2	160
28 Bryant Weaver	WR/DB	10	5'7	115
31 Brice Wall	RB/LB	11	5'7	143
33 Alex Roberson	WR/DB	11	5'9	145
36 Caleb Viars	WR/DB	10	5'6	164
40 Javiar Wade	WR/DB	10	5'11	140
44 Ricky Bailey	RB/DL	11	6'1	220
45 Koreyan Ferguson	RB/LB	10	5'11	180
50 Zeb Martin	OL/DL	11	6'3	211
51 Ri Abercrombie	OL/DL	9	5'11	207
52 Charlie Davis	OL/DL	11	5'11	213
54 Kemper Marion	OL/DL	9	5'6	260
55 Brandon Thompson	OL/DL	11	6'3	194
56 J.D. Garner-Rollins	OL/LB	10	5'10	231
57 Jordan Moore	OL/DL	12	5'11	288
59 Dawson Martin	OL/DL	11	6'	198
60 Andrew Moore	OL/DL	12	6'3	264
65 Noah Austin-Pleasant	OL/DL	10	5'9	240
68 Eric Thompson	OL/DL	9	5'9	250
70 Daniel Nealey	OL/DL	11	6'	189
72 Zakk Matthews	OL/DL	11	6'0	267
74 Jackson Wade	OL/DL	10	5'11	234
78 Zach Terry	K	10	6'	153
79 Nathan Taylor	OL/DL	11	5'11	207
80 Isiah Austin	WR/DB	11	5'11	178
82 Justin Frisby	WR/DB	11	5'10	161
85 Eli Long	WR/DB	10	5'9	152
86 Connor Young	WR/DB	10	6'0	170
88 Draysin Hargro	WR/OLB	12	6'	142
2 Luke Woodard	WR/DB	9	6'	130
3 Couper Doyle	WR/DB	10	6'1	136
4 Xavier Joplin	RB/OLB	9	5'5	124
6 Sincere Taylor	QB/DB	9	5'9	146
8 Taylor Stammersky	WR/DB	9	5'9	137
14 Brice Wall	WR/DB	10	5'8	139
33 Javir Wade	WR/DB	9	5'10	141
28 Bryant Weaver	WR/DB	9	5'5	119
36 Hutson Walsh	WR/DB	9	5'9	131
40 Sam Khandan-Barani	RB/DB	9	5'10	130
56 J.D. Garner-Rollins	OL/LB	9	5'10	231
65 Noah Austin-Pleasant	OL/DL	9	5'9	251
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Fort Chiswell looking for improvement in '22

By RODNEY YOUNG
For The Patriot

The Fort Chiswell Pioneers for the 2022 football season are looking for a win, consistency and overall improvement. Last season they went winless, 0-10. That wasn't really a surprise considering Robert "Spider" Thompson wasn't hired to be their head coach until one week before the start of the regular season. He had to search to get a coaching staff and get players all together, while preparing them to play their county rival Rural Retreat.

Coach Thompson said, "I've had all winter, spring and summer this time to get the kids into the weight room and work on things that we want to do for this upcoming season."

Coach Thompson has four new assistant coaches as his only returning assistant is Drew Wat-



Head Coach Spider Thompson

kins. Watkins is once again in charge of the offensive line. Roland Clark will be the defensive line coach, while Mitch Gibson will coach the linebackers and

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Ft. Chiswell "Pioneers" Football Roster

