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School-based health, dental clinic approved for PCHS

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

There soon will be a school-based health and dental clinic located at Pulaski County High School, following a unanimous vote Tuesday by the school board.

The vote was apparently only a formality considering the most recent public discussion on the issue at the August board meeting.

At that meeting, Draper resident Billy Williams asked School Board Chairman Dr. Paige Cash if the clinic is a "done deal." She replied then, "Yes."

At Tuesday's meeting the board approved a proposal from The Free Clinic of the New River Valley, Inc. doing business as the Community Health Center of the New River Valley to provide school-based health center services. Their proposal was the only one submitted to the school



system during its Request for Proposal process.

Next the board approved a Memorandum of Understanding that governs the partnership between the school system and Community Health Center of the NRV.

According to a press release from the school system, the health and dental clinic – being constructed in the CTE building on

the high school campus – will allow parents the option to schedule appointments and have their children treated for minor health related issues, check-ups, and physicals during the school day without having to leave work and without signing their children out of school.

According to the release, the dental clinic will serve students on-site, but also establish a mobile schedule for services that will be provided in each elementary and middle school at regular intervals throughout the year. The clinic will accept most insurance providers and no student will be refused treatment regardless of ability to pay as long as the clinicians have been given parental consent.

"This is a real game-changer for Pulaski County families,"

See CLINIC, page A3

WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday

Sunny, with a high near 73. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.

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Supervisor candidates answer questions at Chamber forum

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Candidates in this fall's two contested races for Board of Supervisors in Cloyd and Robinson Districts squared off Tuesday evening during a Candidates Forum in Rooker Auditorium on the campus of New River Community College.

The event was sponsored by the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce and its two media partners – The Patriot and The Southwest Times.

A variety of issues were covered during the event, with candidates giving their thoughts on issues such as the possibility of a

recreation/wellness center in the county, transparency in county government, taxes and the idea of live streaming the meetings of the Board of Supervisors.

Questions for the candidates were provided by chamber members prior to the forum. More questions were provided by members of the audience attending the event. Media members screened the questions prior to and at the forum.

There were also questions posed directly to individual candidates on issues that have been heard the most along the campaign trail to date.

The evening's Q&A opened with a question on a favorite topic

discussed in the county for years – the idea of a recreation center.

First to respond was Jeff Reeves, the incumbent Republican in Robinson District.

Reeves noted that a rec center – compared to neighboring localities – is the one thing Pulaski County doesn't have.

"I see a definite need for it. What I do not see is increasing our property taxes and real estate taxes to pay for it," Reeves said. "It needs to be something that is self-sustaining that all citizens in the county can use."

He noted there have been discussions among board members

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County hosting school-based incidents class

Pulaski County Board of Supervisors by way of the Pulaski County Emergency Management Department, will be hosting an AWR 148 Crisis Management for School Based Incidents in the Executive Training Room within the County Administration Building located at 143 3rd St. NW; Pulaski, VA, on October 14, 2022.

The list of attendees include principals and key administrators within our school division,

Pulaski County Emergency Management to Facilitate DHS Training on School Based Incidents as a Means of Enhancing Student Safety and Response Preparedness

local law enforcement and SRO's, Emergency Management professionals, First Responders, County Administration and Administrators from various areas around the district.

"Student safety has and continues to be a top priority of the

Board of Supervisors and is something they continue to support and encourage every way they can", stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. "Hosting this event is just another example of their efforts to assist with the enhancement of our institutions' preparedness for an array of possible incidents and emergencies we hope never occur in our community."

The course will be provided tuition-free and be delivered by the University of Findlay and supported by the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium. The framework partners rural law enforcement, first responders, and local school systems in an 8-hour Department of Homeland Security-approved course designed to educate law enforcement personnel, school administrators and staff on the elements that would allow for an effective response to school-based emergencies. Topics covered include: Introduction to Incident Planning and Preparedness; Proactive Threat Mitigation; Incident Response; Incident Recovery; Vulnerability Assessment; Threat Assessment Management; Incident Defusing and Debriefing; Parent Reunification; and Anniversaries, Memori-

als, and "Copy-Cats".

We are thankful to be able to host this event and afford our agencies the training to better serve and protect our students here in Pulaski County and throughout the region", stated Brad Wright, Emergency Management Coordinator. "This exercise also bolsters interagency cooperation and synergizes our collective resources

for better preparedness and response if and when an incident may ever occur."

Schools in small, rural and remote areas across the country account for almost 23% of the total student population (more than 11 million students). Rural schools, law enforcement, and other emergency responders are sometimes limited in resources, thus it is imperative all key agencies effectively collaborate on planning, preparing, communicating, responding, and recovering from a school-based incident.

IMPORTANT TAX REMINDER

Town of Pulaski Personal Property Tax Bills for 2022 have been mailed. They are due Monday October 17, 2022. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax bill. Tax payments mailed must be postmarked on or before October 17, 2022 to avoid penalty or interest being added. Payments should be addressed to:

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NOTE: The Town of Pulaski Finance Office is located in the Municipal Building at 42 1st St NW Pulaski VA 24301. Also, for the convenience of the taxpayer, there is a drop box located at the back of the building beside the drive-thru available to place your payments after hours. Payments can also be made online at www.officialpayments.com or by phone at 1-800-272-9829 Jurisdiction code 6210

Lt. Governor to keynote Obenshain-Dalton Dinner

Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, Winsome Earle-Sears brings a message of boldness, encouragement, and faith to live in these uncertain times.

Jacob Couch – Office of Communications & Public Engagement writes, Liberty University writes, "Earle-Sears made headlines when she became the first female Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the first Black female elected to statewide office. A native of Kingston, Jamaica, she immigrated with her family to the U.S. at the age of 6."

Her impressive biography includes serving in the United States Marine Corps, various appointments, serving as Vice President of the Virginia State Board of Education, a presidential appointee to the U.S. Census Bureau, and as co-chair of the African American

Committee. Lieutenant Governor has been involved in Women's issues serving on the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Montgomery County America First Republican Party Chair stated, "we are excited she has accepted our invitation and is coming to Southwest Virginia bringing hope to all of us simply being the bright shining Light that she is."

Individual Tickets for the event may be purchased on-line at bit.ly/obenshain-dalton for \$85 per person. Reserved seating may be purchased as well at sponsorship levels. Contact Jo Anne Price for reserved seating at 434-444-3074. Please mail checks payable to: Montgomery County GOP, P.O. Box 1303, Christiansburg, Virginia 24063.

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Clinic

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School Superintendent Dr. Kevin Siers stated in the release. "We are very proud of the fact that this clinic will help our students become healthier, happier learners and hope to see a marked improvement in attendance rates as well as improved parent satisfaction with the variety of services beyond instruction that are provided in our public schools."

Siers continued that the Community Health Center of the NRV had already established an "incredibly successful school-based clinic in Giles County."

"We are excited that they were interested in developing a similar partnership with Pulaski County Public Schools," Siers added.

The release states the actual clinic site is still in development at PCHS, but school officials hope to have it operational before December 1, 2022.

According to the release, the memorandum of understanding approved by the Pulaski County School Board establishes a yearly renewal process for continued operation of the clinic.

The release closes by saying "additional information regarding treatment services and consent forms will be made available to parents in the near future."

The board's vice chairman, Timmy Hurst, offered motions to approve both the Community Health Center of the NRV proposal and the memorandum of understanding between the school system and the health center.

"The health center is a clinic very similar to any clinic out in the public that a parent could take their children to, or a child could go to for services," Hurst said.

"In Pulaski County we have an extremely high rate of poverty – more so than what most people realize in this community. And so many of our children do not have the means or the ability – and parents do not have maybe the means and the ability – to take their kids to see a doctor on a regular basis."

Hurst told of a friend whose wife – a former teacher in the

county – had given coats and shoes in the wintertime to children who needed them. He said teachers and the school system are known for doing that – "the right things."

"In my opinion, especially with some of our families who have less means, I think this is a wonderful opportunity for families that have modest means," Hurst said.

He added that it can be difficult and "financially draining" for some families when a parent has to take a day off work to take a child to a doctor's appointment.

"I think of the children in this community who have not seen a dentist and we're giving children the opportunity to see a dentist."

"I'm not going to apologize for this vote. I think it's the right thing to do to help children in Pulaski County Public Schools. I'm amazed at any opposition to this," Hurst said.

Ingles District representative Penny Golden seconded Hurst's motion and noted she had received "not one call in opposition to this clinic." She said she did, however, receive calls in support of the clinic plan.

She said to have opposition to the plan is "very sad."

Ingles District representative Bill Benson said he, too, had received only calls in favor of the plan – and one from a citizen who said she at first opposed it, but now agreed with the plan.

Benson also took exception with concerns over transparency expressed by citizens earlier in the meeting.

"I don't like the accusation I heard tonight. Not one time has this board discussed this facility behind closed doors."

Massie District representative Becki Cox also stated she did not receive any calls in opposition to the plan – a plan she has favored from the beginning, she said, because of the poverty she had experienced as a child.

"I am very thankful for the member of law enforcement who brought this idea to us. He thought it was a wonderful idea because of the need he had witnessed in the county."

"I am very, very thankful that we are able to provide this to students who need it," Cox said.

Cash said she also had received no calls in opposition to the health center, but had spoken to people who are in favor of the clinic.

Earlier during one of two public comment periods held during the meeting, three citizens did speak against the health center proposal.

Gina Paine told the board "it is fair to assume the health center will abide by all applicable state laws. Indeed, Section 4.4 [of the memorandum of understanding] says the health center and this board agree to follow all state and federal requirements. Section 3.3 of your contract attempts to restrain the medical services provided; neurologic, psychiatric, contraception and "specialty services" will be referred out of the health center. Ignoring the fact the schools are going to facilitate minors accessing those services, be reminded that Va. State Law provides for minors to be treated as adults relative to family planning, mental health, and other "specialty services." Would the health center decline to treat a minor seeking these services when state law allows them to? Would they abide by your contract and ignore state law? They cannot and will not," she said.

"State law also allows for medical records to be withheld from parents/guardians based on the 'professional judgment' of medical providers. I encourage all parents/guardians to read VA statute section 54.1-2969," Paine urged.

Paine added, "the student new patient packet that you link to – both the online and downloadable versions – asks in the medical history portion "are you interested in discussing birth control options with your provider?"

She also noted the authorization parents/guardians are required to sign states they are granting permission to CHCNRV's School Program to perform services on the listed minor with or without their presence.

"Attempts will be made to contact parents, but only attempts. They can and will proceed whether contact is made or not. The authorization is a standing directive. Once signed, the student can access the clinic whenever they want, with or without their parent/guardian," Paine said.

Brittany Lambert said school

board policy KG-R states "the community use of school facilities program is not meant to provide a permanent home for any large organization's continuous operations. However, school facilities can be made available for temporary long-term use while an eligible organization is in the process of procuring its permanent home."

She said Community Health Center for the NRV is not a new business in the process of procuring a permanent home.

"It is already established in the NRV. Wouldn't this fact alone disqualify them according to your policy?"

Lambert said it "baffles me" that the work on establishing a facility for the clinic had already been started before a vote was even taken or before the memorandum of understanding was even established.

Lambert said Cash had stated in an email that no taxpayer money will be utilized to sustain the clinic.

But in the memorandum of understanding, Lambert said, it states that Pulaski County Schools will "provide space and utilities to operate the school health center, as well as general custodial services."

Lambert asked, "aren't utilities and custodial services paid for out of taxpayer funds?"

"My point is this, from the inception of this idea to bring the clinic to PCHS, this board has

not been transparent about their intentions, and has kept it under wraps as much as possible to not allow for public input," Lambert charged.

"Transparency is something that this board sorely lacks. Maybe try being honest with this community," Lambert stated.

In his comments, Williams charged that "the entire process from March until now has been shrouded in secrecy and misdirection, delays, behind-closed-door meetings and exorbitantly high FOIA charges in an attempt to get this clinic installed at the high school."

He said consent forms have already been presented to parents, starting as far back as the open house dates – even before the clinic was voted on.

"These consent forms that most parents think are to give permission to treat a runny nose or a cough actually open the door for putting a child on birth control, treatment of STDs, mental health diagnosis and treatment, pregnancy care and even more all without the parents' consent or knowledge.

"I urge all parents to realize what they are actually giving consent to when they sign these forms, because it's not just about runny noses. It could result in another method that will take away or limit parental rights in regard to what medical treatment their child will receive without their input," Williams said.



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DENCY MAE WEBB

Dency Mae Webb, 85, of Pulaski, went home to be with her Lord and Saviour on Saturday, October 8, 2022. She was a member of Randolph United Methodist Church and retired from Pulaski Furniture. She was preceded in death by her parents, Isaac Webb and Bertha Carter Davidson; son, Robert Webb; 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

Survivors include her daughters, Cheryl Webb (Jerry Hardy), Betty Jeter and Patricia Adams; grandchildren, Eric Webb, Lekeshia Webb, Roger Adams, and David Jeter, Jr.; great grandchildren, Erika Webb, Eriyah Webb, Briella Jeter, and Kalianah Jeter; brother, Aaron Webb; sisters, Martha Olverson and Lydia Wade; special friend, Julie Webb; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family will receive friends from 12 until 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at Randolph United Methodist Church in Pulaski. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Rev. Douglas Patterson officiating. Interment will follow in Pinehurst Cemetery in Pulaski.

