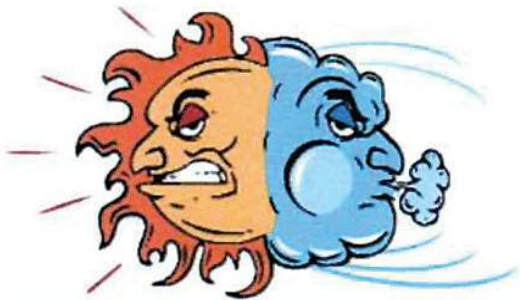




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Arrest made in shooting death of Blacksburg man

Patriot Staff Report

A Pulaski man has been arrested and charged with 2nd Degree Murder and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony in the death of Mathew Cameron Carper of Blacksburg.

According to a press release from Pulaski County Sheriff Mike Worrell, earlier on Tuesday, Korey Trevon Rice of Pulaski was arrested and charged and is now being held without bond in the New River Valley Regional Jail.

Other charges against Rice include Malicious Wounding and Brandishing a Firearm.

In his release, Worrell stated the investigation is ongoing and no further information will be released.

On July 30, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office responded to a shooting that occurred on Overlook Lane in the Fairlawn area of the county.

Upon arrival deputies found a male subject with a gunshot wound. The victim was identified as Carper.

He was treated and flown to Roanoke Memorial Hospital where he later died.

Pulaski County Sheriff's Office would like to sincerely thank Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Blacksburg Police Department, Christiansburg Police Department, Pulaski Police Department, Radford City Police Department and the U.S. Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force for their assistance in this investigation.



NRV Regional Jail

Korey Trevon Rice

Fairlawn Volunteer Fire Dept. celebrating 75 years of service

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

This year the Fairlawn Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating its 75th year of providing service to the surrounding community.

There have been many achievements and accomplishments made by the department since it was first organized this month back in 1948 by the Fairlawn Civic League.

That month, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors discussed with league members about some old fire equipment located in the Belspring area that was no longer in use.

At the time, according to a history of the department published in 1998, fire protection for Fairlawn and the surrounding community was provided by the Radford Fire Department through an understanding with then fire Chief Walter Carden.



League members found that some of the used equipment in Belspring was still of use – such as a pumping unit. But the truck that carried it was worthless.

Reporting their findings to the supervisors, the county board agreed to purchase a used 1940 model Dodge ... and the department had its first fire truck.

As 39 charter members of the department were receiving training in firefighting, the old Dodge

was equipped with hoses, nozzles and other equipment to be used to fight fires – all paid for by the county board and concerned citizens of the area.

Members of the department itself paid monthly dues to help cover the cost of gas, oil and general maintenance on the vehicle – besides donating their time for training and working on that old Dodge.

The department made its home in the old Fairlawn ESSO gas station at the intersection of Route 114 and Route 600.

The Fairlawn Volunteer Fire Department ran its first fire call in March of 1949 – answering a call in the nearby community of New River.

Prior to that first call, in October of 1948, James E. Trammell was elected as chief of the department – the first of only five chiefs for the department in its 75-year

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history.

Trammell would serve as chief until 1975 when Ronald Cromer was elected to the leadership position.

The next year, Trammell was re-elected chief, and he served until his death in February 1985 at the age of 75.

Trammell led the department all through its formative years, including through to the completion of a new fire house – a structure that was dedicated in the spring of 1952.

Prior to his death three decades later, however, Trammell had made it known to certain county officials that the department had outgrown the property around that firehouse. As Fairlawn had grown, so too had the department with the addition of new trucks and equipment. Additions to the building had been made to accommodate the growth, but now there was no room left for yet another addition.

First Assistant Chief L. J. (Bud) Trigg would take over the reins of the department in 1985 following Trammell's death.

It was under Trigg's leadership that another new firehouse was built near the old Crestar Bank property, and where the firehouse is located today.

The new structure was built and completed in May 1988 and itself is 35 years old this year. An open house was held on July 10, 1988 and the facility was dedicated to the memory of Trammell. His portrait hangs in the front entry of the new station.

Trigg served as chief until 1997, when he told the department's members he would not accept a nomination to continue on as chief.

That paved the way for chief number four, Lewis D. Linkous.

The time between the 50th anniversary of the department un-



Mike Williams/The Patriot

A banner heralding the Fairlawn Volunteer Fire Department's 75 year anniversary is displayed on the front of the department's firehouse on Route 114 in Fairlawn above the department's newest fire truck.

til the 75th started out with great tragedy.

In July 2000, the department lost charter member and treasurer, Carlos Morris, to a massive heart attack. The department's first treasurer, he had served in the position for 53 years.

Freddie Smith was then elected as treasurer, a position he still holds today – making him only the second treasurer of the department in its history.

Also, that year, Chief Linkous passed away due to cancer, and Randy Miles was elected as only the department's fifth chief in 75 years – a position he still holds today.

In the past 25 years, the department has continued to grow

with new equipment replacing old when necessary, training and a long history of service to the Fairlawn community and beyond.

Miles and Smith, in a recent interview, reminded Fairlawn area residents that the members and officers of the department are volunteers – just as they were 75 years ago.

That means they receive no pay or reimbursement for time spent in training, maintaining equipment, teaching fire prevention or responding to emergency calls.

There are 26 members and one junior members.

The Fairlawn Volunteer Fire Department members would like to express their appreciation to Pulaski County, private citizens,

families, civic organizations, the C.E. Richardson Benevolent Foundation, businesses of Fairlawn and the surrounding communities for their support over the past 75 years.

"We want the community to know that we couldn't have made it all this time without them," said Smith.

Smith and Miles noted that several events are being planned for this year to celebrate the department's special anniversary.

The first was a kickoff event on June 3 with lifetime members and the current active members being

invited.

"Mission Barbeque came over a fed us and didn't charge the department a dime," Smith said.

Smith noted that Cloyd District Supervisor Chris Stafford attended the event and presented special "challenge" coins to Smith, Miles and Trigg. He also presented Miles with a map of Fairlawn which is currently displayed in the firehouse.

Smith said those attending recalled a bunch of stories from the past.

"We had a lot of laughing and some crying," he said.

NRCC offers engineering design technology program


New River Community College's engineering design technology associate degree program is now enrolling students for the fall 2023 semester. The program is designed to prepare graduates for full-time employment as qualified engineering design technicians and computer-aided design (CAD) technicians to work with engineers, as well as industries and businesses.

Graduates of the program will

be capable of complex reverse engineering techniques, advanced parametric solid modeling, additive manufacturing 3D printing, producing engineering design drawings, and advanced conceptual 3D modeling.

Approximately two-thirds of the program includes courses in engineering design technology, reverse engineering, and additive

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Fire reported at RAAP storage building

From Radford Army Ammunition Plant

At approximately 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, there was a fire at one of the storage buildings at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant.

Working with propellant is an inherently dangerous business, however, we have numerous systems in place to ensure the safety of the workforce and the community. There were no people in the building at the time of the fire.

The building that the fire took place in functioned as designed. Once ignited, the building consumed the fire and collapsed within its earthen barriers. Safety systems of the building performed as designed to ensure personnel safety and isolate the event. The fire was extinguished successfully. There were no injuries to personnel.

Due to the location of the building, the building itself, and the firefighting methods used, there was no danger to the community or the environment.

Justine Barati
Chief of Public and Congressional Affairs
Joint Munitions Command

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manufacturing (3D printing) with the remaining courses in related areas, general education, and electives. Instruction includes both theoretical concepts and practical applications with a focus on “real world” project completion that is needed for future success.

Graduates of the program are prepared for careers as engineering design technicians, engineer design specialists, additive manufacturing/3D printing technicians, CAD technicians, and more.

Engineering design technology is one of NRCC’s many G3-eligible programs. G3 is a tuition assistance program for any Virginia resident who qualifies for in-state tuition and whose family income falls below an identified threshold. For more information about G3 tuition assistance, visit www.nr.edu/g3.

Classes begin August 23. For more information, visit www.nr.edu/HYPERLINK “http://www.nr.edu/edt”w HYPERLINK “http://www.nr.edu/edt”w.nr.edu/edt or email Jeff Levy, instructor of drafting, at jlevy@nr.edu.

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Fire Destroys Truck In Pulaski

The Pulaski Fire Department responded Monday afternoon to this truck fire in the parking lot near Food Lion on East Main Street. According to Chief Jeff Conner, a gentleman was driving the truck and it started smoking. He then pulled it over in the parking lot where it caught fire. Conner said one factor behind the quick flame spread were the strong winds that the town was receiving at the time due to the incoming storm. Fire units were on scene within 5 minutes of call and the incident was under control within 15 minutes.

Tolbert named county’s new tourism chief

From Pulaski County

Following the retirement of county tourism trailblazer, Peggy White, Pulaski County is proud to announce and introduce its new Tourism Director, Erika Tolbert.

A Pulaski County High School and Radford University graduate, Tolbert is no stranger to the area as she has lived in the county all her life. As a high school and college student, Tolbert took an interest in organizational communication and media studies. In 2006, Tolbert graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in communication.

Early in her career, Tolbert began to build her, now, extensive resume with the City of Radford’s tourism department and the American Cancer Society.

In 2014, Tolbert earned a job at New River Community College working in the Educational Foundation to manage events, fundraising, and the Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program. In this role, Tolbert flourished and utilized her creativity to forever enhance students’ experiences at the college.

Tolbert coordinated events such as the Annual Scholarship Brunch, which allowed scholarship donors to meet scholarship awardees. Along with exciting events, she also organized ACCE fundraisers across the New River Valley and worked within its communities to spread awareness about the opportunities it provides.