Numbe r	First	Last	Position	Ht	WT	Year
1	Hunter	Crigger	WR/DB	5'9	150	JR
2	Ryan	Cooper	WR/DB	6'1	175	SR
3	Brayden	Billings	WR/DB	6'	170	SO
4	Matthew	Hanks	WR/DB	5'8	125	JR
5	Larson	Edmonds	QB/DB	6'2	170	SR
6	Jacob	Goins	WR/DB	5'11	170	JR
7	Layton	Kennedy	RB/DB	5'10	165	JR
8	Ethan	Martin	RB/DB	5'8	140	SO
9	Cam	Alley	QB/DB	5'7	120	SO
10	Chase	Hetherington	QB/RB/DB	5'7	130	FR
11	Gabe	Clark	WR/DB	5'9	140	SO
12	Weston	Stoots	RB/DB	5'7	165	JR
13	Dakota	Wheeler	WR/DB	5'9	150	SR
15	Tanner	Crowder	RB/LB	5'8	175	JR
20	Lukus	Charles	RB/LB	5'8	140	SO
21	Marqis	Howell	WR/DB	5'4	120	SO
24	Reed	Phillippi	TE/LB	6'3	210	SR
26	Aiden	Jones	RB/LB	5'10	180	SO
32	Jackson	Waller	WR/DB	5'10	145	SO
34	Michael	Melton	RB/LB	6'1	190	JR
35	Ayden	Cook	TE/LB	6'	170	FR
42	Jay	Blackmore	WR/LB	5'8	160	JR
44	Carter	Bailey	TE/LB	5'11	175	SO
45	Drew	Hall	WR/DB	5'9	145	SR
50	Caleb	Jones	OL/DL	5'9	240	JR
51	Conner	Hicks	OL/DL	5'10	190	FR
52	Zach	Morris	OL/DL	5'11	190	JR
53	John	Dalton	OL/DL	5'9	200	SO
54	Malachai	Lawson	OL/DL	6"	220	SO
55	Triston	Cumbee	OL/DL	6'5	260	SR
56	Jacob	Eversole	OL/DL	6'	240	SR
57	Tyler	Davis	OL/DL	5'8	160	SO
60	Blake	Dunn	OL/DL	6'1	195	SR
62	Miguel	Kincer	OL/LB	5'8	150	FR
63	Carter	Perdue	OL/DL	5'9	200	JR
64	Ethan	Sheffey	OL/DL	5'11	240	JR
66	Boston	White	OL/DL	6'2	230	FR
69	Shane	Dunford	OL/DL	5'10	235	SR
70	Austin	Kirby	OL/DL	5'11	220	SO
74	Brenden	Mabry	OL/DL	5'10	300	FR
80	Garrett	Stone	WR/LB	5'8	140	FR
86	Jackson	Johnson	TE/DL	6'1	180	FR

Head Coach	Spider Thompson
Assistant Coaches	Andrew Watkins
	John Howlett
	Clarke Studebaker
	Roland Clark
	Mitch Gibson
	Larry Osley
	Phillip Moore
	Terry Maxwell
Principal	Michael Souma

Pioneers

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running backs. John Howlett will help with the wide receivers and defensive backs. Clark Studebaker will work with defensive backs and wide receivers.

Coach Thompson will be both offensive and defensive coordinator. Thompson is in his second year on his second tour as the Pioneers head coach. He played for the Pioneers back on 1976-79. He was the Pioneers' head coach for four years from 1999-2002. He has been coaching for 39 years and spent a lot of his time in North Carolina at different high schools.

The Pioneers have around 42-44 kids out for football and Coach Thompson remarked, "The guys have been in the weight room and have worked hard during the off season."

Last year's squad had 10 seniors that will be missed. This season they have nine seniors.

Coach Thompson was asked about what this year's team will run on offense and defense and he replied, "On defense we will have a 3-4-4 or 3-5-3 look. We hope to bring people from different areas and react to what the other team is doing. Offensively, we will run out of the gun formation with wing-T thrown in. We will take advantage of what people will give us and hopefully run more. We will try to be more balanced this year."

Last year offensively the Pioneers only scored a single touchdown in seven of their 10 games. That put lot of pressure on their defense and sometimes the offense made mistakes deep in their own territory that put even more pressure on their defense.

The Pioneers return five players on offense and five on defense. They will look for senior quarterback Larson Edmonds to improve from last year. Edmonds is 6-3, 175.