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



BRENDA LEE PHILLIPS JAMES

Brenda Lee Phillips James, age 62 of Hiwassee passed away Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at her home. Born October 19, 1959 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the Juanita Alice Tabor Phillips Mullins and the late Garnett Lee Phillips

Brenda is survived by her

Husband – Joe David James
 Children – Rockie Michelle Dillon, Cindy Lee Boyd
 Grandchildren – Jamie Lee Boyd, Cody Lane Boyd, Justin Tyler Boyd
 Mother – Juanita Alice Tabor Phillips Mullins
 Great Granddaughter – Adlynn Paige Boyd
 Brothers – Garnett Wayne Phillips, Michael Lynn Phillips
 Sisters – Linda Kay, Betty Sue



CHARLES WILLIAM RICHARDSON

Charles William Richardson, age 91 of Pulaski passed away Monday, October 10, 2022 at his home. Born August 10, 1931 in James City, Virginia he was the son of the late Charles & Mary Richardson.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Korean War, Germany, Japan and was awarded several medals, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Occupation of Germany Medal and his sharpshooter badge with rifle and flamethrower bars.

Charles is survived by his

Wife of 60 years – Nancy Newton Richardson – Pulaski

Daughters – Karen Richardson (Robert) Keck – Apex, NC, Kaye (Jeff) Stout – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Allie Keck, Zach Keck, Joey Hess, Renee (Nick) Farmer, Amy (Jonathan) Sowers

Great Grandchildren – Jackson Sowers, Graham Farmer, Abel Sowers

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Jerry Collins and Pastor Randall Lawrence officiating. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin where he will receive full military honors.

To sign Charles' online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

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and Lora Ann

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



THEODORE "TED" GERALD COX, JR.

Theodore "Ted" Gerald Cox, Jr., age 84 of Snowville passed Saturday October 8, 2022. Born August 8, 1938 in Snowville, he was the son of the late Theodore Gerald Cox, Sr. & Viola Cornelia Dishon Cox. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Mary Ruth Owens Cox, two sisters: Arlene (Elgene) Quesberry, Leta Cregar and brother, Trent Cox.

Ted was a loving brother, husband, father, and grandfather who devoted his life to his family. He started and managed a successful dairy farm for 32 years and for many years served the Snowville and Hiwassee communities as the mail carrier. An avid outdoorsman, Ted enjoyed hunting, fishing bass tournaments, and time on the lake with family. He enjoyed coaching baseball and attending all of his children's, grandchildren's, and great grandchildren's events. Ted and Mary Ruth loved and served their community and family who will miss them deeply.

Ted is survived by his Children

T.J. Cox & wife, Donna – Snowville

Mark Cox – Snowville

Rita Cox Weimer & husband Scott – Radford

Grandchildren

Sue Ellen Cullip & husband, Darrin

Braxton Cox & wife, Brenna

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Rylan Weimer

Great Grandchildren – Lily, Addy, Harper Cullip and Theodore Cox

Brother – Jerry & wife, Karen Cox – Snowville

Brother-in-law – Bill Cregar – FL

Sister-in-law – Gloria Cox – Fairlawn

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM – Friday, October 14, 2022 at Faith Bible Church (110 Lagrange Street-Pulaski) with Rev. Jim Linkous officiating. Interment will follow at the Dishon Cemetery (Snowville).

To sign Ted's online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the Cox Family.

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GEORGE CLAYTON FOLTZ, JR.

George Clayton Foltz, Jr., age 77 of Draper Virginia died at the Lewis Gale, Pulaski Hospital on Friday, October 7, 2022. Preceded in death by his parents; George Clayton Foltz, Sr., and Jemima Patterson Foltz. Also preceding him were his sisters, Winfrey A. Foltz, and Alberta Foltz. Brother, Curtis Patterson Foltz.

Mr. Foltz was a Veteran, serving with the United States Army in the Vietnam conflict. Following his stint in the military, he returned to Draper and shortly thereafter volunteered with the Draper Volunteer Fire Department where he remained active for over 50 years. He served as Captain as well as Treasurer.

In addition to loving his country and his community, George loved his family even more. Leaving behind to cherish his legacy will be his wife, Carolyn Foltz and two sons; Clay Foltz of Arlington, Virginia, and Brent Foltz (Marina) of Staunton Virginia as well as two grandchildren; Madison Olivia Foltz and Brodie Dylan

Foltz from Staunton Virginia.

Also surviving George is a sister, Mary Jemima Tucker of Dublin and his special friends, the members of Draper Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Foltz's life will be celebrated in a funeral on Friday at 1:00 in the sanctuary at Draper United Methodist Church with Pastor Jason Crandall officiating. The family will be greeting friends beginning at 11:00 until the time of service.

Committal with full military honors will follow at the Southwestern Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Draper Volunteer Fire Department instead to further honor George's commitment to his community that he so graciously served.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

The staff of Norris Stevens Funeral Home in Pulaski is serving the Foltz family.

SANDRA SLATE STOWERS

Sandra Slate Stowers, born January 3, 1950, went home to sing in the heavenly choir on October 11, 2022. She was preceded in death by her father, David W. Slate, as well as her beloved husband and son, Joe and JJ Stowers.

Left to honor Sandra's memory are her mother, Juanita Slate; sister and brother-in-law Debbie and Dennis Taylor; granddaughters Sophia Noelle and Hollie Mae; Nieces, Aimee (Scott) Burroughs and Sherry (David) Draper; and several great nieces and nephews

that held a special place in Sandra's heart.

Family will receive visitors at Sandra's home church – Riverview Church of God, in Draper on Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 11:00AM until 12:00PM, with the service beginning at 12:00 PM. Burial will follow in the Hufford Cemetery.

The family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Services Pulaski. Online condolences can be made at www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com

Summersville man dies in Giles County collision

At 2:15 a.m. on Wednesday (Oct. 5), Virginia State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash on eastbound Route 460 at Thomas Dr. in the town of Pearisburg.

A 2016 Peterbilt tractor-trailer

was traveling east on Route 460 when a 2008 Dodge Dakota pickup truck, traveling north on Thomas Dr., entered the intersection in front of the tractor-trailer. The tractor-trailer could not avoid hitting the Dodge.

The driver of the Dodge, Lee G. Winal, 36, of Summersville, W. Va., died at the scene. He was not wearing a seatbelt.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, David S. Thornton, 61, of Narrows, Va., was uninjured in the crash. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The crash remains under investigation.

From Virginia State Police

DEATH NOTICES

RON H. HINES

Ron H. Hines, age 71 of Johnson City, TN, and formerly of Pulaski County, died Friday morning, October 7, 2022 in Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. www.seaglefuneralhome.com 540-980-1700

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Volvo Trucks North America hosted Penske Truck Leasing executives at the Volvo Trucks Customer Center in Dublin, Virginia today to commemorate the delivery of the 25,000th truck in a partnership that has spanned the last two decades.

On hand for the ceremony were board members of the Volvo Group Board of Directors, including President and Chief Executive Officer Martin Lundstedt, and the President of Volvo Trucks North America, Peter Voorhoeve. Accepting delivery of the trucks were Penske executives Art Valley, President of Penske Truck Leasing and Paul Rosa, Senior Vice President of Procurement and Fleet Planning at Penske.

"We are extremely proud of the relationship that we have with Penske," said Voorhoeve. "Over the past two decades, we've been able to deliver 25,000 trucks to them for their operations here in North America and are encouraged about the future with Penske as both companies have a passion and focus on sustainability and safety. Penske has been an early adopter of our Volvo VNR Electric truck and put trucks from the Volvo LIGHTS project in operation. Additionally, they have been early adopters of our new D13TC, focusing on creating greater fuel efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions in diesel technology as we transition into the future of decarbonized transportation solutions."

Art Valley, Penske Truck Leasing President, stated: "We are pleased to celebrate this milestone with our longtime and valued friends at Volvo. We appreciate their innovative approach to quality, safety, driver comfort and more recently their advance-

Breakfast for Senior Citizens on tap Oct. 20

Pulaski County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a Breakfast for Senior Citizens on Thursday, October 20th, from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., at the Dublin Lions Club.

We will be having a good ol' breakfast consisting of biscuits and gravy, sausage, bagels, juice, coffee, fruit cups and other fix-ins.

This is free to area senior citizens and it is a great opportunity to meet and eat with Sheriff Worrell and some of his deputies.



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4-H Vendor Fair postponed

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More Energy Foolishness From the Biden Administration

On the campaign trail as he sought the presidency, Joe Biden promised in September 2019, "I guarantee you we're going to end fossil fuel."

Recent steps by the Biden Administration to expand the world's supply of oil would appear to be a U-turn from this pledge. One might at first glance welcome this as good news. Unfortunately, President Biden's new-



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

found interest in fossil fuels focuses on foreign countries, even some hostile to the United States. Increased energy production in

United States, which is cleaner, safer, and a job creator, still appears off the table.

The latest push by the Biden Administration to undo some of the damage its anti-domestic energy policies created focuses on Venezuela, a country ruled by the socialist anti-American dictator Nicolas Maduro. The Administration would offer relief from the sanctions to allow Chevron to resume pumping oil in the country. It is telling that President Biden would do business with a tyrannical regime before North American producers.

Engagement with Venezuela occurs as the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies, dubbed OPEC+, plan to reduce oil production by two million barrels per day. The decision by OPEC+ follows a visit this summer by the President to Saudi Arabia, a leading country in this oil cartel, made in part to seek greater production. Apparently, he was unconvincing.

While OPEC+ cuts oil production and negotiations with Venezuela continue, the Biden Administration has settled on yet another release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the national stockpile meant for emergencies. The White House labels its release of our oil reserves "historic," and in a sense, they are right: the reserve is now at its lowest point since 1984.

There is a better path. In fact, one was unveiled in Virginia by Governor Youngkin at an event I attended on October 3.

The 2022 Virginia Energy Plan champions reliability, affordability, and innovation. Instead of setting arbitrary ideological deadlines to phase out fossil fuel use, it seeks an all-of-the-above approach. Among the cutting-edge technologies it includes to meet our energy needs are small modular nuclear reactors, one of which is slated for Southwest Virginia. Governor Youngkin's plan looks forward.

Sensibly, the 2022 Virginia Energy Plan calls for the Commonwealth to be unchained from California's automobile standards.

California bureaucrats have announced that they will outlaw the sale of non-electric cars in 2035. This decision is just the latest imprudent choice by California's leaders, who recently had to urge electric vehicle owners not to charge them at certain times to avoid overtaxing the electric grid. Nevertheless, they made the decision, and Virginia will have to follow if a law passed by the previous Democrat-controlled General Assembly and signed by the previous Democrat Governor is not repealed.

At the federal level, I sent a letter along with more than 150 other Members of Congress to the Biden Administration urging it not to grant a waiver to California from automobile standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The waiver would let California pursue its draconian ban on gas- and diesel-powered vehicles, and Virginians and many other Americans would be dragged under this edict.

Keep in mind that in addition to their cost (which most Southwest Virginians cannot afford) and their impact on the electric grid, concerns I have raised repeatedly, electric vehicles fall short of reliability and safety standards as well. Florida officials in the wake of Hurricane Ian warned that the batteries of these vehicles can corrode when they are waterlogged, resulting in fires.

California still chooses to go all in on electric vehicles before the myriad problems facing them are resolved. The rest of the country should not have to follow the state's decision of the country should not have to follow the state's decision of reality.

President Ronald Reagan was a Californian who possessed a trait sorely lacking among the state's leadership today: common sense. He noted, "There are no easy answers, but there are simple answers."

A simple answer to the energy crisis afflicting our country is encouraging all-of-the-above energy policies and increasing all domestic production, including fossil fuels. Rather than pleading with dictators, President Biden could make his life and ours much simpler by recognizing this fact.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact my office. You can call my Christiansburg office at 540-381-5671, or my Washington office at 202-225-3861. To reach my office via email, please visit my website at www.morgangriffith.house.gov.

OPEN FORUM

Two issues are top of mind

To the editor,

In the Board of Supervisor race pitting Chris Stafford, Assistant Superintendent of PC Schools and Adam Hall, a non-government employee, two issues seem to be top of mind to voters:

Firstly, Stafford is running as an independent. As was asked of him at the recent Chamber of Commerce Candidates' Forum, he has a record of only donating to Democrat candidates. Most recently, Joe Biden in 2020 and Terry McAuliffe in 2021. Notable that a school employee backed the guy wanting a second term as governor and who said, "parents shouldn't be telling schools what to teach." Clearly Stafford supports that sentiment.