“My time working with the NRCC Educational Foundation not only allowed me to help students achieve their higher education and career goals, but also provided many opportunities to work with industries and organizations throughout the community,” said Tolbert.

On June 15, Tolbert officially assumed her role as Assistant Tourism Director under then Tourism Director, Peggy White. For the next month and a half, Tolbert stepped in and worked alongside White on large projects such as the SRX racing series, Pulaski County Family Night at the New River Valley Fair, the Phone Booth Guideries across the county, and more.

August 1, marked Tolbert’s first official day as Tourism Director.


Tolbert stated, “The role of Tourism Director for Pulaski County is an honor. Virginia tourism is a \$30.3 billion industry and Pulaski County has countless amenities to offer residents and visitors to grow that number even more. I’m thrilled to be in a position that allows me to promote and share the county’s features with the rest of the world.”

“We are extremely pleased to officially have Erika in place as the Tourism Director, and she has definitely hit the ground in full stride with the variety and volume of tourism related programs, projects and initiatives we are actively engaged in”, stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. “Erika has tremendously big shoes to fill with Peggy’s retirement, but we are confident that she will keep up the intensity and employ the creativity that has become a hallmark of our Tourism Department, and like most, I can’t wait to see where Pulaski County Tourism goes next.”



Erika Tolbert

Pulaski County Photo



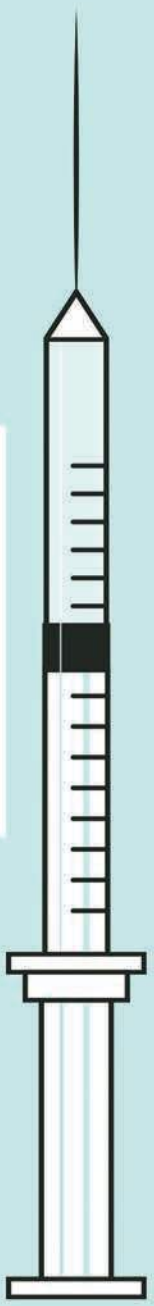
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BILLIE GENE DILLON
FARMER

Billie Gene Dillon Farmer, age 89 of Pulaski, died Wednesday August 2, 2023, at her residence, after an extended illness. She was born in the White Gate Community of Giles County, on October 1, 1933, and was the daughter of the late Willie Eaton Dillon and the late Raymond Eugene Dillon.

She received her public-school education in Pulaski and graduated from Pulaski High School with the class of 1950. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Radford College in 1954 and a master's degree in 1970. She taught 36 years at the Pulaski County High School, teaching business and typing. She was the chairman of the business department until her retirement. She was the director of the Co-operative Operatives Education program for many years and was an active member of the various organizations relating to her profession. She was also a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include several cousins and their families: James D. Eaton and his wife Barbara of Chester, Virginia, William H. Dillon of Staunton, Mary D. Lyons of Roanoke, Larry Dillon of Lancaster, PA, and Robert R. Dillon of Roanoke.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Seagle Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Joshua Kilbourne officiating. Pallbearers will be Dr. Jon Fleenor, Honorable Mike Fleenor, Dan Grubb, Michael Price, Darwin Smith, and Steve Burcham. A private interment will be held at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family will receive friends on Monday August 14, 2023, at Seagle Funeral Home from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m.

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



HANNAH D. CLAYTOR

Hannah D. Claytor, age 69, beloved wife of W. Graham Claytor, passed away peacefully at their home in Pulaski County. She was the daughter of the late Maurice and Gertrude Dougherty and also preceded in death by a brother, Quentin J. Dougherty.

Hannah was raised in Port Chester, NY and fondly recalled many summers on the farm in the Berkshires with her brothers and sisters. She was the proud mother of two boys, W. Graham Claytor VI and E. Devon Claytor. She was also passionate about the history of antique Christmas ornaments and the Christmas season. She will be remembered for her generous nature, quick wit, and loving personality.

She will be sorely missed by her husband and sons as well as her sisters, Sarah Dougherty, Nora Smith, Bridget Boel, Kate Conant, Jane Blanchard, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be private. Instead of flowers, donations may be made to the Snowville Volunteer Fire Department or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com. The Seagle Funeral Home of Pulaski is assisting the family with their loss. 540-980-1700

Mathew Cameron Carper, age 24 of Radford passed away Sunday, July 30, 2023 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Born November 20, 1998 in Roanoke, he was the son of Misti Rose Carper and the late Shawn Matthew Thomas. He was also preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Lois Thomas and



JOHN MARTIN SMITH, JR.

John Martin Smith, Jr. age 50 of Pulaski passed away Friday, August 4, 2023 in the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center (VCU) in Richmond, Virginia.

Born March 19, 1973 in Wythe County, he is the son of Betty Collins Smith and the late John Martin Smith, Sr. He had been employed with Volvo Trucking with over 20 years of service.

He is survived by
His Wife- Misty Andrews Smith-Pulaski

Son- John Martin Smith, III and wife, Madison- Christiansburg
Mother- Betty Collins Smith-Pulaski

Brother- Eric Smith and wife, Katrina- Nashville, TN

Niece- Eden Smith

Nephew- Levi Smith and Julie

Great Niece- Wrenleigh Smith

Memorial services will be held Friday 7:00 p.m., August 11, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Rev Kelly Howlett officiating.

The family will receive friends Friday, August 11, 2023 one hour before service time at the funeral home.

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

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MATHEW CAMERON CARPER



maternal grandfather, Aaron Carper, Sr.

Mathew is survived by his
Children – Brian Carper, Madelyn Carper, Branson Palmer
Mother – Misti Rose Carper
Sister – Caiden Carper
Brothers – Xavvy Carper, Timmy Scaggs, Jerry Thomas and Nathaniel Thomas



WILLIAM WESLEY "BILL" LARGEN, SR.

William Wesley "Bill" Largen, Sr., age 88 of Dublin passed away Monday, August 7, 2023 at the Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem, NC. Born April 6, 1935 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Andrew Jackson Largen & Myrtle Robertson Largen. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Walter Largen, Jack Largen and sisters, Lou Stump, Martha Janney and Faye Bowes.

Bill was raised at the Baptist Children's Hospital in Salem after losing his mother at a very early age.

He is survived by his
Wife of 63 years – Elizabeth Dalton Largen – Dublin

Children – Wes (Mary Ann) Largen – Dublin, Charleen (Jerry) Largen Danner – Dublin

Grandchildren – Scott Largen, Dylan Danner, Evan Danner

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 10, 2023 at the Mt. View United Methodist Church (Wilderness Road) with Rev. Darlene Marshall officiating. Interment followed there at the Mt. View United Methodist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to the Mt. View United Methodist Church.

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

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Fiancée – Breanna Palmer-Carper

Memorial services were held Monday, August 7, 2023 at the River of Life Church, 5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, VA 24084 with Rev. Shawn Burchett officiating.

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CAROL B. DAVIDSON

Carol B. Davidson, 82, of Dublin passed away peacefully at her home on August 5, 2023, surrounded by her family and loved ones. Born September 22, 1940, in Marion, VA, she fought a long, fierce battle with Alzheimer's with the same grace and fortitude in which she lived her life.

Carol is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 64 years, Otis C. Davidson, her three children Kymn Davidson-Hamley (Jeff) of Christiansburg, VA, Michael Davidson (fiancée Amanda Cox) of Dublin, VA, and Misi Davidson Gilbert (boyfriend Tim Chrisley) of Dublin, VA; grandchildren Elizabeth Hamley, Hannah Keeney (Frank), Luke Hamley (Casey), Jake Hamley, Alyson Bryson (Alex), and Christian Davidson; three great-grandchildren Oakley and Tillie Keeney, and Grayson Bryson; siblings Ginger Davis (Dan) of Kingsport, TN, Connie Haga (Dan) of Dublin, VA, and Marvin Barbre (Roena) of Roanoke, VA; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, extended family, and long-time neighbors that were like family to her. Preceding her in death were her parents Elizabeth B. Willis and Britt Barbre, and sister Lynn B. Price.

Carol was a 1959 graduate of Dublin High School and a graduate of New River Community College with an AAS in Accounting. She enjoyed a brilliant 40-year career with Farm Credit of Southwest Virginia, retiring as the Chief Financial Officer in 2000. Carol was dedicated to both her career and her family. She was an extraordinary cook, enjoyed interior design, and never missed seeing her grandchildren's sporting events and activities. Carol was devoted to caring for her family and ensuring everyone in her life felt loved. Carol was a dedicated member of Gethsemane Baptist Church and a faithful servant of Christ where she spent 16 years teaching the children in AWANA.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to Carilion Hospice Care for their loving support and care over the last few months of Carol's life. Special recognition to Missy Vogel and Kayla Hull from Carilion Hospice, her immediate family for their care, and to Carol's devoted and unwavering husband, Otis C. Davidson for ensuring she was able to remain with family, at home.

Visitation was Thursday, August 10, 2023 at Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski. Carol's Celebration of Life is Friday, August 11, at 11:00 am at the funeral home with burial to follow at the New Dublin Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

For those that would like to support Alzheimer's research and treatment, you can donate to Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) in honor of Carol B. Davidson.

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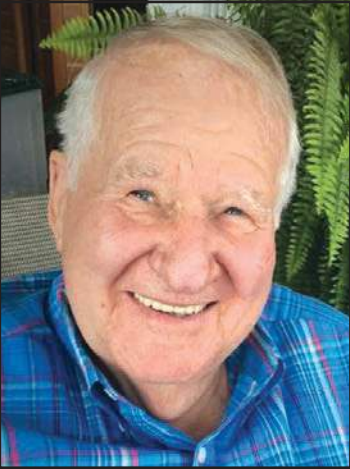
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FRANK LEE VINES, JR.