Junior running back Mikey Melton will be called on to carry the load for the ground game. Melton is 6-1, 195 and will also play at linebacker.

Brayden Billings, a 6-1, 175 sophomore is the main wide receiver, while Reed Phillippi will be the tight end. He is a 6-3, 215 senior.

The offensive line will be anchored by Shane Dunford and Jacob Eversole. Both are seniors as Dunford is 5-11, 240 and Eversole is 6-0, 245. On defense the

players to watch will be Eversole and Dunford on the line, Phillippi at linebacker as well as Melton. The secondary is led by 5-11, 170 junior Layton Kennedy.

The schedule is tough for the Pioneers as they play county rivals Rural Retreat and George Wythe. They also will face Radford, Galax, Giles, Grayson Co., Floyd Co., Tazewell and Auburn.

As of this writing there is only nine games on the schedule and they are looking to pick-up a 10th game.

Coach Thompson on their schedule said, "Galax is the team to beat in our Mountain Empire District. George Wythe should be good and so should Grayson County in our district. Radford is loaded as we played them on some 7-on-7 this summer. Giles and their single wing is always tough to adjust to. Floyd, Tazewell and Auburn all will be tough."

Coach Thompson then said, "Rural Retreat is our opening game and it's an important one for us in that it will be a game to see how much we have improved from last season."

Last year Fort Chiswell went winless, but they could have won four games. They lost a five overtime game to Tazewell, lost 6-7- and 12-point games. Mistakes, mistakes and the lack of offense proved costly.

Coach Thompson said, "We made a lot of mistakes at critical times. We are in better physical shape, bigger, stronger and I think we are improved at most positions than where we were last year. We may start three freshmen on offense and defense." Coach Thompson continued by saying, "The kids have bought in and are more committed. We are way ahead of this time last year, obviously. We are fine tuning things, and we should be more multiple on offense and defense. The kids and the football program are in much better shape. The kids have worked hard and I'm an optimist. The freshmen and sophomores are looking good. The sandlot teams are now under Fort Chiswell supervision. We work hard every day and I believe the wins will come."

Fort Chiswell will be better. How much better is the big question. The schedule is tough and the mistakes at critical times needs to improve as does the Fort Chiswell football program for 2022!



Hokiesports.com

Head Coach Brent Pry says his Hokies are having a trying camp - the kind they need for where they're trying to go.

Pry taps Marshall transfer Wells as starter vs. ODU

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Charleston, W.Va. native Grant Wells has been named the starting quarterback for Virginia Tech in its Sept. 2 opener at Old Dominion.

Head Coach Brent Pry made the announcement Wednesday afternoon.

The quarterback competition came down to two, with South Carolina transfer Jason Brown and Wells competing for the top job at the end.

"I met with Grant and Jason today and let them both know that Grant will be the starting quarterback," Pry told the media Wednesday.

"Jason made it difficult," Pry added. "He had a great summer and really good camp. I'm proud of the way he competed.

"We feel very fortunate to have a No. 1 like Grant. He's had an exceptional camp - very accurate, great ball placement, great decision making.

"Then to have a guy like Jason on the ready when we need him ... he makes plays, big body, really was much better throwing this camp.

"But we're moving forward and Grant's our guy," Pry said.