Stafford's response to that question was something along the lines of 'he had to donate to the Democrats because of his affiliation with the school system.' Did he really blame the schools for supporting Biden and McAuliffe? What an incredibly interesting answer. Firstly, it's ludicrous. Secondly, is the PC school system funneling money to democrats through an employee? Thirdly, his response is refreshing in that it acknowledges that the education system backs only

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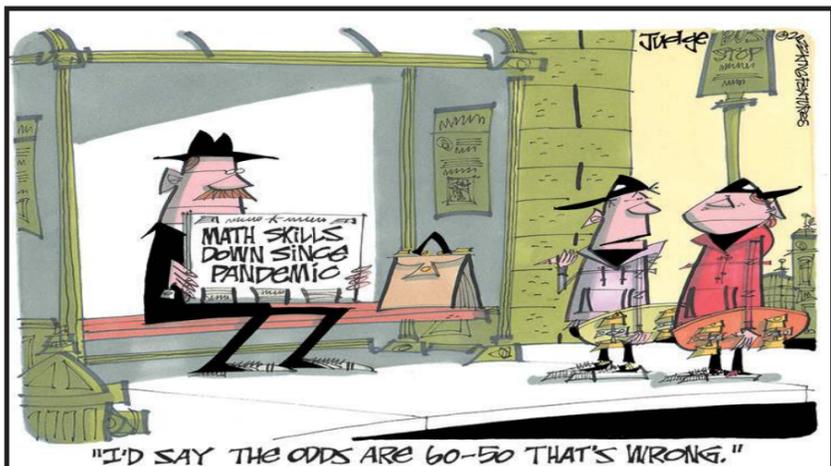
The Patriot will accept Open Forum letters on this fall's election through Monday, Oct. 24. No letters pertaining to the election will be published after Friday, Oct. 28. All letters must include the writer's name, address, phone number or email address. As our normal letter policy states, all letter writers are limited to one letter per 30 days. All letters are subject to editing and letters will be published as space is available. No guarantee is made that all letters will be published.

leftist candidates, a surprise to no one.

Stafford downplayed his roughly \$1700 in donations to Biden and McAuliffe as being a minimal amount of money. Perhaps it's minimal to him, but in a county with a poverty rate of 13% and where families are buckling under increased costs of goods and services (courtesy of democrat policies), \$1700 can make or break a family.

Adam Hall is being attacked for his choice to educate his children in Rad-

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Christian nationalism

By CAL THOMAS, Tribune Content Agency

The subject of "Christian nationalism" has again appeared in our political life, establishing residence in the Republican Party. It is nothing new, though, having taken many forms in the past, including Moral Rearmament, Prohibition, Christian Reconstructionism, Moral Majority, and the Christian Coalition.

In each incarnation, people have been told that something approaching Heaven on Earth can be accomplished through the political system and through a government led by folks who believe as they do. Each time the push has failed to achieve its stated goals.

Leaving aside for a moment the flaw in Christian nationalist theology, let's apply some pragmatism to these movements, including the latest called "ReAwaken America," led by former Donald Trump National Security Adviser (for 22 days), Gen. Michael Flynn (retired).

As the respected Pew Research Center has noted, "The decline of Christianity continues at a rapid pace." That is reflected in the profile of people who are attending Gen. Flynn's rallies. They appear to be mostly older and white, hardly the image of an America that will follow their generation. Several polls have shown that when asked their religious affiliation, millennials make up the highest percentage (32 percent) of "nones."

According to Pew, "sixty-five percent of Americans" self-identify as Christians, but it is a diverse group. Among them are Mainline Protestants, who generally vote for Democrats. Among Evangelicals, there are also divisions, with some voting for Democrats and others favoring Republicans. Roman Catholics, too, are divided, especially on social issues such as abortion. They also pledge allegiance to competing political parties or identify as Independents.

The question then becomes: how does this minority within a minority within an even smaller minority expect to win elections in sufficient numbers to pass legislation that will reverse what they see as a moral and cultural decline? If it could be done, would it not have been done by the previously mentioned movements which enjoyed a larger percentage of like-minded

people?

Oklahoma entrepreneur Clay Clark heads the ReAwaken America organization. An Associated Press story about a recent rally in Batavia, New York, quotes him: "I want you to look around and you'll see a group of people that love this country dearly. At this ReAwaken America Tour, Jesus is King (and) President Donald J. Trump is our president."

That comment sums up the attempted fusion of faith with politics.

This idea of faith with politics is a fallen humanity can - or should - impose a worldview through government that a majority do not share goes back to at least the time of Jesus. In the Book of Acts, the Disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" (Acts 1:6 NLT). They were looking for an earthly kingdom with themselves in charge. They wanted to throw off the Roman occupation and "take over." Make Israel great again!

Later, Jesus would respond to Pontius Pilate who asked Him if He was a king: "My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world." (John 18:36 NLT). That statement is a powerful rebuke to those who seek a kingdom that would be as flawed as they are if it ever came to fruition.

I have always appreciated this observation from C.S. Lewis, which speaks to the current and past movements of "Christian soldiers" wishing to transform America into their image: "Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth 'thrown in'; aim at Earth and you will get neither."

Perhaps these well-intentioned but misguided Christian nationalists should obey the commands of the One they claim to follow (and I don't mean Donald Trump). When that was the priority for Christians in the past, culture changed. A re-awakened America won't come through politics and government no matter how strongly Christian nationalists wish for it.

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



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Hispanics Weren't What Progressives Thought

One of the most significant events in American politics is that Hispanics are, in effect, deciding that they are working-class voters rather than ethnic-grievance voters.

This is so momentous because it means that Democrats can't rely on the monolithic Hispanic voting bloc they imagined would guarantee them an enduring electoral majority, and that the shift to the Republicans may be just beginning (the migration of working-class whites to the GOP has been happening over the course of a couple of generations).

An NBC News/Telemundo poll of Hispanics has Democrats ahead of Republicans in the battle for Congress 54-33%. That's a healthy lead, but it's down from prior polls. Democrats led among Latinos by 42 points in October 2012, 38 points in October 2016, and 26 points in October 2020. Detect a trend?

Republicans don't have to win Hispanics outright to change the calculus of American politics, only eat into Democratic margins.

In specific places, they are doing even better. A Sienna College poll shows Gov. Ron DeSantis and Sen. Marco Rubio, both running for reelection in Florida, above 50% among Hispanics. A new poll for The Nevada Independent has Republican Adam Laxalt, challenging Democratic incumbent Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, down by only 2 points among Hispanics.

It wasn't supposed to happen this way. Progressives had Hispanics pegged as "non-white" voters, which meant they'd be viewed as Black Americans and become nearly as immovably Democratic. The arbiters of such things even cooked up a new term for Hispanics, "Latinx," to signal their assimilation into the hothouse world of "woke" politics, with its kaleidoscope of genders and other bizarre priorities.

Hispanic is an incredibly wide-ranging category including people from different countries and regions who may have lived here for generations or just got here recently.

Generalizations are inevitably simplifications, but it's safe to say they don't have much in common with Black Americans, who went through the uniquely searing experience of enslavement and systematic discrimination. Within memory, Black people had to fight for the basic legal protections of citizenship, whereas many Hispanics got here after 1980, when the most fundamental civil rights struggles had already been won.

In a piece for Spectator World, the Republican pollster Patrick Ruffin argues that Hispanics are tracing the basic trajectory of white Catholics as they assimilate, move to the suburbs, and hew to traditional values out of fashion with the nation's elite.

Analyst Ruy Teixeira has noted the clashing cultural attitudes of "strong progressives"

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ford City Schools. According to Hall, he and his wife made this choice 15 years ago when they had planned to move into Radford City limits. That didn't come to fruition, they've lived in Fairlawn for the last 15 years, and felt it best to keep their daughters in the only school system they've known. For the kids' sake, they opted to not remove them from friends, sports and a school community they've known since childhood. As a parent, I understand this.

Hall has paid real estate and personal property taxes to Pulaski County the entire time. Is it unreasonable to believe he has every right to participate in the very government he pays for? He pays for schools his family doesn't use and has done so for 15 years. Essentially, neither Stafford nor Hall

has made use of the PC school system. Whatever their reasons, it's a personal, family choice that has no bearing on either candidate's fitness for office.

To say this disqualifies Hall from serving in county government is baffling to me. Especially when the other choice is an employee of the school system – the very system that consumes the majority of the budget negotiated by the Board of Supervisors he seeks to serve on. Effectively, Stafford would position himself to decide on a budget that funds the system that pays his salary. Conflict of Interest, anyone?

The choice is clear in Cloyd District: Vote for the man who isn't afraid to honestly identify his affiliation. Vote Conservative Republican. Vote Adam Hall.

Gina Paine

Get to know candidates first

To the Editor,

Have you gotten to know the candidates that are running for the Board of Supervisor? It is our responsibility to know the candidates before you head out to vote. Let me say a few words about Chris Stafford. He is a lifelong resident of Pulaski County, has attended Pulaski County Schools, currently works in Pulaski County and lives in Fairlawn. He is a strong supporter of our Public Safety departments and will support higher wages for Sherriff's Deputies and EMS personnel as well as being a strong supporter of our volunteer fire departments that protect our county. He is also a strong supporter of the School Resource Officer pro-

gram throughout our schools and would love to see the teachers and staff of Pulaski County receive higher wages. Chris would like to live stream the Board of Supervisors meetings which will give easier access to the meetings and increase the transparency and accountability of the Board. He will support more career and technical education programs at the High School as well as NRCC. Chris would love to attract more affordable housing and day care providers for our young families as well as provide better services for our senior citizens and veterans living in our communities. I strongly urge you to get to know the candidates before you go out to vote and make your vote count on November 8th.

Sonya Jennings

Vote for Hall and Reeves

To the editor,

In less than a month, citizens in Pulaski County will go to the polls to fill three positions on our County Board of Supervisors. Two of these are contested. Both Adam Hall and Jeff Reeves are being challenged, even though both have done an excellent job filling the positions of predecessors who had to resign. The serious manner with which both have undertaken their new responsibilities proves that they should be given the opportunity to complete their terms.

Adam is my representative in Cloyd District, finishing Joe Guthrie's term. He is a lifelong resident of Pulaski County, a graduate of its schools and Virginia Tech, and works as an engineer at Radford Army Ammunition Plant, so we know he cares about the future of our county. His greatest concern is carefully managing our county budget in these times of high inflation so we can avoid tax increases.

Jeff Reeves, representing Robinson District, is also a Tech graduate. He has farmed in the Back Creek area for over 30

years and is also deeply invested in Pulaski County's success. Both Adam and Jeff believe that county growth is the answer to our economic concerns. They support the Board's "40 by 30" initiative of attracting new businesses and residents to the county to increase its revenue base without increasing taxes. However, as Jeff says, we want our growth to be well-considered and slow. We want to maintain the beautiful rural landscape of our county and thus attract more people here. As conservatives, they agreed with the present Board's position not to raise taxes and kept a balanced budget despite requests from the school board to increase the \$67,000,000 school budget by \$1.6 million in new spending for next year.

Both Adam and Jeff are also excited about the Pulaski County Innovation Center in Fairlawn, which now boasts 54 businesses in its retail spaces. Two years ago, Pulaski County took over this facility and refurbished it as an incubator to help new small businesses get started. It is now completely occupied, with a waiting list, and several businesses are

Supports Stafford for board

To the editor,

Pulaski County - Please join me in supporting Chris Stafford as an independent candidate for the upcoming Board of Supervisor's election on November 8!

Chris has a dedicated and successful track record serving and supporting the residents of Pulaski County. He has worked for the public school system for over 20 years, serving both as the Director of Finance and Assistant Superintendent.

As a fellow Cabinet member, I was able to see first-hand the professionalism, commitment and wisdom Chris brought to the table each day. He has a strong and solid understanding of county operations. His financial acumen and industry knowledge of county operations is exceptional.

Chris is relentless in navigating obstacles and securing positive outcomes. I had the privilege of watching him advocate for the employees and families of Pulaski County Public Schools to ensure that every benefit and opportunity were fully maximized. He is driven by doing the right thing, at the right time, every time!

Chris not only understands the business side of county operations but he understands the people side as well. He has a kind and genuine heart and is always willing to help others. This versatility is a rare gift and would greatly complement this position.

Chris has lived his entire life in Pulaski County, graduating from our very own Pulaski County High School and he stayed local attending Virginia Tech where he earned his MBA in Business Administration.

Chris has consistently proven himself to be a dedicated and loyal individual in both his per-

sonal and professional life. He is rock solid, exemplifying honesty, fairness, and kindness which are strong and valuable characteristics that will continue to make Pulaski County the special place we all love!

Fellow friends, family and neighbors of the Cloyd District – Chris is already an outstanding citizen and contributor to Pulaski County. Just imagine what he could bring to your district as your Board of Supervisor representative! I sincerely hope you will consider voting for Chris Stafford.

**Kind regards to all,
Jana Beckner**

Encourages Dublin residents to attend council meeting

To the editor,

In regards to the Council for the Town of Dublin, I have been nice and I have been patient but I have had enough. If for some reason you are not aware, three months ago now the town of Dublin passed a rate increase that was exponentially higher than what they said they intended it to be. After we, the residents, paid that astronomical bill, we were assured that the bill would be corrected the fol-

lowing month and we would be issued credit for overpayment. This past month, it was still the same high rate and they blamed it on timing of the council meeting with the same promise of correction. The change back has to be voted on before they can fix it. Now, we are on month three of a high bill and still no fix. I am BEYOND FURIOUS with this town and the council should be ashamed of themselves. Many people in this town, like me, live on a budget and we should not have to foot the cost of an exorbitant bill because "the town made a mistake." All of this not to mention they couldn't even get us our bills last month because of vendor problem. Enough is enough. There is a council meeting on the 20th at 7pm and as long as it is open to the public, I encourage all the citizens of the Town of Dublin to show up. I for one, plan to attend. It's time they are held accountable for their mistakes! It's beyond ridiculous and someone needs to fix it. Screenshots below are from the town in regards to their colossal error. I would sincerely appreciate it if the Pulaski County Patriot would support the people of the community by publishing or airing a story. The town must be held accountable and so far they have not taken this matter seriously.