Frank Lee Vines, Jr., 86, passed away Monday, August 7, 2023, at his home in Belspring surrounded by his family. He was retired from the U. S. Navy after serving 21 years and was also a retired deputy sheriff. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Sr. and Elsie Vines; and a son, Wayne Stilwell.

Survivors include his wife, Dallas Vines; son, Rocky Goad; daughters, Shalee Price, Patricia Kast (Tim), Karen Rear (Mickey), and Chrissy Cupp (Greg); adopted son, Tim Price; 12 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Frederick and Doris Vines; and many other family members and friends.

The family would like to extend a very special thank your to Carilion Hospice for the amazing care and support they provided during this journey.

The family received friends Thursday, August 10, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services followed with Pastor Jerry Mitchell and Rev. Gordon McClary officiating. Graveside services with full military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023, in the Sunrise Burial Park in Radford.

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



BOBBY FUQUA FARMER

Bobby Fuqua Farmer, 87, gained his angel wings on Sunday, August 6, 2023, surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Ruth Farmer; and his brother, Jim Farmer. He lost the love of his life, Eula Farmer 5 years ago and had grieved her passing every day.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda Walker (Larry), and Barbara Repass (Eddie); granddaughters, Renee Walker and Kimberly Repass; great grandchildren, Dakota Young and Khloe Woodis; his sister, Dolly Sadler; and many nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Carter Street Methodist Church since 9 years of age. He was a member of the Radford Jaycees, the Lions Club, and served as a volunteer member of the Radford Fire Department. He retired as the Sheriff of Radford in 1999 after 23 years of dedicated service.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Rev. Betsy King officiating. Interment will follow in West View Cemetery in Radford.

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



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DOROTHY PRATT CASH

Dorothy Pratt Cash, age 97 of Pulaski, died Wednesday, August 3, 2023, at Commonwealth Assisted Living in Fairlawn. She was born on June 16, 1926, in Ceredo, WVA, and was the daughter of the late Victor L. and Ruby Workman Pratt. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie M. Cash, Jr., sister – Iris Jean Arthur and brother-in-law Don Arthur: sister; Alice Douglas and brother-in-law Junior Douglas: nephew; Lloyd Douglas: brother; Charles Donald Pratt and sister-in-law Betty Pratt: brother-in-law; Harry Surface, and stepmother, Dorothy Pratt Napier.

She is survived by sister; Doris Pratt Surface; a brother, Lewis Pratt and wife Venessa; sister, Virginia Lois Pratt Gower; niece; Linda Payne and husband Posey and great-niece; Sherry Boone and husband Robbie: Great nephew; Mike Payne and wife Reyn and children, Campbell, Elsie and Anderson: Niece; Nancy Ridley and husband Dennis: Great nephew: Bo Ridley and wife Holly and children; Bryce, Josh Jackson and Ava: great-nephew: Justin Ridley and daughter London. Other nieces: Donna Sue Vanhoose and Alice Jean Carley: and other nephews; David Allen Douglas, and Gary Arthur, and other Great-great nieces and great-great nephews.

She enjoyed working on flower arrangements, needlepoint, gardening, and she traveled extensively with the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. She served as secretary of the Methodist Church and EMO Agency for many years in Warrenton, Virginia. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pulaski.

A memorial service will be held at Seagle Funeral Home on Friday, August 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Dwight Haynes officiating. The family will receive friends at Seagle Funeral Home beginning one hour before the service.

If you wish, a memorial contribution may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 824 Pulaski, VA 24301, or to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.seaglefuneralhome.com Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



BARBARA “BOBBIE” NESTER MCMULLIN

Barbara “Bobbie” Nester McMullin, 79, passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at her home in Fairlawn. She was a hairdresser and volunteered at the Women’s Resource Center. She received her Associate Degree in Social Work from the New River Community College. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Clyde Nester and Ethel Craig Nester; brothers, Arnold and Roger (Drema) Nester; and sisters, Melissa “Margie” (Jack) Sinnes, and Jean Semones.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, John William McMullin, Jr.; daughters, Carolyn M. Southern, Barbara (Sue) (Tracey) Collom, and Virginia M. (George) Walker; 10 grandchildren, Scott Southern (Brook), Candace Lamb (Jon), Todd Southern, Ashley Jean, B. J. Munsey (D.D.), Leslie Youngs (Corey), Tracey Collom, Jr., (Cindy Waters), Sam Walker (DeAnn), Toni Walker and Kyle Walker; 17

great grandchildren; brother, Kenneth (Debbie) Nester; sister, Edwina “Bunny” (Rev. Tom) Gulbranson; brother-in-law, Jessie Semones; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Graveside services followed in Sunrise Burial Park with Rev. Gina Rhea officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church.

The McMullin family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com.

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and/or the children of Gethsemane Baptist Church AWANA program, 2008 Preston Street, Radford, VA 24141.

To sign Carol’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com.

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

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DEBORAH “DEBBIE” JEAN MULLINS

Deborah “Debbie” Jean Mullins, 67, of Belmont passed away August 7, 2023. She was born December 3, 1955 in Montgomery County, Virginia, a daughter of the late Harold Herbert Mullins and Rosa Lee Sutphin Mullins.

Debbie attended New River Community College where she studied accounting. She retired after 30 years of service as a Controller of the City Club of Charlotte. She was a member of Union Road Church where she taught ladies Sunday School and served in the ladies ministry. Debbie also served as a Core Leader and as a Teaching Director of Gastonia Women’s Eve Community Bible Study for over

10 years. She led a summer Bible study as well.

Debbie is survived by her maternal aunts, Gloeda Gay Sutphin Alderman of Dublin, VA, and Shelbie Marie Marenka (George) of Lanham, Maryland; paternal aunts, Carol Wood Atkinson of Montgomery County, VA, and Brenda Mullins Waddell of Kentucky; special friend, Paula Dean and family; stepdaughter, Lisa Mountjoy; stepgrandson, Jeremy Ingraham; amazon parrot, Birdie Purdy; and numerous friends and cousins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Arthur and Lucille Mullins; maternal grandparents, Russell D. Sutphin and Hallie Mae Reece Sutphin; uncles, Ersell Alderman, Ernest Waddell and William Glendon Sutphin (Ellen Sanford Sutphin); aunt, Patty Mae Sutphin Gibbs (Robert Edward Gibbs); and beloved companion, Josie.

The family will receive friends at Union Road Church from 2:00pm until 3:00pm on Sunday, August 13, 2023. A funeral service will follow at 3:00pm with Rev. Terry Mull officiating. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Union Road

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Here They Go Again

The size and spending of the federal government has exploded. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, federal spending is estimated to increase 43% between 2019 and 2024.

The nonprofit OpenTheBooks.com recently released a report about the growth of one of our federal agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), showing that the agency's budget has increased by more than \$100 billion over the past two years under Biden. Additionally, the President is seeking to increase EPA's full-time staff by thousands in fiscal year 2024.

One would hope that with more money and employees, our federal government would be working to make average Americans' lives easier. But apparently that's not the case.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

A series of new rules and regulations from the Biden Administration has made clear that the federal government is going to further overregulate

our lives, this time with our appliances.

The U.S Department of Energy (DOE) proposed a rule which would set maximum annual energy consumption standards for electric and gas stoves. According to DOE, this change would cause half of gas stove models sold in the United States to be non-compliant.

House Republicans took action to prevent this government overreach by passing the Save Our Gas Stoves Act in June, legislation to prohibit DOE from implementing the proposed rule. The legislation is pending in the Senate. Well, it hasn't stopped at gas stoves.

In February, DOE proposed new energy standards for washing machines and refrigerators. DOE says Americans who update both appliances would save \$425 on their utility bill over the average lifetime of the appliances, which works out to about \$16 per appliance per year.

Manufactures of appliances warn the new standards will lead to reduced performance and much higher prices, affecting lower- and middle-income families who can't afford the skyrocketing prices of new refrigerators and washing machines.

Years back a woman from Bluefield told me she was filling her washing machine with a hose because Obama-era water restrictions for washing machines wouldn't allow for enough water to properly clean her clothes.

Now the new Biden DOE regulations will require washing machines to use almost 25 percent less water – the problem is only getting worse!

Also, DOE released a rule to cut water use by more than one-third for dishwashers.

According to the Institute for Energy Research, these changes to dishwashers would result in higher upfront prices for the appliance, while only saving Americans \$17 annually on water and energy costs (based on a standard-size dishwasher).

Further, DOE released a draft rule to force most electric water heaters in the future to deploy heat pump technology and gas-fired water heaters to use condensing technology. According to Fox News Digital, experts have criticized the draft rule, as the new standards would ban cheaper alternatives while minimally impacting utility bills.

Around the same time, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission proposed a policy which would ban the sale of almost all portable gas-powered electric generators.

It seems that no appliance is safe from the Biden Administration.

In fact, a new light bulb ban has just gone into effect.

Under DOE regulations, manufacturers and retailers are no longer allowed to sell most incandescent light bulbs, which make up about 30% of light bulbs sold in the United States, in an effort to force Americans to use light-emitting diode, or LED, light bulbs.

According to the Residential Energy Consumption Survey, this new regulation will particularly impact lower-income Americans as they prefer to use incandescent over LED.

Forcing Americans to use LED light bulbs may have negative health effects. According to reports from a University of Exeter study, LED emits more blue light, which suppresses melatonin. This can affect your sleep cycle and over time, lead to problems like hypertension, diabetes, or even a heart attack.

This overregulation by the federal government hurts the working poor and middle class the most. When a family has to replace their appliances, some Americans won't be able to afford to do so.

That is a heap of pain for little gain!

It's not like the current regulations date back to the 1950s! Most of these regulations are about a decade old.