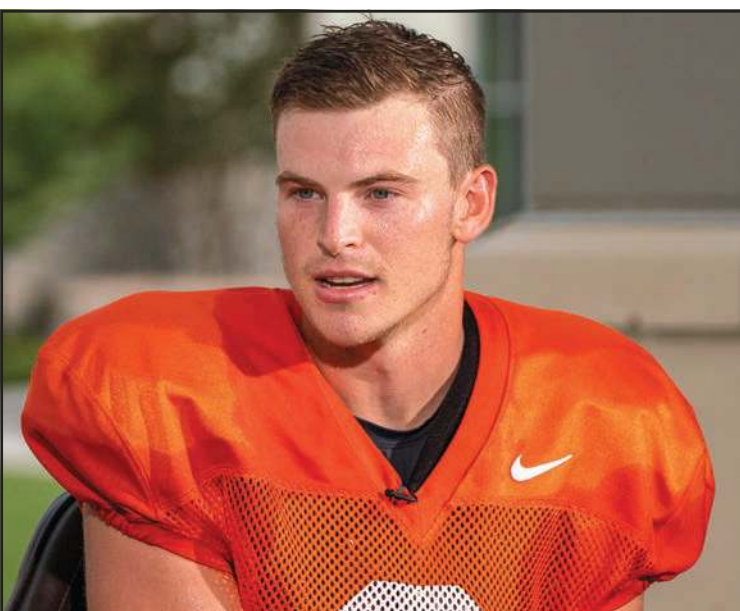
The first-year head coach, responding to a question, said Wells had elevated his play during camp.

"Grant has been exceptional. He puts in the extra, he's very coachable and is a student of the game. He's getting better and better all the time. We're very impressed with the ball he throws - it makes it hard on the defense," Pry said.

He noted both quarterbacks had demonstrated leadership qualities and had earned the respect of the entire team.

"Our guys feel good about either of them taking the field and giving us a chance to win the football game," Pry added.

A red-shirt junior, Wells transferred to Virginia Tech after two seasons at Marshall where he completed 64.4 percent of his passes for 5,626 yards and 34 touchdowns. In 2020, as a fresh-



Virginia Tech photo

Marshall transfer QB Grant Wells.

man, he became the first freshman to earn first-team All-Conference USA honors.

Pry said the Hokies are "focused on us right now," but would begin preparation for ODU on Tuesday.

He said some of the graduate

Virginia Tech 2022 Schedule

Sept. 2 @ Old Dominion
Sept. 10 Boston College
Sept. 17 Wofford
Sept. 22 West Virginia
Oct. 1 @ North Carolina
Oct. 8 @ Pittsburgh
Oct. 15 Miami
Oct. 22 Open
Oct. 27 @ N.C. State
Nov. 5 Georgia Tech
Nov. 12 @ Duke
Nov. 19 @ Liberty
Nov. 26 Virginia



assistants and analysts have taken on some projects related to the Monarchs as well as Tech's other opponents through the first half of the season, and they're finishing those up.

Pry said the Hokies will hold a full scrimmage on Saturday that would be mostly situational, but some portion would be live.

"We might pull back on some of the guys that are more proven and get those depth guys in and get them some substantial reps," Pry said of the scrimmage.

As for Wednesday's practice, Pry praised his team.

"Practice 13 ... the guys are competing and battling every day," he said. "That gives us a chance to get better each practice. When they bring their hard hat ... they compete with one another ... they want to win the period ... want to win the drill. There's a lot of that going on right now," Pry said.

"We're right in the thick of this thing. There's a lot of adversity going on. Execution errors ... pushing through things ... depth chart battles ... injuries to overcome ... there's a lot happening.

"It's what it needs to be. Camp is supposed to be hard and we're having a trying camp. Which is necessary for where we want to go," Pry said.

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Amber Waves

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WHAT I WOULD GIVE FOR A FLYSWATTER. ZZZZZZZZZ

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

YES!

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POPEYE

BY RANDY MARLAND

I LOVE COMING TO THIS BEACH!

I HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES OF COMING HERE WHEN WE WERE KIDS.

ALL I REMEMBER IS YOU PLEDGING ME INTO JELLYFISH.

YES, BUT I DID IT MORE THAN ONCE, SO IT COUNTS AS "MEMORIES."

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW! I'M GONNA HANG OUT WITH MY COUSIN OLIVE! THANKS FOR JOINING ME!

WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO, SUTRA?

MY FOLLOWERS. I WAS LIVESTREAMING.

SOUNDS LIKE YOUNG PEOPLE NOISE.