**Sincerely,
Alex Porter**

A SEVERELY ticked off resident of Dublin

Lowry

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and Hispanics. According to Echelon Insights survey, 66% of progressives reject the idea that America is the greatest country in the world; 70% of Hispanics disagree. Asked whether racism is built into our society or comes from individuals, 94% of progressives say it is systemic, and 58% of Hispanics say it is from individuals. The same divides are evident on transgender sports, defunding the police, and the importance of hard work.

The picture is of a constituency that is going to be skeptical of a party that made excuses for the 2020 riots premised on the notion that America is fundamentally corrupt, or that is on board the rush to embrace a nonbinary future. Needless to say, this is not FDR's Democratic Party, which had such a hold on white Catholics for so long.

On the cultural questions in the Echelon survey, Hispanics are much closer to working-class voters than the "wokesters." This shouldn't be a surprise since about 80% of Hispanics over age 25 don't have a four-year degree, whereas hyper-progressives are disproportionately college-educated. Like other working-class voters, Hispanics are focused on the economy, and give President Biden failing grades.

TITLE: None of this means the Hispanic trend toward Republicans is inexorable. Rather, it shows that, despite Democratic hopes, these voters are up for grabs, and their support has to be earned like that of other Americans.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

**Sincerely,
Roxie Reed**

almost ready to move out on their own. A great success story like the Innovation Center proves that our present Board understands how to help the county grow.

Along with the rest of our Board of Supervisors, both Adam Hall and Jeff Reeves have exemplified the caring attitudes and conservative values we citizens here in Pulaski County look for in our leaders. I hope you will join me in supporting them to continue their positions in November's upcoming election.



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The F-word Gospel

Did you know that according to wordfinders.com there are 5,055 words that begin with the letter "f." A good friend introduced us to the following f-inspired tongue twister that he has memorized. I thought it would be fun to share it this week, especially when the national and world news seems so forboding and fearful.

Here is my feeble attempt at the f-word folderol: Frustrated by my failing faculties and frequent faulty fumbling finger-keyboarding for this Friday's feature article, fellow family-members, fearful of finding me face-down on the frigid floor in frustration, flopped a fokatis across my feverish flesh and formally fomented in firm but feasible fashion, "Finish the f-article and fling yourself into bed!"

So, in deference to my fabulous family, here is a fun rendition of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Although this is a fun version of the parable, the message is still the same. God loves us unconditionally as His children. His love does not depend on our faithfulness

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

and even when we choose to do things that hurt ourselves and others, He remains our faithful and loving Father. When we run to Him and repent, He will forgive us.

"Feeling footloose and frisky, a feather-brained fellow forced his fond father to fork over the farthings and flew to foreign fields and frittered away his fortune, feasting fabulously with faithless friends.

Fleeced by his fellows in flooy, and facing famine, he found himself a feed-flinger in a filthy farmyard. Fairly famishing, he fain would have filled his frame with foraged food from fodder fragments.

'Fooyey,' he said. 'My father's flunkies fare finer,' the frazzled fugitive forlornly fumbled, frankly facing facts.

Frustrated by failure and filled with foreboding, he fled forth-

with to his family. Falling at his father's feet, he forlornly fumbled, 'Father, I've flunked and fruitlessly forfeited family favor!'

The farsighted father, forestalling further flinching, frantically flagged the flunkies to fetch a fatling from the flock and fix a feast.

The fugitive's fault-finding brother frowned on fickle forgiveness of former folderol. But the faithful father figured, 'Filiat fidelity is fine, but the fugitive is found! What forbids fervent festivity? Let flags be unfurled. Let fanfares flare.'

And the father's forgiveness formed the foundation for the former fugitive's future faith and fortitude."

The Prodigal Son is recounted in the Bible's Gospel of Luke 15:11-32 along with the Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Parable of the Lost Coin. All three are worth reading in the English language version.

Footnote: Although there are similar renditions of this fun, frolicking, alliterative version of the Parable, this version is attributed to Phil Kerr who wrote it about 60-years ago.

Handwritten Notes

Public service can sometimes be quite difficult and far too often thankless. On occasion, there are those thoughtful acts from citizens that gives you a shot in the arm that picks you up, recharges your battery and provides you with the affirmation needed to keep doing the hard, complicated and delicate work of local government.

In today's fast-paced digital world, an email or some other form of electronic communication is the new modus operandi for sharing one's thoughts or expressions. So, to my surprise this week, when I arrived in my office to find a collection of handwritten thank you notes on my desk, I was more than pleasantly surprised and touched.

A rather recent study published in the journal Psychological Science, talks about the underestimated benefits of the forgotten "handwritten" thank you cards as an immensely effective way of expressing genuine appreciation.

The penned notes placed with care contained the heartfelt gratitude from Pulaski County students who are enjoying the locally-funded Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program. I was not only moved by their sincere thanks for the Board of Supervisors' continued funding and support for the program, but by the plans and endeavors these young citizens are aspiring to and how they plan to utilize this County investment to pursue their dreams.

One individual shared it as, "... A blessing that will be valued more than you'll ever know."

I've always had a soft spot for the sentimental, but it wasn't until I had three children of my own that I truly have come to appreciate what investments in our children's futures really means.

In seeing my high schooler, my middle schooler and my elementary schooler taking steps every day to shape their lives and chart their futures, a major component to their long-term success will inevitably be the love, support, nurture and access to opportunities that this amazing community provides.

Some have said it takes a village, I say it takes a village who cares. I am distinctly proud



Patriot's Post

Jonathan Sweet
Pulaski Co. Administrator

to live in and serve a county who truly cares, leadership who robustly supports, and citizens who wholeheartedly value.

To B. Linkous, C. Blankenship, C. Seagle, C. Harriman, M. Webb and all the ACCE recipients, may God guide your path, quicken your journey, and bless you all with your hearts' desires.

As Pulaski County cheers on your educational pursuits, we as a caring village look forward to seeing you all fulfill your dreams and one day serving this exceptional community.

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Groundbreaking for Sheffey Park set Oct. 21

You are invited to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Sheffey Park, located at 74222 Hazel Hollow Road, Radford on Friday, October 21, 2022, at 2 p.m. The ceremony is hosted by Pulaski County.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Do I need a new coat this year?

With cold weather here, we're all trying to find ways to stay warm both indoors and when we go out. Are you set up for winter? This is the time to be sure.

Here is what I've done so far this year.

Slippers that you wear around the house: Have yours stretched out over the years? Is there any chance you could walk right out of them? This might be the year you need to invest in new indoor footwear for safety. Slippers are jotted down on my own list because yes, I do need new ones, and I'm going for slippers with a solid bottom.

Indoor vest: I've had one for years that adds a layer of warmth when the house is a bit chilly when worn over a sweatshirt or a long sleeve waffle shirt. It's still fine.

Gloves: I've discovered that my insulated gloves that have kept my hands warm for years now have worn through the seam on the thumb, creating a 1-inch hole and letting in very cold air. I discovered how that happened: It's from holding the steering wheel in the car. I'll be pulling out my needle and thread to make that repair.

Hat, scarf, boots: check.

Winter coat with hood: And this is where making a major purchase is iffy. Do I need a new winter coat this year ... or not?

And the answer is no. Three winters into Covid, it's still out there. Despite the new omicron booster, there are experts who say we'll have another Covid surge this winter with rising cases and hospitalization numbers, mostly due to human behavior and dwindling interest in getting a booster.

So no ... once again, I don't need a new winter coat. I still won't be going out as much as I used to long ago.



Ruritan Road Ruritan Club photo

Ruritans Deliver Funds to Fire Departments

Tuesday evening Ruritan Road Ruritan Club President Max Orren and Treasurer Donna Edwards attended a meeting with all the Pulaski County fire department chiefs to give them their donation from the recent fishing tournament fundraiser held by the Ruritans. All together the tournament raised \$6,580. After deducting for the prize money and the money to pay for the two weapons for the raffle, the Ruritans were able to donate \$3600 to the Pulaski County Fire Departments.



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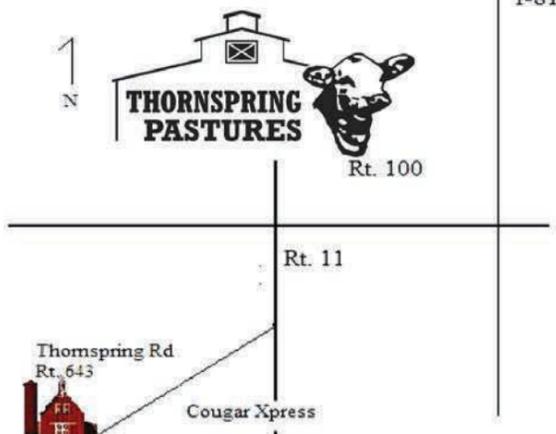
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Forum

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on a rec center, and said news will be coming out in the next couple months about what options are available to the county on such a facility.

His opponent in the Robinson District, Colette Hash – running as an independent – also expressed support for a rec center.

“I agree it would be an awesome opportunity for our county, but we also have to make sure that we understand how we’re going to pay for it,” she said.

She said such a facility would benefit both young and old.

“Everything always comes down to money, but you have to count the cost to see what it is worth and how it will cause our county to develop and be a better place.”

Adam Hall, the Republican incumbent in Cloyd District, also supports a wellness center / sports complex.

“There is a level of financial responsibility that needs to be employed when looking at that. It can be very expensive to accomplish that. We need to define what ‘that’ is first – maybe it can’t be a wide-open checkbook and be a grand, grand thing that exceeds our ability to pay for it,” he said.

He noted he agrees with Reeves that taxes should not be raised to pay for such a facility, and advocates thinking of “smart ways” to address the issue.

“Maybe we can look at the features that go into a sports complex and incrementally bite those off,” he said.

His opponent in Cloyd, Chris Stafford – running as an independent – agreed that a wellness center is a great concept.

“It’s a great concept if it’s done sustainable and self-supporting in a fiscally responsible way. I look at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center and I know from their situation for many years, that center struggled until they got Virginia Tech involved with the swim team, so I really think we need to crunch the numbers,” Stafford said.

“What’s important is to get

community input. A big part of my campaign is about transparency,” Stafford said. “I just want to mention that in this current fiscal year budget, I’m not sure how many people know there’s a \$2 million line item in the budget already for the wellness center. If you look at the budget, it’s right there.”

Two questions directed to specific candidates went to Stafford and Hall.

Stafford’s question dealt with the past financial contributions he has made to Democratic candidates including Joe Biden, Terry McAuliffe and ActBlue – a technology organization that enables left-leaning nonprofits, Democratic candidates and progressive groups to raise money from individual donors on the internet.

He was asked why, considering his donations, is he running as an independent candidate.

Stafford said that, as a senior financial official for the school system, “we are encouraged by the Virginia Association of School Business Officials to advocate for school funding, and I’ve done just that.”

“I’m 54 years old. I’ve lived in Pulaski County my entire life. The total amount of political contributions I’ve made in my lifetime are far less than the amount of contributions that I give to my church and to local charities here in Pulaski County each year,” Stafford said, adding he believes those contributions reflect more about him than any political contribution.

He said from “day one” on the board, he plans to be an independent voice for the citizens of the Cloyd District – regardless of their political persuasion.

In his rebuttal, Hall said he is the Republican nominee.

“And what that means to me is I know where I stand with fiscal conservatism. We are fiscally responsible and specifically one of my goals is to keep taxes low and to work in a balanced budget,” Hall said, adding that conservative values and conservative faith are things he is proud to represent on the board.

Hall was asked why he sends his children to Radford City Schools, when he resides in Pulaski Coun-

ty and wants to continue serving on the Board of Supervisors here.

“Years ago, my family and I were considering moving to Radford and decided to enroll our children there ahead of time. We actually never moved there. We’ve been a part of Pulaski County our entire lives. We live on that side of the county, but we simply never ended up moving [to Radford].

“What’s important to me is we’re still in the county, we’re still citizens in the county, we have friends in the county and we go to church in the county.

“If there’s questions about how much I support the school system, this year, I’m proud to say, we went through the budgeting process and were able to address all funding for all of the board’s listed priorities. And it’s the highest level ever in the history of the school system. I’m proud we were able to do that.

“We just never pulled the trigger. Our girls are entrenched there [Radford] at the high school level now, I think that’s the place where they need to continue to be for continuity in their lives. They have friends, they have teachers, their relationships they’ve built forever,” Hall explained.

In his response, Stafford said he wouldn’t respond to his opponent’s personal situation, but he did say he would put Pulaski County’s teachers and staff up against any neighboring school system.

Stafford did take exception with Hall’s point of addressing all the school system’s budget priorities.

“I’ll give props to Governor Youngkin and the current general assembly for increasing state funding [for education] over what we originally anticipated.

“That additional state funding was what allowed us to give teacher raises this year. The board of supervisors appropriated an additional \$10,000 in operating funding. They have been very generous the last few years with capitol funding, but it was that additional state funding that gave us the ability to give teacher raises,” Stafford said.

In his rebuttal, Hall said that while his daughters attend school in Radford, he has relatives who are students in Pulaski County

schools as well as relatives and friends who are teachers here.

As for school funding, Hall said the \$10,000 line-item amount Stafford mentioned was “simply a placeholder.”