These new overreaching regulations on appliances by the federal government are making Americans' lives more difficult and more costly. The Biden Administration is focused on small gains without a care for the financial burden being placed on lower- and middle-income families.

The increased costs will not affect wealthy folks. The Biden Administration has lost touch with average Americans.

Include God in Your Political Decisions

National elections were conducted differently in the infancy of our nation than they are today. One of the most interesting and hotly contested elections was in 1824 when a four-way competition for the presidency occurred. The contenders were John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay, William Crawford and Andrew Jackson.

During that era, the Secretary of State was the person in position to most successfully run for and win the next Presidential election. John Quincy Adams had served with distinction under every President since George Washington and because of this election tradition, was the logical successor as the sixth President of the United States.

However, even though John Quincy was widely respected and often referred to as "the last Puritan," he was not loved by the majority; nor did he conform to the platform of the National Republican Party.

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Andrew Jackson had retired from politics, preferring to farm and race horses; but his popularity kept growing. Without his permission, Jackson's name was submitted as a Presidential candidate by individuals who had become known as "political king-makers."

In contrast, many Virginians preferred to back the obese "canny and resourceful" Secretary of the Treasury from Georgia, William Crawford. It appeared that Crawford could win the Presidency, but early in the campaign he

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Florida slavery smear

There have been so many poisonous and stupid lies about Florida since 2020, it's almost hard to keep track, but the latest may be the most outrageous.

As you might have heard thanks to the vice president of the United States, Florida allegedly wants to teach its students that slavery benefited slaves.

In reality, the Florida curriculum on slavery is extensive and includes pretty much everything you'd want a child to know about this enormity. The occasion for the Kamala Harris smear is one line that says, "Instruction includes how slaves developed skills which, in some instances, could be applied for their personal benefit."

This is not the first thing, or even the 19th, that you'd want students to learn about slavery, but it is also indisputably true.

No one is saying the enslaved "benefited" from slavery.

It's not an endorsement of slavery to point out that slaves looked for every crack in the system to try to improve themselves and gain some autonomy -- rather, it's an endorsement of the initiative and resilience of an oppressed people operating in the worst of circumstances.

We are supposed to believe that enslaved African Americans strained against their awful condition in every way -- learning to read, worshipping on their own, defying their masters when they could, creating an elaborate system of escape, but they never, ever learned a skill to their own benefit.

This is, of course, nonsense. The Advanced Placement African American Studies curriculum that Florida has rejected contains almost exactly the same language about skills as the state's curriculum -- without causing a firestorm of criticism.

Some of the most honored African American figures in our history took advantage of whatever ability they had, while enslaved, to improve themselves and learn. In Baltimore, Frederick Douglass famously became a ship caulker and brought in \$6 to \$9 a week, rightly resenting "the right of the robber" exercised by his owner, who took his earnings.

In his extraordinary "African Founders: How Enslaved People Expanded American Ideals," David Hackett Fischer brings to light other lesser-known examples. He notes the example of one Captain David Stodder, the leading shipbuilder in Baltimore in the late 18th century. As of 1790, about two dozen of his workers were slaves, and he freed them in his will. "Among these slaves," Fischer writes, "were some of his most highly skilled workers."

Or consider George R. Roberts, who was probably born a slave in southern Maryland. He became an experienced seaman and eventually "came home to Baltimore, bought a small house in the happy neighborhood that is still called Canton, and became prominent in the civic life of the city."

Or Robert Lemmons, born a

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It's A Guideline, Not A Rule

Dear Dave,

Is there any flexibility in your rule about not spending more than 25% of your take-home pay on rent or monthly mortgage payments? I live downtown in Washington, D.C., and I'm finding it's pretty hard to do here. I make about \$90,000 a year, but I'm spending a little over \$2,000 a month in rent. Rent is my largest expense by far, and I don't spend a lot of other money, so I'm still able to save a little and do other things. Can you give me your opinion about this approach?

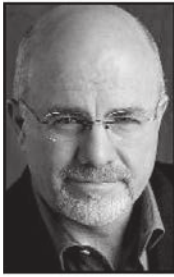
— Tanner

Dear Tanner,

True, I advise people to spend no more than 25% of their take-home pay on housing. Math still works in every city and state in the country. You don't get a pass on math just because you live in Washington, D.C., even though Congress and a lot of other people there think you do.

But there's really nothing magical about 25%. The purpose behind it is, I don't want you to be house poor. If you find yourself still able to save and invest because you keep other financial aspects of your lifestyle so low, then you're okay. The problem with most people starts when they've got a high cost of housing, and those payments put a real squeeze on their budgets. It doesn't leave them enough room to save up to buy the next car, so that car becomes debt. The same thing happens with Christmas and vacations and everything else. They don't have enough extra money to save for things because a huge chunk of their income is flying out the door every month wrapped up in rent or a house payment.

Now, you're telling me your situation works for you because you've made room in your budget and live a very frugal lifestyle by choice. That's cool. I'm not mad at you about that. But here's



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

the thing: Whatever you spend on rent disappears. And the more money you burn, the less you've got on hand for other things.

I'm not exactly sure how you adjust that in your situation. Maybe you move outside the city and commute, or perhaps you add a roommate into the equation. Or, maybe you're fine with how things are and that's the way you want to live. That's okay too. But my reasoning behind the 25% figure—which is actually more of a guideline than a rule—is so you don't become house poor. I want you to be able to save, invest and give generously. Plus, I want you to own your own home one day.

And you won't be able to do that if everything you make is going toward big payments!

— Dave

A person in a suit smiling Description automatically generated * Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.



MOVA expands Research and Development in Pulaski

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

MOVA Technologies, which maintains offices at 29 West Main Street in Pulaski, has now opened a Research and Development facility across town on Commerce Street.

“This is our new R & D facility,” said MOVA CEO John Schott, as he stood at the entrance to the building. “We’re a climate tech company and we’re developing an air filtration technology that works for carbon capture but also has applications in a number of industries including agriculture.”

“We’re researching selective air filtration technology,” Schott continued. “So that we can target a specific contaminant for capture and harvesting ... so that it can be redeployed as a resource.”

Since its founding, MOVA has raised nearly \$1.8 million in private investment and received more than \$650,000 in grant funding, including grants from the federal government, GO Virginia, and the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation.

MOVA’s R & D facility is located across from the Town of Pulaski’s public works facility on State Street. The interior space is

dominated by a very large metal contraption that takes up nearly half the room. This is where testing of the newly developed filtration media occurs. A long table, lined with several laptop computers dominates the other half of the room. In front of each computer, four young adults are occupied with various research associated with the development of filtration media/sorbents.

“They’re designing equipment to efficiently bring the air into our system,” said Schott. “We’re testing different absorption media to optimize how to capture the targeted compound and then pull that back off the media. So, it can be harvested and reused. That’s the types of things we’re testing.”

Twenty-two-year-old Laura Simpson and 20-year-old Will Bump are studying chemical engineering at Virginia Tech and are currently part of MOVA’s summer intern program. Twenty-four-year-old Matt Dejager is working on his graduate degree in Mechanical Engineering at VT.

These three are participating in the Experiential Learning in Tech Employment (ELITE) grant program. Go Virginia pays half the salaries for these interns and MOVA pays the other half.

Twenty-six-year-old Love Dep



William Paine/The Patriot

The MOVA Research and Development team stands in front of devise used for testing absorption media. From left: Matt Dejager, Will Bump, Laura Simpson, John Schott and Love Dep Singh.

Singh Graduated from VT in 2019 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is a full time hire at MOVA.

“The majority of the five interns that are rolling through will become full time employees,” said Steve Critchfield, founder and President of MOVA. “It’s a good way to vet possible employees.”

MOVA recently received a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy worth approximately \$200,000.

“The grant that just was awarded by DOE, is the grant that’s jump-starting MOVA into developing this industrial carbon capture system,” Critchfield explained. “Why should you create more carbon dioxide and add to global warming, if you could have someone create a device that captures carbon di-

oxide from the atmosphere and use it in your industrial process and not add to global warming?”

“The rest of the world, like Bill Gates and them, are building these behemoth carbon capture things that are the size of Burris Hall,” Critchfield continued. “They want to capture so much carbon dioxide, that they don’t know what to do with it. So, they’re going to shoot it into the ground ... and that’s important. It needs to be done. But think of all the industrial companies in the world that need carbon dioxide and they’re having to create it and add to the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.”

“Why not just go ahead and figure out how to capture it, reuse it, not have to ship it? What’s cool is these devices will literally be right

there on the plants. These devises will be right there at the vertical growth center, right there at the bottling company, right there at the canning company, so that they can create the carbon dioxide they need. No transportation. No creation of new carbon dioxide. This this is what the world also needs and MOVA is moving down that path.”

Critchfield added that though the R & D facility on Commerce Street just opened this month, it will likely only be in its current location for a short time, as the plan is to build a new facility that will serve as both the R & D lab and MOVA’s new company headquarters.

If all goes according to plan, the R & D facility will expand its workforce to upwards of 10 full time employees and the new MOVA facility will be constructed in two or three years’ time.

Where this new facility will be located has not yet been determined but according to MOVA President Steve Critchfield, it will be somewhere in downtown Pulaski.

Mullins

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Condolence messages may be sent online at mcleanfuneral.com. McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia is serving the Mullins family.



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suffered a stroke which he partly recovered from; but this medical issue changed the scenario.

Henry Clay entered the race as the champion of the West, which was expanding at an increasingly rapid rate. He represented the new frontier, where dreams were made and anything was possible.

On election day, Jackson received 153,000 of the popular votes. Adams, doing better than expected, received 114,000 votes. Clay and Crawford trailed with approximately 47,000 votes each.