CYNLINDA HAS A FASHION VLOG. COUSIN SWEET STREAMS GAMING.

...WHICH ACTUALLY ISN'T THAT GREAT, NOW THAT I SAY IT OUT LOUD.

BUT IT'S A FUN HOBBY, AND YOU COULD USE A HOBBY.

Y'KNOW, BESIDES VELLING AT PEOPLE.

I DUNNO. I'M NOT REALLY ALL THAT INTERESTING.

NONSENSE, OLIVE! YOU'RE SUPER-INTERESTING! YOU GO ON ADVENTURES, FIGHTING MONSTERS AND A SEA HAS!

A LOTTA PEOPLE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW ABOUT YOU!

THANK YOU, SUTRA. THAT'S REALLY KIND.

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SO IS TRUE CRIME. I CAN MAKE US BOTH STARS.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I LOOK AT MYSELF AS A "WORK IN PROGRESS," BUT WHAT DO YOU EXPECT WORKING ONLY PART TIME?

LAFF-A-DAY

WELCOME WAKEFIELD ALUMS

"Of course I remember you! You're what's-his-name!"



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!

Obvious

Trove

Dominion

Lamer

Terrain

Filed

Crucial

Gruent

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Felines

5 Discoverer's call

8 Brewer's kiln

12 Owl call

13 Massage

14 Leg joint

15 Not-so-noble protagonist

17 Rat- —

18 Green sauce

19 Realm

21 Penny

24 Help

25 Persian leader

28 Knitter's need

30 Assoc.

33 Bit of wit

34 Rehab process

35 — chi

36 Even so

37 Slanted type (Abbr.)

38 Darned

39 Hollywood's Lupino

41 Take five

43 Burning

46 Leslie of "Gigi"

50 Songs for one

51 Daughter of Oedipus

54 Mon. follower

55 Half of XIV

56 Send forth

DOWN

1 Bloke

2 First-rate

3 Youngsters

4 Do needle-work

5 Raw mineral

6 "Ben- —"

7 Slender

8 Giraffe's kin

9 Poison remedy

10 Char

11 Head, to Henri

16 Weeding tool

20 Tailless cat

22 Russian refusal

23 Early Mongolian

25 Covert agent

26 Coloration

27 Cuba, Jamaica, etc.

29 Actor's quest

31 Cold and damp

32 Tonic's mixer

34 Actress

10 Cameron

38 Put on, as a play

40 Dagwood's dog

42 High school subj.

43 Wine region

44 Boxing match

45 Roof overhang

47 Former Dallas QB Tony

48 Taking action

49 Tennis barriers

52 Wee bite

53 Spanish aunt

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top ten

Most Popular Boy Baby Names

1. Liam
2. Noah
3. Oliver
4. Elijah
5. James
6. William
7. Benjamin
8. Lucas
9. Henry
10. Theodore

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What inanimate item does the crocodile swallow in the children's classic "Peter Pan"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which modern countries make up the ancient land known as Thracia?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the symbol used in the zodiac sign Libra?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is in the scientific order chiroptera?
5. MEDICINE: What is the Latin notation for taking a medication twice a day?
6. MOVIES: What is the name of Will Smith's character in "Independence Day"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which flavor is predominant in the liqueur limoncello?
8. MEASUREMENTS: What is 10 milligrams equal to in centigrams?
9. TELEVISION: In which decade is "The Goldbergs" sitcom set?
10. MATH: What is the equivalent of the Roman numeral MCMLX?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fence is missing. 2. Socks are different. 3. Ball is moved. 4. Glove is shorter. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Pants are shorter.

Answers

1. A clock.
2. Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey.
3. The scales.
4. Bats.
5. b.i.d. (bis in die).
6. Capt. Steven Hiller.
7. Lemon.
8. 1 centigram.
9. 1980s.
10. 1,998.