“It was over \$900,000 allocated to the school system ... just needs to be requested, and that would actually tie into all the listed school budget priorities supplying that funding,” Hall said.

Another consistent question on the campaign trail focused on how Stafford, in his role as assistant superintendent for finance and business operations for the school system, can also serve as a member of the board of supervisors – especially during budget preparation and voting.

Stafford responded that while he was not ready Tuesday to make a decision on whether he would give up his job, he had done his research and had found that such situations have existed and worked.

“The state attorney general’s office has consistently held for many decades that there is no restriction on an employee of a public school system serving as a member of a local board of supervisors,” Stafford said, adding this occurs more often than some may think.

He noted one such situation in Smyth County where the assistant superintendent of schools serves on the board of supervisors and he just won re-election.

Stafford also said he had notified the school board chairman that he will not accept any pay increase or any increase in benefits as a school employee for any period of time he is a member of the board of supervisors.

Massie District candidate Mike Mooney was provided an opportunity during the event to introduce himself to the audience. Mooney is running unopposed.

Mooney graduated from Pulaski County High School in 1976 and attended Concord College on a baseball scholarship. He worked for 39 years in the soft drink industry before retiring.

“I was very successful in this job, and I feel like that’s because I listened to my people. I managed a large business and had several employees in nine counties in the New River Valley and in Southwest Virginia. I feel like if we can apply these same standards and ethics on the Board of Supervisors we can be successful there,” Mooney stated.

“My goal is to listen more and talk less. I feel like if you can find a candidate to listen more and talk less, then we’ve got things going in the right direction,” he added.

Kevin Meredith served as the moderator for the event.

The winning candidates in the three districts will serve one-year terms on the five-member board of supervisors, with all five members of the Board of Supervisors facing election for four-year terms in November 2023.



Fall Flea Season

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: My cat Isaiah often gets fleas in the late spring through summer, but by September the fleas are usually gone. This year, he still has fleas, even as we get into the chillier October month. What can I do to drive the fleas out? --Maddy in Biddeford, Maine

DEAR MADDY: While flea activity tends to drop during the colder months, chillier weather isn’t a guarantee that they’ll go away. A number of factors could keep them around, conceivably, all year. Things like a constantly warm environment in which to live (your house) or a higher than usual flea population (this can vary from year to year).

To really get rid of Isaiah’s fleas, you’ll need to treat him and tackle possible flea problems inside the house.

Treat Isaiah with a flea treatment, available at the pet store or from the vet. Perfumed soaps aren’t good alternatives; they can dry and irritate his skin.

Wash or replace Isaiah’s bedding, and wash any furniture upholstery, blankets or other items where he likes to lounge for long periods.

Treat the carpet with a flea preventative, available at the pet store or online. Put Isaiah into a safe room and sprinkle the treatment into the carpet as directed, then vacuum it up. The treatment will take care of any live fleas or eggs hiding in the carpet.

If your cat spends time outdoors, consider making him an indoor cat. This will reduce the chance of him contracting fleas outside and bringing them into the house.

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Newbern museum holds loom house rededication

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

Last weekend brought sunny skies and cool temperatures, as thousands of people descended on Pulaski County's oldest town for the Newbern Fall Festival.

As Fest goers ambled up and down Newbern Road, April Martin Danner, Executive Director of the Wilderness Road Regional Museum, held a rededication ceremony for the museum's Loom House. To mark the occasion, a small crowd gathered in front of the one and a half story wooden structure, which is located only a few yards away from the main museum.

The rededication marked the completion of a months-long restoration process but before work could begin, old daub and rotten shingles had to be torn away. During this process, a variety of very old iron nails were discovered. Some cedar shingles were found to have been singed by some long ago fire. April theorizes that this may have been the result of an inferno that raged through the town of Newbern back in 1924.

The restoration process on the Loom House started just before COVID related restrictions put a halt to all work. After more funds were gathered, notably from the Lineberry family, the Lester family and a Patterson Family Grant, restoration work began again in July of this year.

The restoration included the application of a new cedar shake roof, which now shelters the inhabitants of the Loom House from the elements. In addition, the massive timber walls of this ancient structure have all been re-chinked and freshly made



The Wilderness Road Regional Museum celebrates the rededication of the Historic Loom House.

William Paine/The Patriot

daub now fills the gaps between the logs.

To make the daub, April borrowed her father's old tractor and dredged enough sand out of Crab Creek in Montgomery County to fill the back of a truck. The daub was made on site by adding lime to the sand and hand mixing the combination until it could be smoothly applied. Hand mixing the daub is a time-consuming process but as in all of this restoration work, the materials used are historically authentic.

Though many were involved in the restoration, a big portion of the labor was provided by 18-year-old Gibson Graham, who received a round of applause for his efforts.

The Loom House is believed to have been constructed in two distinctly different time periods.

The logs of the Loom House are made of white Oak and Chestnut and cut into some of these wood walls are narrow horizontal gaps, which are believed to have been used as gun ports.

"We've determined that the

lower half of the structure dates back to the late 1700's because gun ports are highly indicative of it being from that time," said April addressing the crowd.

As April explained, the need for these gun ports was primarily due to the threat posed by native American tribes. By the early 1800's there was no such need for these portals.

"Also, during the process of restoration, we found some newspaper plastering in between the logs," April continued. "Were

able to identify those newspapers from being only published between 1830 and the late 1840s. So that helped us date the upper half floor of the structure."

April then made a surprising assertion about the possible origins of this ancient Appalachian structure.

"We call this the Loom House and we will continue to call this the Loom house but Adam Hanse, who built this Village

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Medical Scammers Caught

Thieves must think they're smarter than the rest of us. Until they're caught, that is, and have to give up all their ill-gotten gains and spend time behind bars. Here are a few examples:

The president of a medical testing company has been convicted of paying kickbacks, misleading investors and committing health-care fraud for pushing an allergy test.

He made several outlandish claims to investors along the way:

-- That his company was valued at \$4.5 billion and that his little test could show nearly any disease just using a few drops of blood when it wasn't actually a diagnostic test at all.

-- That Dr. Fauci had required testing for Covid and allergies at the same time, which was handy, because the scammer also claimed that his allergy test could test for Covid.

-- That he was on the list to receive the Nobel Prize.

The scammer was convicted of a whole list of crimes and could face five to 20 years in prison on each of the scams. A back-of-the-envelope calculation shows 115 years in prison.

Then we have yet another health-care fraud, this time for genetic cancer testing. The owner of a chain of laboratories paid kickbacks for referrals who sent him patients who



by Freddy Groves

didn't actually need the test he was providing. The scammer submitted 325,000 claims and received over \$26 million in payments.

And yet another thief, this time a chiropractor, targeted health care in the durable medical equipment niche: crutches, hospital beds, canes, walkers, wheelchairs and more -- all supposedly prescribed through telemedicine visits. It involved bribery of doctors who approved the medical equipment. Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) was just one of their targets, and the scammers collected over \$10 million from that one source alone.

Unfortunately, the head thief in this scam only got four years in the slammer. He will, however, be minus \$3 million he has to pay back and \$10 million in restitution when he gets out.

Nails By Michelle
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Fall At The Museums



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A Colonial era loom dominates the one room lower floor of the Loom House. Note the small horizontal opening to the right of the loom. This was likely used as a gun port.

Newbern

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and who was known to have had a log structure on Peak Creek near where the Rock House is now, may have once lived here," she conjectured. "He may have repurposed those logs, because why cut down trees if you already have the logs? He may have then moved them up here during some time in its early existence."

Was what we know as the Loom House, Adam Hance's first residence? It's old enough to have given the founder of Newbern a roof over his head in those early frontier years but we

may never know.

Last year, the Wilderness Road Regional Museum finished restoring a barn, which sits on the opposite side of the museum and dates from 1818. Next year, Virginia Tech Green Engineering will assist in restabilizing the milking barn, which is also located on the museum grounds.

In addition to the rededication ceremony, staff and volunteers at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum provided historical reenactments presented by individuals dressed in period correct costumes for the entire day.

Cyclist, pedestrian advocates seek to save lives

By Darlene Johnson
Capital News Service

RICHMOND, Va. — October is National Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month. September was Bicyclist and Pedestrian Awareness Month in Virginia. Fatal accidents and injuries involving road users increased last year, according to traffic crash facts from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Cyclist Natalie Rainer was struck in mid-August by a driver who was charged with driving under the influence.

"I have damage to my organs," Rainer said. "I have a lot of road rash on my skin."

Rainer was cycling with C. Jonah Holland on a popular bike route in east Henrico County when they were hit. Holland died at the scene and Rainer was badly injured. Her pelvis, ribs and collarbone were broken. Rainer was in the intensive care unit for a week, then placed in the trauma unit for two weeks, she said.

Rainer called the crash a "random occurrence," where she and Holland were at the "wrong place at the wrong time."

Jeffery Brooks, 18, awaits trial on felony involuntary manslaughter and misdemeanor DUI charges.

"One of the scariest things that you can do is operate a car badly, because you put so many people at risk," Rainer said.

Crashes involving a vehicle increased by 12.2% from 2020-21, according to the DMV's traffic crash facts. Crashes that involved a vehicle and a pedestrian increased 12.6% in the same time period. The number of pedestrians injured in such crashes increased 11.7%. The number of pedestrian fatalities rose 9.7%.

There was a 100% increase in fatal crashes that involved a cyclist; rising from eight to 16 cyclists killed.

Sen. Scott Surovell, D-Fairfax, became an advocate of safer streets after he cycled cross country and had several close calls, he said. There should be more driver education and awareness, he said, along with improvements to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. That will help minimize risk to vulnerable road users, he said.



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Pulaski County hosts Blacksburg for Homecoming

By MASON CLARK
The Patriot

Pulaski County slipped to 3-3 in the season for the second straight year with a 49-14 loss to Salem. While the blowout loss to the Spartans hurts, there's still plenty on the table for the season. It's homecoming week at PCHS, and lowly Blacksburg will be visiting us this week. The Bruins will look to break a 24-game losing streak on Friday night, tied for the longest in the state of Virginia.

History

The Bruins used to be called the Indians before they decided to change their name. Bruins was chosen when this debate finally ended in 2002. The Indians at the time were rival in the now defunct New River District with the Dublin Dukes and Pulaski Orioles, before the two combined in 1974. For 27 years, we never saw Blacksburg in a real game.

The Bruins won state championships in 1977, 1989, and as recently as 2016. They have two unbeaten regular seasons, 1976 and 2018. They had a legendary coach, for decades named David Crisht, whose son Michael now coaches across the bridge and has an undefeated Radford team playing well. For a long time, Blacksburg played their football at what is now commonly referred to as "old Bill Brown Stadium", before they completed a new one under the same name in 2008. We were their first game in the new Bill Brown stadium, where we won 41-20.

The first ever meeting between the two came just before that name change, in the 2001 season. The Cougars were tested by the Indians, but held on for a tight 34-27 win, led by Alan Wheeling's two touchdown runs. The next year was harder. In our first ever trip to the old Bill Brown Stadium, the Bruins shut out the Cougars, 20-0. It was the second last loss of Hicks' illustrious career, and was one of just seven times being shut out under coach



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Taner Mace takes off for some of his 63 rushing yards Friday vs. Salem.

Hicks. Jack Turner's first battle was also tough, struggling to a 44-22 loss. In 2004, sophomore Kevin Crouse ran for 243 yards and two scores to lead us to a 27-0 win, and then in 2005 he did it again with 197 yards and 2 more scores against the Bruins. We led the series 3-2 at that point.

Then the hard 2006 season came along and Blacksburg beat us 21-7, and then they beat us again the next year 28-23 in a fairly surprising loss for us. Then in 2008, we got them twice with Nubian Peak terrorizing them twice, 41-20 and then 42-0, the biggest playoff win in school history.

In 2009, we took a beating with a 34-3 loss to Blacksburg. Then in 2010, we won almost by the exact same score, this time 34-0. In 2011 we got out only win of that season against the Bruins, winning 28-0. We beat them 28-7 in 2012 and



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A Salem defender grabs Trevor Burton in an attempt to slow him down.

13-3 in 2013, and with that we'd suddenly won four straight over them. In 2014, we won in a down-pour rain by a score of 39-19. The 2015 game saw a Blacksburg freshman receiver put up over 200 receiving yards on us, but we still won 41-22. We had beat them six straight times.

But then the Bruins went on a run of their own. They upset us in 2016 by a score of 17-13. Then in 2017 they were simply a better team and won big, 53-28. The 2018 season saw two heartbreaking losses to then: 21-14 in the regular season, and then 28-21 in the playoffs.

Then in 2019 we got back on

track beating them 12-3 when the Cougar defense held them to under 20 yards of total offense. And with the past two horrific seasons, we beat them 56-0 in 2021 spring to tie the record for biggest margin of victory in school history, and then last season, John Lyman scored four touchdowns to give us a 49-7 win.

Pulaski County leads the series 15-9, including the past three meetings. The Cougars will be heavily favored this week.

Blacksburg Preview

Blacksburg is in the midst of the worst span in program history, by far. They're currently on a 24-game losing streak. Their last

win came in the 2019 season when they beat Hidden Valley 29-23. Those seniors on that team are now juniors in college, and the current high school seniors were freshmen the last time they won a game. They're in danger of their third consecutive winless season. So far they have scored 31 total points, but allowed a whopping 327. That's averaging 5 points per game, but allowing over 54 a game.