Although Jackson was the most popular, in this race he did not carry enough electoral-college votes to win the majority. So, the final decision of who would be President in 1824 had to be decided by the House of Representatives, choosing between the three candidates who received the most electoral-college votes.

Henry Clay played a major role in this election now, since he was no longer considered a viable candidate. He fully supported John Quincy Adams, whom he respected and had served with in previous diplomatic endeavors. Clay managed to convince several states to change their votes for Adams. But other key states, such as New York, remained deadlocked.

It is here that the historical record gets really interesting. The Rev. Peter Marshall explains in his book, “From Sea to Shining Sea,” how one man, whose heart and life was in touch with God, helped to elect the right man for the times.

“John Quincy Adams was one vote shy of winning the necessary majority, and none of the New York congressmen appeared ready to budge, save one: the former major general Ste-

phen Van Rensselaer, nicknamed ‘the patroon.’

“On his way to the House of Representatives that morning, Van Rensselaer had been waylaid by Clay and Webster, who had exhorted him to vote for Adams for the good of the country. Yet previously, Van Rensselaer had promised Martin Van Buren of New York that he would vote for anyone BUT Adams. Now he felt torn by indecision, as from all sides friends and advisors put increasing pressure on him. Tears came to his eyes, and he was heard to murmur that the vote of New York depended on him, and if he gave his vote to Adams, the latter would probably win on the first ballot.”

The Rev. Marshall continues, “A devoutly religious man, in this desperate moment, he lowered his head to the edge of his desk and prayed (asking Got to send him a sign for whom he should vote). As his turn came to vote, he slowly lifted his head – and there lying on the floor next to his desk, he saw a ballot marked with a single name: John Quincy Adams.

“Convinced that God had answered his prayer, he picked up the ballot and cast it into the box, thus giving New York to Adams...and with it a majority of the states. John Quincy Adams would be the sixth President of the United States.”

In 2024, many of us will be going to the polls to vote for a new President and members of Congress; and perhaps feel the pressure of indecision bearing down on us. Hopefully, we will remember the historic election of 1824 and resolve our indecision the same way that Van Rensselaer did – and the way we should resolve all our indecision. Take it to the Lord in prayer!

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slave in Texas. He learned from a rancher who employed him and became extremely adept at handling mustangs. Freed after the Civil War, according to Fischer, he “saved his profits, invested in land, built a holding of 1,200 acres, became a successful rancher, rented some of his land, added another business, and became a local money lender.”

Was slavery good for these men? Absolutely not. The point is what they accomplished despite slavery, not because of it.

Two can play the Kamala Harris game, by the way.

In her famous 1619 Project essay, The New York Times writer Nikole Hannah-Jones writes that: “Black people were not chattel. And so the process of seasoning, instead of erasing identity, served an opposite purpose: In the void,

we forged a new culture all our own.”

There she goes -- saying slavery served some good, that it was “seasoning.”

Imagine if the Florida curriculum said that slavery gave us African American hair styles? There’d be outrage, but Hannah-Jones says it: “Today’s avant-garde nature of black hairstyles and fashion displays a vibrant reflection of enslaved people’s determination to feel fully human through self-expression.”

The left wouldn’t have to deny the historical record or tie itself into knots if it weren’t so determined to lie about DeSantis, but that imperative overwhelms everything else.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

PC wins major awards at tourism summit

From Pulaski County

On Tuesday, August 1, Pulaski County officials and local organizations attended the 4th annual Friends of Southwest Virginia Celebrate Tourism Summit at the Wytheville Meeting Center.

This convention is held to inform the 19 counties and cities that constitute Southwestern Virginia of new trends and techniques to help reshape traditional tourism methods in order to attract visitors to the area. It was stated by Virginia Tourism Corporation Director of Destination Development, Becky Nave, that, last year alone, Virginia tourism brought in a staggering \$30.3 billion dollars.

The main event of this annual gathering is the SWVA Tourism Awards, which recognizes the people, organizations, and events that have contributed to Virginia's outstanding tourism scene. Pulaski County was well represented during the award ceremony and was recognized with three different awards.

The first award of the day was claimed by Visit NRV; a partnership between Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski County along with the City of Radford, for Best New Website for a Locality with a budget under \$50,000. Visit NRV's website was created by 5Points Creative, an advertising agency in Roanoke who are also responsible for Visit NRV's footprint logo.

Soon after the first award had been announced, members of the NRV Sheep and G.O.A.T. Club were excited to hear their name called for Outstanding Festival of the Year with under 10,000 attendees. Over

2,000 visitors enjoyed the second-annual Sheep and G.O.A.T. Festival at Thee Draper Village which included activities and vendors promoting the agritourism industry in Pulaski County. The festival will be taking place again this year on September 23 at the New River Valley Fairgrounds.

For the final award of the day, all in attendance watched as recent Pulaski County Tourism Director retiree, Peggy White, was



named as Outstanding Tourism Leader. White laid the foundation and paved the way for Tourism in the county as she became its first Tourism Director in 2021. Some of her notable achievements include forming the new Experiential Center, the placing of Phone Booth Guideries across the county, along with the completion of many other amazing projects.

Pulaski County congratulates Visit NRV, the Sheep and G.O.A.T. Club, and Peggy White on each of their awards and looks optimistically to the future of tourism.

Credit rating drop follows growing debt

By Brett Rowland

(The Center Square) – A congressional watchdog repeatedly warned lawmakers about national spending and debt levels before a second of the Big Three credit rating agencies dropped the United States government's credit rating down a notch.

Fitch Ratings made the decision last week to downgrade the government's credit rating from the highest level of AAA down one tier to AA+. Fitch pointed to the U.S. government's high national debt and deficits and an "erosion of governance."

"In Fitch's view, there has been a steady deterioration in standards of governance over the last 20 years, including on fiscal and debt matters, notwithstanding the June bipartisan agreement to suspend the debt limit until January 2025," according to credit-rating agency. "The repeated debt-limit political standoffs and last-minute resolutions have eroded confidence in fiscal management. In addition, the government lacks a medium-term fiscal framework, unlike most peers, and has a complex budgeting process. These factors, along with several economic shocks as well as tax cuts and new spending initiatives, have contributed to successive debt increases over the last decade. Additionally, there has been only limited progress in tackling medium-term challenges related to rising social security and Medicare costs due to an aging population."

After the announcement from Fitch, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the downgrade was "arbitrary and based on outdated data." In 2011, S&P Rating dropped the U.S. government's credit rating one notch. Moody's is the only one of the Big Three that has kept the U.S. credit rating at the top level of AAA.

But the federal government's own agencies have repeatedly raised concerns about federal spending and debt.

In February, the U.S. Government Accountability Office's audit of the federal government's financial statements found it "continues to face an unsustainable long-term fiscal path."

At the end of fiscal year 2022, debt held by the public was about 97% of gross domestic product, according to a May report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office. The U.S. debt is projected to grow faster than the U.S. economy. Debt held by the public is projected to reach its historical high of 106% of GDP within a decade. The Government Accountability Of-

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Radford barber sets Aug. 19 as date for Customer Appreciation Event

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Radford barber Brad Angell is planning a good old-fashioned nostalgic celebration on Aug. 19 to celebrate his shop's 10th anniversary, and to thank all his customers.

"Radford and Pulaski County have been very good to me," said Angell from his Third Avenue shop in downtown Radford.

A native of the Nashville area, Angell moved to Radford 10 years ago and the move proved to be a good one.

"We came up here to help out my father- and mother-in-law. My wife was born and raised in Radford and is a 1983 Radford High School graduate," Angell said.

Angell got his barber instruction near his boyhood home at Master's Barber and Styling College at Mt. Juliet, Tenn. and then opened his own shop when he moved to Radford.

"Ten years has gone by quick. Radford has really been good to me," Angell stated.

"I guess probably a lot of it has been location," he added.

"People ask me what the secret

to a successful business is, and to me it's (one) due diligence – making sure the community needs you; (two) do what you say you're going to do and be there when you say you'll be there, and (three) give a good product for a good price," Angell said.

"Really, where can you go wrong with that!"

While Radford has been very supportive of his shop, so has his customers in Pulaski County and over in Christiansburg.

"I can remember over the years having students at Pulaski County High School drive over here from school when they found out about my shop. They'd sign themselves out for lunch and come over here, then go back to school," Angell recalled.

"You know it's interesting," he said, "not being from here, but I've got a lot of customers from Pulaski County and a lot from Christiansburg as well," Angell noted.

Angell's Aug. 19 Customer Appreciation Day event, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is planned as a nostalgic way to thank all his customers.

There will be a cruise-in featuring the New River Valley Cruisers

in the parking lot next to the shop, along with a DJ spinning 50's and 60's hits and Hethwood Market food truck.

"Hethwood Market's food truck will be here. That used to be Sam's Hot Dog truck, which was sold to Hethwood," Angell said. "They'll have hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and more.

"We'll also have some RC Colas and Moon Pies and that sort of thing. We might do a Hoola-Hoop contest and we'll be giving away some shirts, hats and free haircuts along with some other door prizes and freebies," Angell added.

Parking for the event will be available in the public parking lot across from Angell's shop at 115 Third Avenue in Radford.

Angell, a 2015 winner of the Radford Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year, recalled that students from Radford University made up the bulk of his customers in the early days and through COVID. Now that's been totally reversed as enrollment at the college has decreased, and the number of local customers has increased.

Angell believes one factor leading to the increase in local customers is the fact – since COVID – his shop has operated on an appointment basis instead of the traditional walk-in operation.

Angell likes the appointment style operation, and says his customers – when asked – said they preferred that too.