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Americanisms

"Death and taxes and child-birth! There's never any convenient time for any of them!" — Margaret Mitchell

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

- 13 states
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Billings
- Butte
Chicago
Cleveland
Erie
- Gary
Madison
Rapid City
Rockford
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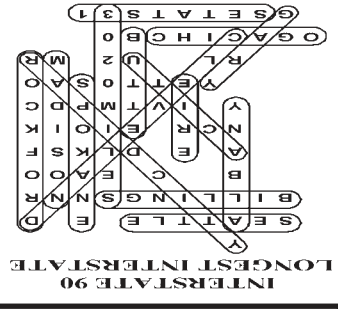
AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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T CTP MSW CTAVR IGPR; SV
RSWGQB XV BNTMP TPB JGWLVB.
— HNVB TQQVP

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answer
CryptoQuote
Hanging is too good for
man who makes puns; h
ould be drawn and quote
— Fred Allen



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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5			7			3
	7		5	8	1	
	8			4		2

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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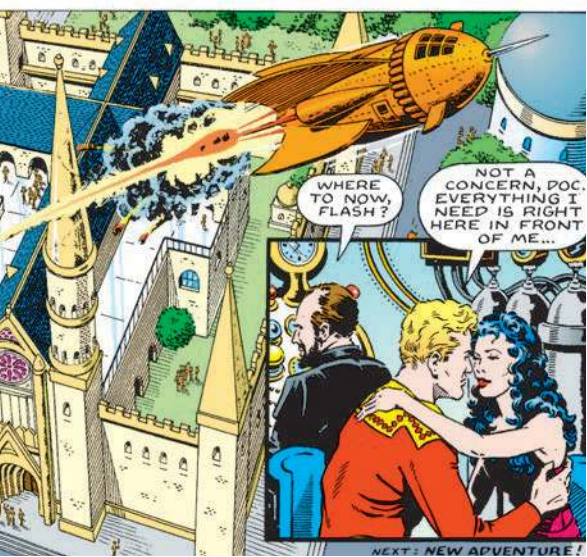
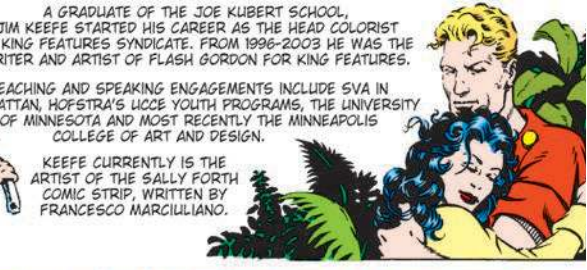
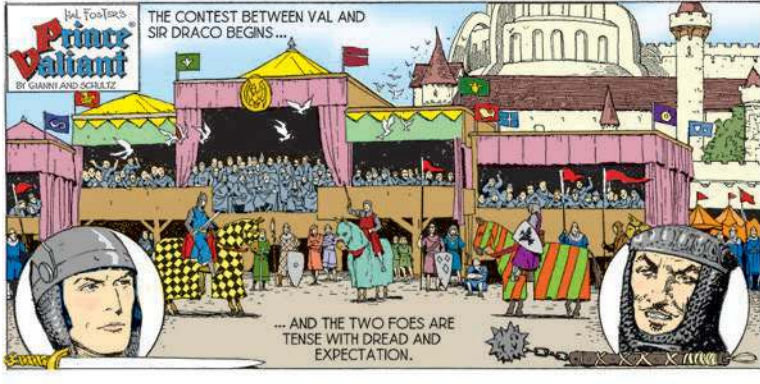
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Which is best?

Dear Dave,
How do you know if a will or a trust is best for you?

Monica

Dear Monica,
This is a great question, especially since August is National Make-a-Will Month. The first thing you should do is take a serious look at your needs, your wishes and your overall life and financial circumstances.
If you're like the average person with a couple of kids, a home and some savings, a will is all you need. There's no reason to bring lawyers into the mix, unless there's something complicated about your situation. In cases like this, you can even set one up online that's perfectly legal in just a few minutes.