Zack Leonard has found the going tough in his first season at the helm. The Bruins have allowed no fewer than 35 points in a game this season and have scored no more than fourteen points in a game so far. That includes five games over forty points allowed, three games over fifty allowed, and two games over seventy allowed, in a 70-0 loss to Lord Botetourt and a 76-0 loss to Salem, which was the biggest loss in school history for them. It's tough times in Blacksburg right now football wise, both for the Hokies but even more for the Bruins.

The Bruins have scored just four total touchdowns on the year. Hopefully Leonard can get this program back to where they were just a few short years ago, when they went 34-8 from 2016-18 and won a state title in 2016.

The Bruins run a spread offense with three or four wide receivers almost all the time. They want to run and throw and be pretty balanced between the two. Defensively they usually run a 4-3 defense; though that could change with how they choose to defend the Cougar offense, with the flexbone being pretty rare today.

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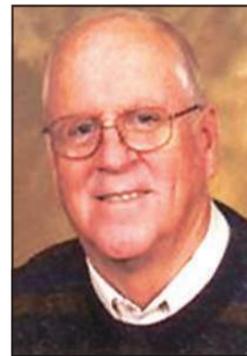
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RSN: Tom Werme (play-by-play), James Bates (analyst), Wiley Ballard (sideline)

No. 15/13 NC State (5-1, 1-1) at No. 18/18 Syracuse (5-0, 2-0), 3:30 p.m., ACCN, 138 or 193, 955
Series: NC State leads series, 13-2; Last meeting: NC State, 41-17 (2021)
ACCN: Mike Monaco (play-by-play), Tim Hasselbeck (analyst), Kelsey Riggs (sideline)

No. 4/5 Clemson (6-0, 4-0) at Florida State (4-2, 2-2), 7:30 p.m., ABC, 138 or 193, 955
Series: Florida State leads series, 20-14; Last meeting: Clemson, 30-20 (2021)
ABC: Chris Fowler (play-by-play), Kirk Herbstreit (analyst), Holly Rowe (sideline)

No. -/25 North Carolina (5-1, 2-0) at Duke (4-2, 1-1), 8 p.m.,

ACCN, 85, 85
Series: North Carolina leads series, 63-49-4; Last meeting: North Carolina, 38-7 (2021)
ACCN: Wes Durham (play-by-play), Roddy Jones (analyst), Taylor Davis (sideline)

Open: Boston College, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Pitt, Virginia, Wake Forest

ACC Notes

• Four conference games make up week seven of the ACC

schedule, which is highlighted by a top 25 matchup between No. 15 NC State and No. 18 Syracuse. All four games are division games. Six teams - Boston College, Georgia Tech, Louisville, See ACC, page B4



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1. A request from Aggregate Capital LLC for a Comprehensive Plan zoning map amendment for property located at 0 First Street NW and 34 First Street NW [tax parcel(s) 072-140-0000-0156, 072-140-0000-0157] from Industrial to Commercial.
2. A request from Aggregate Capital LLC to rezone property located at 0 First Street NW and 34 First Street NW [tax parcel(s) 072-140-0000-0156, 072-140-0000-0157] from I-2 Industrial to B-3 Central Business.

All persons desiring to comment on the proposed requests should submit their remarks to Caroline Smith, Planner/Zoning Administrator, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, to 42 First Street, NW/PO Box 660, Pulaski, VA or via email to csmith@pulaskitown.org. A copy of the application and other pertinent materials are available for public review in the Planner/Zoning Administrator's office, Pulaski Municipal Building, 42 First Street, NW from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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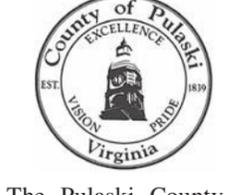
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The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will consider the applications as listed below at the scheduled monthly meeting. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 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:

1. 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.
2. 15.2-2232 H. Substantial Accord Review with the Pulaski County Comprehensive Plan for SUP Application for Helios Solar, located at 3063 Lomans Ferry Road, Draper District.
3. Rezone Application submitted by Virginia Fence Builders rezone a newly revised portion of Tax Map 036-001-0000-0011 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Industrial (I) located at 5916 Cleburne Blvd Dublin, VA, Cloyd District.

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Undefeated Bobcats Rout Carroll County

By ELIZABETH KANIPE
The Patriot

Radford traveled to Carroll County Friday and looked to continue their winning ways against the Cavaliers. Carroll County had lost five straight after winning their first game against Patrick County. The night would go in Radford's favor.

Carroll County won the coin toss and elected to receive. Like most teams Radford has faced this season, Carroll's strategy was to control the clock to keep the Bobcat's offense off the field. They ran the ball up the middle or off tackle all night. In the first series, the Cavaliers got two first downs before being held and forced to punt. Radford has been used to scoring quickly all season. Their first drive took 10 plays before Landen Clark hit Marcell Baylor at the 9 yard line where he avoided the double team and ran to the goal line. The Bobcats led 7-0.

The Cavaliers continued to try to run the ball between the tackles to control the clock. Radford continued to adjust and held on 4th and 2 to force the turnover on downs. This time the Bobcats didn't take long to score. After an incomplete pass and a short run, Clark hit Max Kanipe on a screen pass where he out ran the Cavalier defenders to score from 31 yards out.

The next drive for Carroll County was cut short when on 3rd and 7, QB Elijah Cox rolled left and threw the ball directly to Kanipe for the interception at the Radford 29 yard line. Like the first drive, Radford slowly



#5 Parker Prioleau runs out left before cutting down the sideline to score a TD.

Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

worked down the field with the help of several David Woodward runs and passes to Baylor and Parker Prioleau. The Bobcats extended their lead to 21-0 when Woodward scored from 3 yards out. The Bobcats next possession came when Prioleau blocked the William Burnett punt attempt. Dawson Martin recovered the ball at the 35 and returned it all the way to the 7 yard line giving Radford first and goal. Clark finished

the drive after scrambling and finding a wide open Luke Woodard for a 5 yard TD pass. The extra point kick hit the right upright leaving the score 27-0 with 55 seconds left in the half.

The second half started with Radford's Ethan Brown recovering the onside kick attempt at the 49 yard line. On the first play, Clark hit Woodward on a screen pass. Woodward made a great cut to avoid losing yardage and

turned up the Bobcat sideline to complete a 51 yard TD reception. The Bobcats' lead was now 34-0 just 22 seconds into the second half.

Radford then forced the Cavaliers to punt after three downs. Linebacker Sam Khandan-Barani snagged the line drive punt at the 36 and returned it 19 yards to put the Bobcats back in the red zone. Clark immediately hit Prioleau on a wide receiver screen

who cut his way down the sideline for a 17 yard TD. Radford now led 41-0 with 9:01 left in the 2nd quarter.

With a running clock and large lead, Radford substituted in their second team defense and offense. Carroll was able to score twice with Cox hitting Landon Harmon from 22 and 18 yards out to put Carroll on the scoreboard. Radford won with a final score of 41-12.

Radford's Clark had another big day at quarterback. He completed 9 of 16 passes for 214 yards. His 5 touchdown passes gave him the all time single season TD record at 29. The previous record of 28 was held by Ken Alderman during his 1972 Championship season. Woodward also had a big day. He carried the ball 11 times for 62 yards and one touchdown. He also had one reception for 51 yards and a touchdown. Prioleau led the receivers with 3 receptions for 67 yards and a touchdown. Baylor finished with 2 catches for 49 yards and a touchdown and Kanipe added 2 catches for 42 yards and a touchdown. Radford's passing-oriented offense has averaged 41 points per game this season. The Bobcats are averaging 257 yards passing per game compared to their opponents 45 yards passing per game.

Radford gets a much needed week off before finishing the regular season starting at Floyd on October 21st. This game could decide the winner of the Three Rivers District this season.

ACC

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Pitt, Virginia and Wake Forest - have the weekend off.

•In a matchup of top 25 ACC teams, No. 18 Syracuse welcomes No. 15 NC State to the JMA Wireless Dome Saturday afternoon (3:30 p.m./ACCN). It is the first time a ranked Syracuse team has played a ranked ACC opponent since the Orange joined the league in 2013. It is the first time NC State and Syracuse have faced each other as ranked teams. NC State seeks its eighth win in 10 ACC meetings versus the Orange as unbeaten Syracuse closes out a four-game homestand.

•The Syracuse-NC State game is a battle of the top two statis-

tical defenses in the ACC. Syracuse leads the league in total defense (271.6 ypg) and scoring defense (14.0 ppg), and is second in rushing defense (95.0 ypg) and passing defense (176.6 ypg). NC State is second in total defense (297.8 ypg) and second in scoring defense (15.7 ppg).

•Miami and Virginia meet for the 31st consecutive time in an early Saturday kickoff in Blacksburg, Virginia (12:30 p.m./RSN). Miami has won three straight and four of the last five versus the Hokies, including last season's 38-26 victory in Miami Gardens. Miami's Tyler Van Dyke, the reigning ACC Quarterback of the Week, passed for 357 yards and three touchdowns to lead the

Hurricanes last season. The teams have split the last 16 meetings in Blacksburg, with Miami winning the most recent by a 25-24 score in 2020.

•In a key Coastal Division rivalry game, North Carolina makes the short trip to Durham to face Duke (8 p.m./ACCN) in a battle for the Victory Bell. North Carolina leads the ACC and is eighth in the country averaging 42.3 points per game.

•Four ACC teams are ranked in the AP Top 25 poll (Oct. 9). No. 4 Clemson leads the way and is joined by No. 14 Wake Forest, No. 15 NC State and No. 18 Syracuse. North Carolina and Florida State are receiving votes.

•No. 5 Clemson leads a group of five ACC teams ranked among the top 25 of the USA TODAY Sports AFCA coaches poll. The Tigers are joined by No. 13 NC State, No. 14 Wake Forest, No. 18 Syracuse and No. 25 North Carolina. Florida State and Pitt are receiving votes.

•No. 14 Wake Forest has been ranked in the AP poll for a school-record 19 consecutive weeks - the longest active streak in the ACC. No. 15 NC State has been ranked in 13 consecutive AP polls, the Wolfpack's longest streak since it was in 22 consecutive polls from Sept. 1992-Sept.

1993. No. 18 Syracuse is ranked in the AP poll this year for the first time since 2019.

•No. 4 Clemson and No. 18 Syracuse are two of the 15 remaining FBS undefeated teams in the country. Clemson is 6-0 for the seventh time in the last eight years after a 31-3 win Saturday at Boston College. The Orange is 5-0 for the first time since 1987 and will face the Wolfpack this Saturday.

•Clemson's 12-game win streak is the longest active streak in the country. Clemson's 37-game home winning streak matches Florida State's 37-game streak (1992-2001) as the longest in ACC history. No current Tigers have lost a home game at Clemson in their careers.

•NC State has the seventh-longest active home streak at 14 games. Pitt has won seven consecutive road games, which is the second-longest in the country behind Georgia (9).

•Clemson and Wake Forest have two of the best records over the last two seasons among Power 5 programs. Clemson is 16-3 (sixth-best) and Wake Forest is 16-4 (eighth-best).

•Pitt junior running back Israel Abanikanda was named the Walter Camp National Player of the Week. He set a Pitt school single-game record with 320 rushing

yards (on 36 attempts) and tied a school an ACC record with six touchdowns as the Panthers defeated Virginia Tech, 45-29. Abanikanda broke former Walter Camp Player of Year Tony Dorsett's previous school record of 303 yards (set on Nov. 15, 1975 vs. Notre Dame).

•Louisville's Malik Cunningham is fifth in ACC history in career total offense. Wake Forest's Sam Hartman is 8th and is 31 yards behind NC State's Ryan Finley for seventh. Cunningham is also ranked second in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns by a quarterback.

•Wake Forest QB Sam Hartman ranks sixth in ACC history with 88 career touchdown passes. Clemson's Deshaun Watson and Trevor Lawrence are tied for fifth with 90.

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Spartans win 14th straight over Cougars

By MASON CLARK
The Patriot

After keeping up a little through the first half, Salem's explosiveness led to several big plays that proved too much for the Cougars to overcome in a 49-14 pounding on the road in Salem on Friday night. The loss continues a now fourteen-game skid for the Cougars against Salem in what once was a fiercely competitive rivalry. It was a tough night.

Things didn't look good early. Pulaski County went three-and-out on their first possession and punted, and Salem wasted little time getting started. Senior quarterback DaRon Wilson made a great play on a third-and-long to complete a pass for a first down to extend the drive. Shortly after, a short pass became a touchdown when a Salem receiver's run after the catch got him into the end zone. 7-0 Spartans.

The Cougars responded at first. They put together a good drive, solid 5-7 yard gains to move the football into Spartan territory. But a fumble would stall the drive, and against the Spartans, you will pay for your transgressions. The very first play, a short throw on a hitch route resulted in an 87-yard touchdown pass. Just like that, it was 14-0 Salem, end of the first quarter.

If nothing else, the Cougars didn't just roll over and quit. The offensive line dug in and blocked, Trevor Burton as well as Taner Mace and Chris Gallimore ran the ball well, and eventually Burton found the end zone for the fifteenth time this season. 14-7, and we had some life.