Mike Williams/The Patriot

Radford barber Brad Angell says people in Radford, Pulaski County and Christiansburg have been very good to him.

Either way, Angell's first 10 years have been a success, and he feels it's time to say THANK YOU on Aug. 19!

New River Health District Warns of Rabies Concerns

(Christiansburg, Va.) -- To protect the health of residents and visitors, the New River Health District is issuing a notice about two foxes testing positive for rabies that were found in the same general area of Christiansburg within the past week. The most recent encounter, on August 5, marks the fifth laboratory confirmed case of animal rabies in Montgomery County and the twelfth in the New River Health District this year.

On August 5, 2023, a fox testing positive for rabies was found in a neighborhood around Blake Drive in Christiansburg. This is the second confirmed case of animal rabies in Christiansburg within the past week. A few days prior, another fox testing positive for rabies was located in a neighborhood around Dunlap Drive in Christiansburg. In each incident a person was reportedly exposed to the animal. The New River Health District

asks anyone who may have come into contact with either of the foxes in or around the area of Blake Drive or Dunlap Drive to call the Montgomery County Health Department at 540-585-3300.

Due to the relative proximity and timing of these cases within Christiansburg, the New River Health District wants to remind everyone, and especially pet owners, of the risks of rabies.

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. It is almost always fatal, unless preventive treatment is administered before symptoms develop. "It is important to keep your pets properly vaccinated and to seek medical attention promptly if you or your pet are exposed," said Dr. Noelle Bissell, director for the New River Health District.

Virginia law requires that all dogs and cats four months of age and older be vaccinated for rabies

by a licensed veterinarian, and that vaccinations be kept current.

Additional Steps to Protect Against Rabies Exposure:

- Do not feed stray animals. Avoid wild animals, especially raccoons, bats, foxes and skunks. Feed your pets indoors and do not let them wander.
- Make sure your pets are vaccinated against rabies and their shots are up to date. By law, all dogs, cats and ferrets must be vaccinated against rabies.
- Teach children to avoid contact with wild animals and pets they are not familiar with.
- Do not handle sick, injured or dead animals.

For additional information, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-epidemiology/animal-contact-human-health/ or call the Montgomery County Health Department at 540-585-3300.



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Oakes Wins Fiddling Contest

The third time really was the charm at the Galax Old Fiddlers' Convention for Hollace Oakes of Snowville. After placing third in bluegrass fiddle two years ago and fourth last year, the 12-year-old girl won the Blue Ribbon Monday during Youth Night competition, making it three straight years she has been among the top five in the prestigious event. Not only did she impress the judges but based on the response when the winners were announced, she was also a crowd favorite. Hollace has won several area fiddling competitions or placed very high this year.

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The Emergency Needs Task Force of Pulaski County offers a variety of temporary assistance for residents or transients who are experiencing a financial crisis. Households with total income at or below 200% of the federal income poverty guidelines are eligible for assistance.

The Emergency Needs Task Force is a private, nonprofit charitable corporation and we welcome donations. If you choose to donate by check, make checks payable to: The Emergency Needs Task Force of Pulaski County, P.O. Box 1422 Pulaski, VA 24301. One-time and recurring donations can be made via the ENTF website, www.entfpulaskiva.org.



Arnold first to file for 6th District GOP nomination

Marion, Virginia – Republican candidate Jed Arnold announced he will seek the Republican nomination for the vacant 6th District seat in the Virginia House of Delegates at the Republican Nomination Event.

Governor Glenn Youngkin issued a writ for a special election on Friday August 4, 2023 to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Delegate Jeffrey L. Campbell (R-Smyth). The special election is scheduled for August 29, 2023.

Arnold intends to promptly file the necessary paperwork with the Republican Legislative District Committee once the nomination process is determined and the paperwork is available.

The Sixth District is composed of the counties of Carroll, Wythe and portions of Smyth County. Campbell resigned from the House of Delegates in July. The winner of the called Special Election will serve the remainder of Campbell's term which expires on January 10, 2024.

"I would like to thank Governor Youngkin for issuing the writ of election. This ensures that the Sixth District will be represented in the House for the rest of Delegate Campbell's term," Arnold said. "For the past eight years I have served the Sixth District as

Delegate Campbell's legislative assistant. I am excited and honored for the opportunity to continue to serve the district as it's Delegate in the House."

Arnold is unopposed in the upcoming November general election for the newly-drawn 46th House District. The 46th House District includes all of Grayson, Smyth, and Wythe counties and portions of Pulaski County. The winner of the General Election will take office on January 10, 2024.

Arnold, a Saltville native and an attorney with Kilgore Law Office, P.L.L.C., served as the legislative assistant to Delegate Jeff Campbell from 2015 until Campbell's resignation. He assisted the Sixth District Delegate with bill drafting, stakeholder meetings and constituent services.

Arnold resides in Saltville with his wife, Melanie, and son, Jack. He has been active in youth sports, serving as a volunteer little league baseball coach. Arnold is a 1997 graduate of Northwood High School (Saltville, Va.), a 2003 graduate of Radford University, and a 2015 graduate of the Appalachian School of Law. He and his family attend the Rich Valley Presbyterian Church.

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fice projects that this ratio could reach more than twice the size of the economy by 2051 without changes in revenue and spending policies.

"The growing debt is a consequence of borrowing to finance increasingly large annual budget deficits," according to the report. "GAO projects that spending for Social Security, federal health care programs, and all other federal program spending increases more than revenue, resulting in the primary deficit;

and net interest spending, which primarily represents the federal government's cost to service its debt, steadily increases over the next 30 years, further widening the total budget deficits."

The International Monetary Fund listed the United States' debt as a percentage of GDP at 106% in 2021. Countries with high debt-to-GDP figures in 2021 included Cyprus (142.82%), Italy (146.55%), Singapore (163.89%), Eritrea (176.25%), Sudan (181.97%), Greece (212.4%) and Japan (221.32%).

Input sought on study of Route 11/460

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is seeking feedback on a transportation study assessing potential roadway safety, reliability, and multi-modal improvements along Roanoke Street (Route 11/Route 460) from Falling Branch Road to Tower Road in the Town of Christiansburg.

The study will evaluate traffic operations and safety conditions and consider a range of improvements that may be developed into applications for transportation funding.

The survey, which has a translation tool for other languages, is available at <https://publicinput.com/sa-23-07>. Comments can also be sent to Carol.Moneymaker@VDOT.Virginia.gov or to Carol Moneymaker, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153.

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Cougar Football hosts Franklin Co. Friday

Pulaski County High School will scrimmage varsity football at home this Friday, details below. There is no admission charge to this scrimmage, gates will open at 5 pm and the concession stand will be open for spectators.

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PATRIOT FOOTBALL PREVIEW TO BE PUBLISHED AUGUST 18

NASCAR season heads to road course at Indy

From NASCAR

With just three races left in the regular season the tensions are high for many of the competitors not locked into the Playoffs as the NASCAR Cup Series returns to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course for the Verizon 200 at the Brickyard on Sunday, August 13 at 2:30 p.m. ET on NBC, IMS Radio and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) has existed since 1909, and is considered the original “Speedway”, the first racing facility to incorporate the word into its name. With a permanent seating capacity for more than 250,000-plus people and infield seating that raises capacity to an approximate 400,000, it is considered the largest and highest-capacity sporting facility in history. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course was completed in 2000 and it incorporates part of the famous four-turn oval. The original length upon completion of the road course measured 2.605-miles. In 2008, and again in 2014, the road course layout was modified to improve competition. This weekend’s event will compete on the 14-turn, 2.439-mile paved version of the road course.

The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway (oval) was August 6, 1994. Hendrick Motorsport’s driver Jeff Gordon (Chevrolet) won the inaugural event at the 2.5-mile speedway. The NASCAR Cup Series made its historical debut on the 14-Turn, 2.439-mile asphalt paved road course at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2021 with 40 competitors battling it out for 200 miles (82 laps). It was Kaulig Racing’s road course ace, A.J. Allmendinger, who knabbed the checkered flag in the inaugural event, by passing Joe Gibbs Racing’s Denny Hamlin and leading just the final two laps en route to the victory.

Then last season’s race on the Indianapolis Road Course was just as exciting as the first, with nine lead changes and Tyler Reddick, then driving for Richard Childress Racing, taking the victory by 1.065-second over Austin Cindric in Overtime.

This weekend’s Verizon 200

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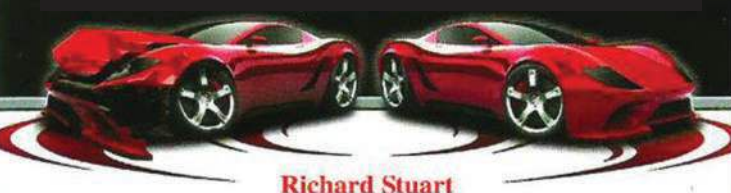


Cougar Volleyball Team Wins First Scrimmage Of 2023 Season

The Pulaski County Cougars beat Eastern Montgomery in volleyball Wednesday, 3-1 in the team’s first scrimmage of the season. (Top) New Cougar coach Kylee Beecher gives instructions to her team; (Top Middle) Cougar Hannah Keefer goes up high for the ball; (Bottom Left) Alana Aust makes a play.

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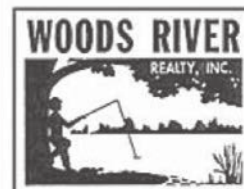
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NASCAR

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at the Brickyard is scheduled for 82 total laps and will be broken up into three stages. The first stage will be 15 laps, the second will be 20 laps and the final stage will be 47 laps. All the on-track NASCAR Cup Series activity will begin with practice directly followed by Busch Light Pole Qualifying on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. ET. Both events will be streamed on the NBC Sports App (Peacock).