If you're older, your kids are grown and your estate is worth \$1 million or more, a trust is the way to go. By doing this, you can avoid probate in a way that wills don't allow. Now, if you have a large estate and dependents, having both a will and a trust is a good idea. And you don't have to worry about the two bumping into each other. They're separate legal instruments, and there's generally no conflict between them. If there is a legitimate, legal conflict between them, the trust usually overrides the will.

Simply put, everyone needs a will. But not everyone needs a trust. Trusts can be more than you need, but they can also be a great tool if you have a larger estate. So, if you're in the vast majority of folks who don't need a trust, just get yourself a will. You'll spend a lot less money and feel so much better

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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6	9	8	3	1	4	7	2	5



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

knowing your stuff will go to the right people—and that your family will be taken care of!

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time 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.

Sheriff's office seeks information on break-in

On Friday (Aug. 12) around 4 a.m., Pulaski County Sheriffs Office deputies responded to 4861 Cleburne Blvd. (Shop Ezz) in Dublin in reference to a breaking and entering.

After investigation it was determined that around 4 a.m., three unidentified males wearing all black broke in through the front door. The males then overturned a gaming machine where they were able to take the cash that it held.

The three then fled the area towards Interstate 81.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Investigators at the Pulaski County Sheriffs Office.

Captain Lucas A. Nester
Pulaski County Sheriffs Office

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August 21

Belspring Baptist Revival

Belspring Baptist Church will be celebrating revival beginning on Sunday night, August 21 and continue through Tuesday night, August 23. Each service will begin at 7 PM. Rev. Charlie Drake from Princeton WV will bring God's message each night. And there will also be special singing. Everyone is invited. The Church is located at 6866 Depot Street, Belspring, VA.

Killer Kleats Tryouts

The Killer Kleats girls softball 12U tryouts will be held Sunday, Aug. 21 from 5-7 p.m. at Fort Chiswell High School, 1 Pioneer Trail, Fort Chiswell. This applies to girls with 2010-11 birth years. Contact Gary Cody if you have questions at 276-284-0505 or email gcody33@hotmail.com

August 25

Radford Photo Club

Adi Ben Senior of Radford will present his photo exhibit, "The Human Side of Trees," at the Radford Photo Club's meeting Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Radford Public Library. Trees are one of Ben Senior's most well-known subjects in a lifetime of photo projects. In 2016, he was asked to participate in a fundraising exhibit for the Syrian refugees who were coming to Europe. His photos of trees represent humans and their moments in life. The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. Learn more about the club by searching for "Radford Photo Club" on Facebook.

Sept. 2

GO PULASKI COUNTY

GO PULASKI COUNTY - county-wide service day will be held on Saturday, September 24, beginning at 8:30am. Volunteers are wanted! Registration is open now through September 2 - go to www.gopulaskicounty.org/volunteer to sign up. Contact us at info@gopulaskicounty.org for more information.

PULSE

Sept. 17

Cruise In

Cruise in at Draper Valley PH Church, Saturday, Sept. 17 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be available. 5662 East Lee Highway, Max Meadows, Va. off Interstate 81 South, Exit 86.

Oct. 14

PHS Class of 1967 Reunion

The Pulaski High School Class of 1967 will celebrate their 55th reunion on October 14 through the 16th 2022 Any Student's graduating in 1967 or part of the class in the grades 8-11th are welcomed to attend the celebration weekend. A registration page may be reached by sending an Email to birdsof67@gmail.com with your name identifying your address. No obligation for attending but a great way to keep up with the class. Your address will not be shared. Please respond ASAP. You may also join the FaceBook register of the class at "The birds of 67" to interact with

our classmates.

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous

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

Lifestyles Changes

Our Lifestyles Changes group meets every Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the Free Memorial Library on Giles Avenue in Dublin. For more information, call Bill at 813-1605.

Celebrate Recovery

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



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