Then Peyton Lewis finally got loose. The state champion trackstar who doubles as a tailback fielded the ensuing kickoff, made

Cougars

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Pulaski County Preview

The Cougars are coming off a beat down loss at the hands of Salem, 49-14. The Cougars need to bounce back this week, and the Bruins appear to be a good team to do that against.

First, the playoff situation. The Cougs currently sit on the outside looking in, at the ninth seed in the region. Here are the current standings:

1. Salem, 25.57
2. EC Glass, 25.16
3. Louisa County, 25.14
4. Orange County, 23.40
5. Amherst County, 22.50
6. Jefferson Forest, 21.16
7. Halifax County, 19.83
8. Western Albemarle, 19.83
9. Pulaski County, 19.66
10. Mecklenburg County, 17.33
11. GW Danville, 16.80
12. Blacksburg, 14.83

The top eight teams make the playoffs, so right now we are on the outside looking in. We will need a strong last month of football if we want to be playing into November. With games against Graham, Patrick Henry and Christiansburg, we control our own destiny as to if we make it or not. Whether we win those games is what it'll come down to. Even with a win this week against Blacksburg, we would get a limited amount of points out of it with them being winless. We will likely need to win at least two of these last four games.

The Cougars offense has been pretty good this season. The clear cut leader of the offense is Trevor Burton. The senior has 113 rush attempts for 860 yards and 16 touchdowns this season. He's currently on pace to tie the record of 27 in a single season, set in 2000 by Frank Cobbs. The most rushing touchdowns in a season is held by Craig Hidge at 26, so Burton could also break that. Of course the offensive line is to be credited as much as anyone for this; senior Evan Alger, sophomore Aiden Moore, sophomore Nolan Dalton, senior Diego Turner, and sophomore Hunter Hill have paved the way to this outstanding start.

Junior Chris Gallimore has rushed for 330 yards and 3 touchdowns, and is 14/30 passing for 209 yards, giving him 539 total yards on the season. Taner Mace



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Trevor Burton heads for paydirt for one of his two touchdowns Friday night at Salem.

a great cut, turned on his patented afterburners, and was off to the races. And Peyton Lewis does not lose footraces. The PAT was blocked and the score held at 20-7.

But again, Pulaski County went back to work. Short, tough runs counted up and cashed out with another Burton score, this one from three yards out and this made it a one-possession football game, 20-14.

But on this night, there would be no stopping Salem's explosiveness. Senior DaRon Wilson operated a good two-minute drill, and with 3 seconds left, he fired a lob to the back of the end zone, where a Salem receiver made a nice contested catch for his second touch-

down grab of the night. This left the score at 27-14 at the break.

Salem got the ball coming out of the second half and wasted no time going right down the field, with Jayveon Jones catching a short pass in the flats and found the end 9'e to make the lead 34-14. For the Cougar offense, the execution just wasn't there in the second half. After we were forced to punt, track star Peyton Lewis flashed his 10.62 100-meter speed as he took it 74 yards down the home sideline to stretch the lead to 40-14. A botched snap on the PAY resulted in Wilson running around for about 15 seconds in the backfield before finding an open man for a two-point conversion,

making it 42-14. The Cougars again went three and out, and Lewis finished the night off with a 46-yard scamper. That gave us the final score of 49-14.

That makes it 14 straight for Salem in this once fiercely competitive rivalry, which is hardly a rivalry anymore. One has to wonder how many more we can drop to the Spartans before it's no longer considered a rivalry. Hopefully it will come to an end asap.

Trevor Burton continued his stellar season with 25 attempts for 88 yards and 2 touchdowns. Taner Mace had his best rushing performance with 8 attempts for 63 yards with three runs of over ten yards. Brett Jones had 5 carries for 61 yards including a freak play where he caught a fumble out of thin air and picked up significant yardage. Chris Gallimore ran 9 times for 27 yards and was 2/5 passing for 15 yards, both completions going to wideout Marcus Reed.

has rushed for 129 yards on 23 carries and caught 3 passes for 69 yards. Brett Jones has ran 20 times for 143 yards and a touchdown and caught 2 passes for 41 yards. Zack Parker has ran for 46 yards on 5 rush attempts, giving the three a total of 318 rush yards and 110 receiving yards, a good average of over eight yards per touch. Their touches will usually be fairly limited, so those three A-backs have made the most of their attempts so far.

Marcus Reed has done well this season receiving, as he has now caught 5 passes for 91 yards now, after 2 catches for 15 yards against Salem. Davis Neel was unable to go Friday, but has blocked well and caught 2 passes for 12 yards. All in all, the Cougars are nearing 2,000 rushing yards as a team on the season.

The defense has been good at times, other times inconsistent and shaky. At this point, we have allowed 136 points on 6 games, about 23 a game. Buy the consistent theme of teams throwing the ball with lots of success against us is troubling. Salem added their names to the list of teams with big nights through the air against us.

Four of our six opponents have thrown for 140 yards or more and have averaged more than ten yards per pass attempt. The Cougars have allowed 922 passing yards so far this year, over 150 a game, and almost 10 yards per attempt.

Defending the run has gone much better for the Cougars. Jack Allen, Alan Fernandez and Diego Turner have done well up front. The linebackers, Alger, Tyler Underwood, Burton and Nicholas Woolwine, have also played well this season. The secondary has seen a few different groups of players out there at times, the most common being Zach Parker, Taner Mace and Brett Jones. The secondary will have to be strong for us to play our best football down the stretch.

Special teams has been good this year. Nathan Pratt has done good kicking PATs and field goals and freshman Bryant Nottingham is doing good on kickoffs. Alger has also done good with long snapping, as there hasn't been a bad snap yet. Burton and Zach Parker have done good returning kicks.

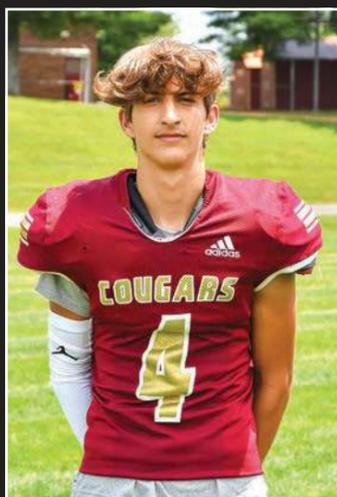


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Majority of Radford School Board seats up for election

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

The Radford City School Board will look a lot different after the November election, as three current board members, Liz Alteiri, Lynn Burris and Lee Slusher, are leaving their posts at the end of their terms.

Four individuals, banker Chris Calfee, small business owner Ed Dickenson, and retired teachers Gloria Boyd and Jane Swing, are currently vying for the three open seats on this five-person elected body.

With the goal of better acquainting the voters in Radford with their political candidates, **The Patriot** asked each of those running for office four questions. The first question asks about

the candidates' top priorities, should they be elected in November.

Boyd, who has been endorsed by the Radford Republican Committee, answered by giving the following as her priorities.

"Enforcing peaceful, respectful behaviors in our classrooms with consequential responses that emphasize a zero tolerance. Responsibility and accountability are integral parts of that. Allowing teacher autonomy in how best to handle classroom management with support by administration and revising the current grading scale that stops at 40 percent."

Calfee, who has been endorsed by the Radford Republicans, also listed the newly adopted grading scale as a major concern that will need to be reviewed or repealed.

Calfee would also address ongoing "behavioral issues" in Radford City schools.

Swing, who considers herself to be independent of any political party answered that, "My top priority will be the students in our schools. All other priorities are based on their needs."

Dickenson, who has been endorsed by the Radford City Republican Committee had this to say.

"My top priority is addressing the issue of declining SOL test scores, especially in Math and Science. Our children need to be well-prepared for life and the future in general. Education is critical to that preparation and we are failing them. The VDOE states that COVID lockdowns are responsible for the recent de-

cline, however, the data suggests that the decline began well before COVID. There are multiple possible reasons for the decline, while leadership and policies from the state level down do not seem to be the solution. Teachers are the key to children's education. We need to give them the support they need instead of holding them back."

Next, school board candidates were asked how the schools could be improved.

"Transparency is a major concern," said Boyd. "The families being served have a right to know much more about curriculum in place, programming, how money is being spent, surveys being given, etc. Budgets are skeletal in nature, and I would like to know more ... Parents by Virginia code have fundamental rights to make decisions concerning the upbringing, education and care of the parent's child."

Calfee had this to say: "My goal as a member of the school board is to be available to the parents, students and employees of RCPS to listen to and try to understand their concerns, as well as the things they are proud of ... as things are brought to my attention, I will absolutely bring them to the attention of the rest of the board."

Swing referenced infrastructure, recruitment of faculty and staff, technology and programming, as items that merit improvement.

Dickenson said there was a need for "major expenditures in the high school and the intermediate school. We also need to ensure morale remains high. Teachers are our greatest asset and it is the leadership's purpose to support the teachers with everything needed to educate the children. Additionally, more parental involvement should be fostered and welcomed."

As has already been noted in two candidate responses, last September, Radford City School board adopted a grade of 40 percent, as the lowest grade a student could possibly earn.

Both Boyd and Calfee will revisit this policy if they are elected with Boyd predicting that the pol-

icy would soon be revised.

Swing confirmed that the school administration is working with teachers to find "alternatives to traditional grading systems," noting that "the research is ongoing."

Dickenson stated that the new policy came about as a result of declining test scores, equity concerns and increased discipline issues, but added that he does not believe that this change in grading scale is the solution to these issues and that it could even cause unintended consequences.

Implementing policies that promote "equity" has been a popular cause among some liberal leaning school boards. The Patriot asked candidates about their thoughts on the matter.

Boyd said the following about Equity:

"I think we must consider this important fact...80-85 percent of brain development occurs by age 3. That said, parents are, in fact, the first and most important teachers ... Each student has different needs...different areas of weakness or strength. Equity, by definition, means equal outcomes. Will students all have the same successes? That is unrealistic, but each one should find his/her own success with support from families, the students themselves and the teachers. Responsibility and accountability are integral parts of that."

Chris Calfee made these points:

"Equity has become a social and political term used to describe a requirement of equal outcome and results regardless of other factors, such as natural talent, effort and additional work to earn the result they desire ... I believe that as a member of the school board, my role would be to ensure that I am focused on the equal opportunity and equal treatment of all students and employees of RCPS."

Swing defined equity as "fairness and justice" and went on to say that equity also means that "every child gets what they need when they need it and how they

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need it to be successful.”
 Dickenson stated that, “Equity is a noble idea that promotes fairness for all students. I do believe this to be an important concept. However, the implementation so far of equitable policies does not take into account the needs and circumstances of the individual. Instead, wholesale policies make predetermined assumptions of needs and circumstances based on physical traits and exterior conditions. This is both ineffective and inappropriate, arguably causing more division than equity. Equity begins at the classroom level with teachers, not at the state boardroom level by uninvolved bureaucrats.”

The last question asked what the candidates’ opinion is on the topic of School Choice.

Boyd put it this way:
 “I feel that if public schools were supportive of teachers, parents and all students, there wouldn’t be such demand for school choice. If parents felt that they could trust public schools, they would not need school choice. So the question is, how can we restore trust in our schools? I hope to be a part of that solution by enlisting the help of families and teachers.”

Calfee stated that the term school choice could mean home schooling, private schools or on-line classes, noting that both his daughters were once enrolled through the Virginia Virtual Academy.

“I firmly believe that parents are the best and most experi-

enced resource to help make decisions for the students. It is impractical and irresponsible to have the board limit or restrict options for students if their school choice is in the best interest of the student, as decided by the family. As a school board member, my goal would be to share my experiences with the rest of the team on the board so they could have a better understanding of some options the existing board is not familiar with.”

Swing said this about school choice:

“I believe in and support public education. I also support a parent’s choice to home school or enroll their child(ren) in private schools. I do not support defunding public education.”

“School choice is an interesting idea,” said Dickenson. “Especially for parents who feel that their governmentally controlled schools are failing their children. If school systems cannot meet the needs of the children and families, then definitely families should be able to pursue other avenues. The main push for charter schools has to do with exemption from State and local education boards. Virginia law has opened the door to allow charter schools and I believe we will see an increase of them in the future. Traditional public-school systems will be in competition for the monies provided. I would like to see the public schools meet the needs of families and teachers instead of pushing alienating policies of the state and local boards.”

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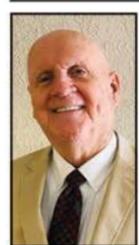
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Hear O My people means Attention all of My people. God is saying here, Listen up.

The word HEAR is translated from the word SHEMA. The Shema is in a section of the Torah, and it is the title of a prayer that serves as a centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is recited twice daily by every devout Jew. "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is One God." Observant Jews consider the Shema to be the most important part of the prayer service.

God commands His people to hear Him because He has something of great importance for them to hear.

Shema is an attention getter. In order to make sure that someone hears us, we must first get their attention. If they are not paying attention, we might as well be talking to the walls.

When Jesus had something to say that was very important for the people to hear and understand, He would begin with "Verily, Verily, I say unto you." Truly, truly I say unto you. He did this to get their attention and to emphasize the importance of the great truth He was about to teach them.

When we want to get someone's attention, we'll yell out Hey, or Stop, or Listen Up. And all heads will turn towards us because we captured their attention.

Basically What God was saying to them here that was so important, was the second of the Ten Commandments. "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me."

There's only One God. Jehovah God. The Lord God Almighty. And Him only shall we serve. Any and all other so called gods, little g, are phonies.