Playoff Streaks In Jeopardy: Several drivers need to win to get into the postseason

Looking at the NASCAR Cup Series 2023 Playoff standings outlook, several big names are below the cut line and with just three races left in the regular season the pressure to earn a spot in the postseason is mounting.

Rolling into this weekend at Indianapolis, three former NASCAR Cup Series champions – Kevin Harvick, Brad Keselowski and Chase Elliott, another eight former Playoff drivers – Michael McDowell, Daniel Suarez, Alex Bowman, Austin Cindric, Aric Almirola, Erik Jones, Austin Dillon and Chase Briscoe, plus another three former Cup Series winners – Bubba Wallace, A.J.

Allmendinger, and Justin Haley make up the 20-driver field of eligible competitors still looking for a spot in the NASCAR Cup Series 2023 Playoffs.

The four drivers currently occupying the four open transfer spots on points in the Playoff outlook are Kevin Harvick (+180 points), Brad Keselowski (+168), Bubba Wallace (+58) and rookie Ty Gibbs (+3). Harvick has made 16 appearances in the Playoffs (tied with Denny Hamlin for series-most), including the last 13 postseasons consecutively – the longest active streak of consecutive appearances.

Front Row Motorsports' Michael McDowell dropped out of the 16th spot and into 17th place in the Playoff standings outlook following his 24th-place finish at Michigan, and now sits three points back from Joe Gibbs Racing's rookie Ty Gibbs.

“We had a good run at Michigan and we need a good one at Indianapolis as well,” said Gibbs. “We just need to keep having good finishes and we can get in the Playoffs. We want to win, but we need good finishes if we can't win.”

Behind McDowell is former

road course winners, Trackhouse Racing's Daniel Suárez in 18th only five points back from Gibbs in the final transfer spot on points, and Kaulig Racing's A.J. Allmendinger (-24 points), who won at the Indianapolis Road Course in 2021.

But the biggest name below the Playoff cut line and approaching a must win situation, is the 2021 NASCAR Cup Series champion and Hendrick Motorsports' driver Chase Elliott, currently 55 points back from the postseason cutoff. Elliott's streak of seven consecutive Playoff appearances is in jeopardy with just three races to go in the regular season. In Elliott's two starts at the Indianapolis Road Course he has finished fourth (2021) and 16th (2022).



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The NRV MPO Seeks Public Input for the Viscoe Road Corridor Study

Find out about the study progress and potential safety improvements along Viscoe Road in Pulaski County. The meeting will be held at the Pulaski County Innovation Center in the New River Room located at 6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 305 in Fairlawn on August 16, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. In addition to the in-person meeting, public meeting materials can be found on the New River Valley's website at www.newrivervalleympo.org. It is also available for review at the offices of Pulaski County and the New River Valley MPO. Give your written comments at the meeting or submit them via USPS to the NRV MPO's office, located at 755 Roanoke St. Ste. 2I, Christiansburg, VA 24073. You may also e-mail your comments to viscoestudy@rkk.com. Please reference “Viscoe Road Study” (Pulaski County) PH Comments in the subject line. Comments for this study will be received until 5:00 PM, August 24, 2023.

This public notice and opportunity to comment on the Viscoe Road Study meets the program of projects requirements as established by the FTA pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 5307(c). The NRV MPO ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Dan Brugh at: brughjd@montgomerycountyva.gov or 540-394-2145, TTY/TTD 711.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Regarding Budget Appropriation

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday August 15, 2023 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street NW to appropriate the following funds:

RE-APPROPRIATIONS OF GRANT ACCOUNTS Effective July 1, 2023	Balance to be carried as of July 1, 2023
VBAF BROWNFIELD RESTORATION BREWERY	\$ 50,000.00
EPA BROWNFIELD GRANT - CONSULTANTS	\$ 85,529.52
PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT - MAIN ST NORTH	\$ 358,643.50
PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT - MAIN ST SOUTH	\$ 303,493.50
DHCD & ARC CALFEE ADAPTIVE REUSE PROJECT	\$ 2,071,729.20
OVW - SAFE CENTER OF SW VA GRANT	\$ 112,550.03
ARPA CATEGORY #1	\$ 1,892,395.35
ARPA CATEGORY #4	\$ 2,833,677.57
VRA BROOKMONT WATER PROJECT	\$ 2,698,773.50
DIRECT INJECTION	\$ 2,864,998.77
COMMERCE ST BRIDGE PROJECT	\$ 1,951,193.50
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ 15,172,984.44
CARRY FORWARD OF CHECKING ACCOUNTS	
CEMETERY ACCOUNT	\$ 183,383.09
UDAG ACCOUNT	\$ 56,204.69
CDBG KERSEY HOUSING	\$ 43,212.66
RBEG ACCOUNT	\$ 51,728.36
POLICE CHECKING ACCOUNTS	\$ 79,710.02
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ 414,238.82
CARRY FORWARDS	
FIRE INSURANCE PROGRAM	\$ 15,034.80
KNOX BOX	\$ 419.75
STREET AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT VDOT	\$ 94,662.85
TOWN WIDE PROJECTS/CAPITAL GEN FUND	\$ 41,924.20
OPERATING RESERVE WATER FUND CIP	\$ 146,234.70
OPERATING RESERVE SEWER CIP	\$ 87,090.71
CAPITAL OUTLAY SEWER FUND	\$ 59,500.00
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ 444,867.01

All persons desiring to speak for or against the proposed budget amendment should appear at the Town Council meeting or to submit their comments in writing to the Town Manager prior to the public hearing.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services reasonable accommodations will be made by the Town upon request. Please contact the Clerk of Council at (540) 994-8602 prior to the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations.

For individuals with visual or hearing impairment, contact Virginia Relay at 711 for assistance in reaching the Town.

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RFR Memorial Transportation Museum

11th Annual Raymond F. Ratcliffe Memorial Transportation Museum Golf tournament results

The clouds cleared over Thorn Spring Golf Club on Friday afternoon for the 11th Annual Raymond F. Ratcliffe Memorial Transportation Museum golf tournament fundraiser. Twelve teams participated with the champions being Play Outside Pulaski County with a winning score of -18 under par for a 54. Their round featured two eagles and 14 birdies. Members of the winning team were: Jonathan Sweet, Mike Mooney, C. J. Burgis, & Shay Dunnigan. Second place also went to another Play Outside Pulaski County team with members Chase Dunnigan, Drew Foxx, Jared Linkous, & Brayden Morris. Third place team members were Frank Neice, Philip Wheeler, Brett Robertson, J.D. Davis. The Friends of the Ratcliffe Museum would like to thank all the players, hole sponsors, prize donors, volunteers, and the staff at Thorn Spring Golf Club for another successful fundraiser. We look forward to number 12 next year





Residents of the Pulaski, Dublin, and Newbern area (including Mountain View and Stone Ridge subdivisions), are invited to participate in the Pulaski Rotary Club "Parade of Flags"!

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Eleven NRCC students graduate from practical nursing program

New River Community College held a graduation ceremony for the practical nursing program on August 3, with 11 students receiving certificates and nursing pins.

Practical nursing graduates include Lanette Joy Austin, Ale-na Mickle Bond, Jessica Marie Chestnut, Heidi Lee Daigneault, Alexander John Holder, Hope Nichole Howard, Karleigh Mae Krinock, Charles Wade LeFew, Autum Tamar Nixon, Adela Rae Riddle, and Selenia Orenca Urena.

Dr. Deborah Kennedy, NRCC Dean of Student Services, addressed graduates at the ceremony. Lanette Austin and Tamar Nixon were chosen by their peers to give the student address.

NRCC's certificate program prepares students to qualify as contributing members of a health care team, rendering patient care in a variety of health service facilities. These students are now eligi-



Autumn Tamar Nixon of Pulaski County

ble to take the Virginia Board of Nursing examination leading to licensing as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

For more information about practical nursing at NRCC, visit www.nr.edu/nursing/pn.php.

RAAP breaks ground for energetic waste incinerator

RADFORD, -Va. — The ground was broken for the new energetic waste incinerator at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant in an official ceremony Thursday.

In the past 10 years, the Army has invested \$715 million in improving the environmental footprint at RFAAP.


"The Army cares about the communities in which we operate, and we are fully committed to working together with local leaders to ensure all our facilities operate safely and that our practices are transparent and well understood," said Col. Ronnie Anderson, commander of Joint Munitions Command, RFAAP's higher headquarters.

"Over the past decade alone, the

Army has invested approximately \$715 million towards reducing the environmental impact of our operations at Radford. Our efforts have yielded substantial progress in reducing the plant's environmental footprint, marking one of the most significant transformations since the plant's inception in 1940," said Amy Borman, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health.



RFAPP has reduced the amount of open burning ground waste being treated by more than 50% since 2017 through continuous waste reduction and process improvements. The level of open

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Charlie Brouwer: All over the place

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

The works of artist Charlie Brouwer have been popping up all over the place in the New River Valley. Brouwer, who was the creative force behind the Together We Rise: Pulaski ladder sculpture, has now embarked on another artistic endeavor aptly entitled: All Over he Place.

“It was just an idea that occurred to me,” said Brouwer of this latest exhibit. “I had a lot of sculptures looking for a place to be and I thought, ‘Why not have them all around home?’”

In total, there are 28 of Charlie Brouwer’s sculptures in as many locations throughout the New River Valley, including four that are currently on display in Pulaski County. His latest installation, Waiting for a Train of Thought, depicts a figure of a man sitting on a suitcase, in front of a stylized set of train tracks. This wooden image of a traveler appears to be pondering something as he rests in front of the Pulaski train depot.