They have been devised in the minds of foolish men. Paul said, speaking of idol gods, "They are nothing at all." Idol gods and just figments of foolish man's imagination.

Man in his foolishness has created for himself, false gods, who will not give them any commandments to obey. These false gods are represented by idols made of wood, metal, stone and other earthly materials. False gods are the strange gods mentioned in this scripture.

Monotheism is the belief in One God, whereas Polytheism is the belief in more than one god.

Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 8:6, "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of Whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."

Idols gods only exist in the minds of foolish men. False gods can't see, hear, speak, move, or answer a prayer. One might as well be praying to a stick as to an idol god. In fact, if a person did pray to a stick, that stick, to him, would become an idol.

God said to Israel, open thy mouth wide and I will fill it. Meaning, I will give you what you ask Me for.

He was saying basically, if you'll recognize Me and honor Me as your One True Living God, and serve me, you can ask what you will, and I will give it to you. Open your mouth. Ask and ye shall receive.

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Phone: 276-477-3835

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Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
Phone: 980-2413
Email: christ24301@gmail.com

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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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5801 Cecil's Chapel Road,
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Pastor Jason Crandall
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Dublin, VA 24084
Senior Pastor Steve Willis
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Dublin Baptist Church
100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084
540-674-6061
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
Website: dublinbaptistva.org
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

1560 Julia Simpkins Road
Allisonia, VA
Pastor Justin Phillips
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical)
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Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne
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Worship: 11 am

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Sunday
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11:00 am - Worship
Wednesday
6:30 pm - Prayer Meeting
(540) 980-4731
Email: dfarley3@verizon.net

Delton Church of God of Prophecy

4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324
Pastor Vickie Lee Viars
deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191
Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM
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announced on Facebook
Wednesday evenings- To be announced at
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Heritage Church

6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin
Pastor Mike Pierce
Service Times:
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;
Sundays, 10 a.m.
(540) 674-9220
Website: www.heritagechurch.net
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First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524
(540) 639-5331
email: fmbcl872@verizon.net
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.
Associate Minister:
Rev. Annette Cheek
Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis
Sundays:
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday
Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Draper, VA 24324
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Associate Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer
& Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Phone - 540-994-9015
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org
website - www.dvpca.org
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2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski
540-980-3624
trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Bible Study: Wednesday, 12:30
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist

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Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Cell: 276-233-8083
Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485
www.pulaskigracemin.com
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Pastor Mike Williams
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Aaron & Becky Sampson
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Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
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Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

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Pastor: Jim Linkous
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox
540-980-5433
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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5605 Dunlap Road
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Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-8434
www.dublinchristianchurch.com
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Greg "Scooter" Breisch
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship and
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and Children's
Bible Classes, 7 p.m.

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Interim Pastor: Rev. Graham Mitchell
(540) 980-2132
Email: firstprespulaskiva@gmail.com
Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

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5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
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Sunday School: 10:00 am

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Wednesday Bible Study & Classes: 7 p.m.

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1621 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Donald Jones
540-980-8880
www.pulaskicog.church
Sunday Services
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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.

Randolph Avenue

United Methodist Church

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First Baptist Church

220 Magazine Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-3336
Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Dora Highway Baptist Church

321 Dora Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Harry Gunter
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 320-0738

New Hope Chapel

1555 Case Knife Road, Pulaski, VA 24301
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10 a.m. Sunday School
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 This may be understood as opening the mouth either in prayer or in praise. To open the mouth wide in prayer is to pray with great boldness; to pour out one's soul to God; to tell him all his needs and wants; to pray with much importunity and fervency, pleading for the fulfillment of the promises of God, and asking in faith for much. And God may be said to fill this wide mouth of faith in prayer, when He grants the petitions and desires of the heart, and gives his people what they ask for.

Israel was a Nation because ~ God made them a nation. Without God, they would have still been enslaved in Egypt. God delivered them out of bondage with a mighty hand. God showed up the false gods of Egypt by sending plagues upon the Slavers. Their phony gods couldn't do a thing to stop God from accomplishing His purposes and fulfilling His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Israel had every reason to praise and honor God as the one true living God, and absolutely no good reason not to.

Here, God reminds them of His omnipotence.

'I am the Lord thy God ~ Which brought thee out of the land of Egypt.'

They owed God their allegiance! Just like you and I owe God our allegiance for bringing us out of the bondage of sin and giving us new lives, worth living.

To not serve God after He has created us, and kept us alive all the days of our lives, is to be unappreciative, ungrateful, and thankless.

We all have a responsibility to love, serve and praise the God of Creation, the God of mercy, and the God of Grace. If it wasn't for God, just where would we be today?

When we see someone groveling in the depths of sin and degradation we should say, as John Bradford said, "There, but for the grace of God, goes I."

Our very fate is in God's hands. He could call our number at any time and our lives on earth would be over. We owe God our very lives. We owe Him for our next breath. For our next heartbeat. All that we are, and all that we have, comes from above, from the Father of Lights.

God demands our fidelity. God demands our exclusive worship. He will not share His glory with any other.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Song of Solomon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 19, who prepared a meal for two in Sodom? Lot, Abel, Ishmael, Hagar
3. What was the more commonly known name of Hadasah? Ruth, Esther, Sarah, Michal
4. From Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goeth before ..." Failure, Lust, Destruction, Forgiveness
5. What caused the death of Samson's wife? Poisoned, Fell off a cliff, Pushed from a tower, Burned
6. Who was the father of Jacob? Moses, Isaac, Abraham, Noah

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Lot, 3) Esther, 4) Destruction, 5) Burned, 6) Isaac

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 Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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 Fax: 980-6511
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 21:1-2

The **king** rejoices in your **strength**, **LORD**. **How great** is his **joy** in the **victories** you **give!** **You** have **granted him** his **heart's desire** and **have** not **withheld** the **request** of his **lips**.

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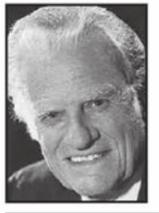
From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I'm having doubts about my faith in God. I've just started college and was warned that many professors would begin to chisel away at my beliefs. Where can I turn for strength? - D.F.

A: Many young people face spiritual doubts when they begin college. Many intellectuals in the education system feel it's their duty to call into question a higher authority. Doubt begins to creep in and can easily overtake the mind. The Bible tells us to be on the

lookout for such deceit; it comes from Satan. "Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." Resist him, steadfast in the faith" (1 Peter 5:8-9).

The devil wants to discourage every believer and divert us. He will seek to dilute our testimony; he will attempt anything to destroy our relationship to Christ and our influence on others. He is a master at making us question God's Word. He has manifested himself in every false ideology. It is his purpose to steal the seed of truth and send distracting thoughts.



My Answer
 Billy Graham

The greatest hindrance to Satan's destructive efforts is when we stand strong in the knowledge and fear of the Lord. Christ gives His followers strength to choose right over wrong.

Nothing replaces spending time alone with God in prayer and read-

ing and studying His Word. This is the way we get to know the Lord better and through this fellowship with Him He gives us strength and wisdom to overcome doubts. The Lord will give added courage to be a witness for Him whether in the classroom, at the workplace, or in the home.

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119, but in it there is a wonderful little verse that every Christian should memorize and repeat daily: "Strengthen me according to Your word" (Psalm 119:28).

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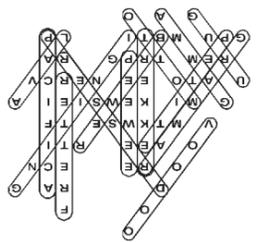
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The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.
 — William Arthur Ward



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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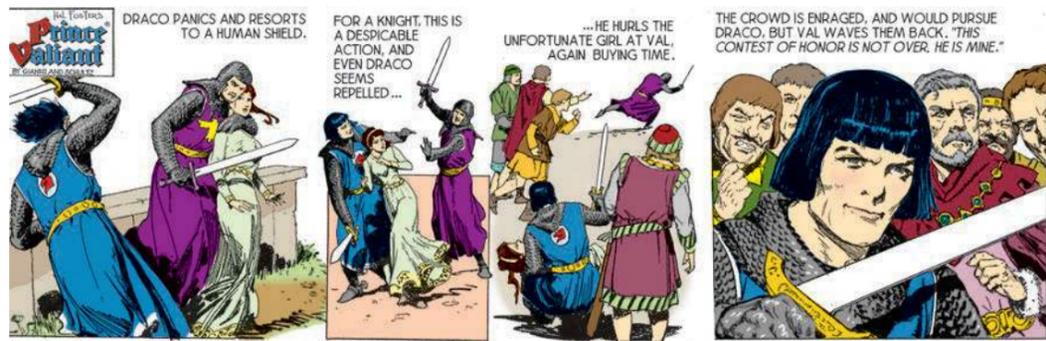
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Keep Them In The Loop

Dear Dave,

I am getting older, and health issues over the last year have made me begin thinking about selling my small business. I have spoken with a couple of potential buyers recently, and one of them seems to be the kind of person who would handle the company very well. How and when do I tell my employees about what is going on and what may happen?

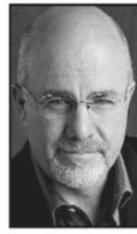
Marjorie

Dear Marjorie,

In my mind, to be a good, effective leader you have to be willing to share and discuss things with your team—whether they're good or bad. When talking to the folks at my company, I try not to get into a lot of unnecessary stuff, but if there's any doubt, I'm going to over-share rather than leave them fearful, uninformed or confused.

Think about it this way. If the roles were reversed, and you were in their shoes, when would you want to know? If you'd worked for someone a few years, would you feel betrayed if you didn't know about something like this? It might sound simple, but I think that's a good, fair way to process the situation.

If I make a mistake with my team, it's always going to be in terms of over-communication. I expect and trust them to be mature adults in the workplace, and they know this ahead of time. Still, I try to make sure I'm very transparent about how we're doing as a team and as a company. No small business owner can



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

be successful unless they have great people around them. Your team needs to hear that once in a while, too, in addition to knowing you're always going to keep them in the loop and shoot straight with them.

Human beings just want to be treated with dignity and respect. They want to know what's going on where they work. When it's something that impacts their day-to-day lives—and potentially their livelihoods—they deserve to know the facts as quickly as possible.

— 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.

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Oct. 14

PHS Class of 1967 Reunion

The Pulaski High School Class of 1967 will hold its 55th anniversary Reunion on October 14 thru 16. Classmates are urged to attend a meet and greet Friday 14th at the Dublin Lions Club. On Saturday 15th ; activity tours and lunch. At 7 pm a social at the Dublin Lions Club. Sunday 16th at 10:45am Pastor Danny McGlothin will bless the class at the Dora Highway Baptist Church. Please follow the class on FB birds of 67 or Double nickel. For details, please send a message to birdsof67@gmail.com.

Oct. 15

Fish Fry

First Baptist Church, 220 Magazine Street, Pulaski will hold a fish fry on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 12 to 4 p.m. Plates are \$7.00 and include fish, baked beans, cole slaw and a drink.

Oct. 16

HOMECOMING

Oct. 16th at 11am, Woodlawn P.H. Church, 3874 Oak Grove Rd., I-77 - Exit 19
 Guest Speaker: Wayburn Mosley
 There will be special singing and a meal to follow.
 Pastor Mike Hall and congregation invites you to come and enjoy a good time of fellowship.
 For more info, call: 276-728-2088

Oct. 19

No-Agenda Social

Join Pulaski County Democrats for a No-Agenda Social at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 19 at Max on Main, downtown Pulaski. If you need more information, contact Rebecca Scheckler at 540-557-7810 or email pulaskicountyvademocrats@gmail.com.

Bereavement Group Starting

The Pulaski Senior Center will be hosting a Bereavement and Grief meeting October 19th begins at 3 till 4. Counselors will be on hand if needed. Parking in back of building. If you're struggling with the loss of a loved one please feel free

to join us. Call 540-994-2632 for transportation if needed.

Oct. 20

Radford Photo Club

The Radford Photo Club will meet October 20 at Radford Public Library at 6 p.m. Sharon Gilbert of Radford will talk about the different formats she uses to print her photos, such as ceramic tile, wood, slate, and metal. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. The photo challenge for October is pets. The club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley.
 Learn more about the club by searching for "Radford Photo Club" on Facebook.

Oct. 22

Fall Festival
 Annual Fall Festival at River of Life Church, Route 100 Dublin, is planned for Saturday, Oct. 22 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is free.

Oct. 29

Fall Harvest Treat Center
 Come get your treat bag, and have your picture taken.
 Family Worship Center fellowship hall at 955 Memorial Drive (behind Walgreens) in Pulaski on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Oct. 30

Serving Women In Need

A ministry that is designed to equip and encourage women who are going through difficult seasons in their lives by teaching them how to apply the Word of God to their everyday lives and provide guidance through various obstacles. The first meeting is at 5:00 P.M. October 30th, Draper Valley PH Church Fellowship Hall. This is open to the public and is free.

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous
 Alcohol Anonymous meet Mon-

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

Pulaski AI-Anon Family Group

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

Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary in Need of Funds

The Hiwassee Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is in need of donations for the mowing and upkeep of the Trail cemetery in Hiwassee. If you have a family member that is buried in this cemetery and would like to make a donation you may mail your contribution to Peggy Cregger PO Box 164, Hiwassee, VA 24347.

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.

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

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