“I’ve been doing a lot of human figures as outdoor sculptures and my idea is that I want people to sort of look their way and wonder, ‘What are they doing?’” Brouwer said. “They’re all doing something that can be seen as an ordinary human activity but they also have something about them that goes a bit beyond that.”

Waiting for a Train of Thought had been on display in Maryland and when that exhibition ended, Brouwer decided to try and find a new home for his sculpture. He’d become familiar with the Pulaski train depot when working on the Together We Rise: Pulaski ladder sculpture, which was on display in Jackson Park for the month of May. Brouwer then made arrangements through the Fine Arts Center to bring his wooden waiter to the train station.

“I like art that can communicate on a lot of different levels,” Brouwer stated. “In our language, we talk about losing our train of thought. So, it’s a common phrase. I also like the idea that Amtrak is thinking about expanding west. So that’s a nice thought as well. The depot here seemed like a great place for it. A train station. Why not?”

As Charlie stood in front of his sculpture, two bicyclists named Tad and Shly, came over to the statue to give it a look.

“Did you do the one around the duck pond in Blacksburg?” Asked Tad. “We’re from Blacksburg.” “We recognized the style,” added Shly. “We love your work.”

Charlie then proceeded to tell them where to find other ‘All Over the Place’ sculptures, starting with ‘When the Stars Fall,’ which is located a few blocks away at the Calfee Community and Cultural Center on Corbin Harmon Drive.

When the Stars Fall stands at



Charlie Brouwer shares a suitcase with a fellow traveler at the Pulaski train depot. The sculpture, entitled Waiting for a Train of Thought, was recently installed as part of Brouwer’s ‘All Over the Place,’ exhibition.



When Stars Begin to Fall stands in front of the Calfee Community and Cultural Center

about 6 feet tall and depicts a dark figure bedecked with bright white stars.

“There’s an old spiritual song called ‘My Lord what a Morning,’” Brouwer said. “The line goes, ‘When the stars begin to fall’ ... and it does have some Biblical reference. I’ve always liked that song. The Black Boys of Alabama have a really nice version of it and

I pictured what that would be like. So, the idea of this figure came to mind and I made it a black figure so that the stars could stand out on it. But, of course, that song comes out of a black spiritual tradition and I just like all those connections. This sculpture been in a lot of different places. It’s been to Chattanooga. It was on exhibit in Maryland when I brought it back earlier this year. I hadn’t found a place for it until I met the person that was directing the Calfee Center.”

Charlie Brouwer funded his latest exhibition through the Gottlieb Foundation, which has a grant for artists who go through catastrophic

situations.

“Most of my work and income as an artist came from renting sculptures to communities from Atlanta to up in New York,” Charlie explained. “So, I was paid rental fees. I brought a sculpture to a city for a year or two years and they paid me for that. When I lost my eyesight in September of last year, my daughters helped me write a grant for emergency assistance for artists. We got the grant and it was just a few thousand dollars but it’s helped. I was unable to drive, so my son-in-law has been my driver and assistant. So I just pay him the grant money. Without that, I couldn’t really afford to do it. So that gave me maybe the courage to think about doing this idea.”

The All Over the Place exhibit also includes a ‘Transportation Tryptic,’ which is a set of three transportation themed sculptures displayed inside Pulaski’s Raymond F. Ratcliff Memorial Transportation Museum.

“They were part of an exhibit called ‘Signs and Roads,’ that I did years ago at a commercial gallery up in Chicago,” said Brouwer of the Tryptic. “One of those is Mountain Road with the three crosses, two blue and one yellow, which is something we see all over our region.

RAAP

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burning is now consistently below the permitted amount. In fact, RFAAP uses less than 10% of the permitted capacity.

“The Army cares about the impact we have on our environment not only here in Southwest Virginia, but around the globe. Here at Radford, we continue to actively find ways to reduce our carbon footprint and embrace sustainable practices. The Energetic Waste Incinerator is a vital part of that process,” said Lt. Col. Adrien Humphreys, RFAAP’s commander.

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There’s another one in there called, ‘Trucks on the highway at Night in America.’ It’s an interstate kind of scene.”

Brouwer met April Danner, Coordinator of the Ratcliff Transportation Museum, as well as the Director of the Wilderness Road Regional Museum a few years ago.

“April is another contact I came across when I was looking for places for my sculptures,” Brouwer recounted. “Part of the idea of this is that these places are found by random connections.”

The Wilderness Road Regional Museum placed the sculpture entitled ‘Hallelujah’ in front of the old Courthouse/Gaol (jail) in Newbern. This sculpture consists of several ladders that seemingly sprout from a wooden house-like structure. Before coming to Newbern, the Hallelujah sculpture had been on exhibit in Atlanta’s ‘Belt-line’ region.

“I thought it was kind of good with the courthouse and the jail and the word Hallelujah, associated with it,” Charlie opined. “The idea of home occurs in my work a lot, as well as ladders. Home represents safety and security. Ladders are all about taking risks and doing things beyond what we think we can do. So, when you got home and ladder together, you see both parts of our lives. We want to feel safe and secure, but we also want to take some risk and do something adventurous and try something ... It’s only one life.”

Sculptures from Charlie Brouwer’s All Over the Place exhibition can be found in a variety of places ranging from the Glencoe Museum to the Bent Mountain Community Center to an art lover’s front yard. A complete list of locations for the All Over the Place sculptures can be found on Radford University’s Museum website. This is most appropriate, as Charlie Brouwer taught art at R.U. for several years.

“I’ve always tried to be an artist who is active in my own community, even though most of my work was taking me away from it,” said Brouwer. “That was because I could get paid for taking work further away but I always knew that I could do interesting things locally. It would be easy to do even though there wouldn’t be necessarily funding for it. So that’s behind this idea of placing them around the New River Valley. I could afford to do this for free but also would give me a stronger connection than my own region.”



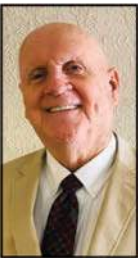
Artist Charlie Brouwer and his ‘Hallelujah’ sculpture stand together in front of the old County Courthouse

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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Guidelines for Spiritual Gifts

We’re going to be looking at the some of the nine spiritual gifts listed in 1 Cor. Chapter 14. There are other spiritual gifts listed in other parts of the bible but today we’re going to concentrate on those listed in Chapter 14.

Spiritual gifts in the Church are for the edification of believers.

Secondly, we’ll be looking at two of the spiritual gift that many have disagreements about.

Thirdly, how the spiritual gifts in the church should and should not be exercised.

By the time we are done with this bible lesson, everyone should be able to understand the importance of the spiritual gifts, how to be used of God in the manifestation of spiritual gifts, and how they are still active in believers and churches that believe in them.

Here again in the lesson, Paul is addressing questions posed by the Corinthian Church.

1 Cor. 14: 1. “Follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.”

In setting your goals for being used by God in the spiritual gifts, let love be your highest goal. Follow after love means to pursue love. Paul said “now abideth these three. Faith, hope and charity. But the greatest of these is charity.”

To understand what charity is, all we have to do is to look to Jesus. Jesus was the epitome of love. He did not worry about his own life, career, or popularity. What he did care about, however, was people. In John 15:13, Jesus even claimed: “greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” That is the greatest act of charity known to man, and Jesus performed it by dying on the cross for us. Love is what prompted his charity.

Somebody said, “without love, charity is nothing more than a good deed done for some selfish reason.”

First then tells us to desire spiritual gifts. They are greatly to be desired. Not for our own use, but so they may be used to edify or build up the body of Christ.

Spiritual gifts are not ours to keep for ourselves. They are given to the Church. God can manifest a gift or gifts through any Holy Ghost Filled Child.

He might use you in the gift of healing for one person and use someone else for the healing of another. He may use one spirit filled believer in one way, and another in another way. It is God’s prerogative as to whom He will use and how He will use them in the operation of the gifts of the Spirit in the Church.

We are seek earnestly, the best gifts that God will choose to use us in the manifestation of the gifts.

Have Faith in God

Brother Gene Rice told of a Missionary who went, with his wife, down into a third world country, and there he preached the gospel for many years. One day his wife became deathly sick. He thought she was going to die for sure. There were no Doctors around for hundreds of miles. So he went to her sick bed and sat down beside of her and asked her if there was anything he could do for her to make her feel better? She said to him, “You’re going to think this is crazy but I’ve got a craving for tomatoes. Go out get me some tomatoes.” He said he walked out of her bedroom into the liv-

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3200 Lee Highway
Draper, Va. 24324
Pastor: Alan Pearce
Service Times:
Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org

Grace Baptist Church

552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084
Pastor: Doug Testerman
674-1762
Primary Services:
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Sunday worship
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.
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4576 Miller Lane
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.
Phone: 980-2046

Draper Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road
Draper, VA 24324
Pastor: Lee Wiggins
Email: office@draper-methodist-church.com
Primary Service Times:
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Christ Episcopal Church

144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski
P.O. Box 975
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
Phone: 980-2413
Email: christ24301@gmail.com

Jordan Chapel Methodist

Pastor: Ginny Tompkins
Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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5801 Cecil’s Chapel Road
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Sunday School: 10am
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Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday School 7 p.m.
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540-674-6061
secretary@dublinbaptistva.org
Website: dublinbaptistva.org
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.
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Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

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

First United Methodist Church

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135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing)
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Belspring, VA 24058
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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Youth Group: 7 p.m.
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

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Joe Ratcliff, Pastor
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trinitypulaski@gmail.com
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(Sept. - May)
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(June - Aug.)
Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon
www.trinitypulaski.org

Trinity United Methodist

Pastor: Bill Schoeneman
540-695-0054
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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Pulaski, Va.
Phone - 980-0820

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Children’s Church: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Youth and Children’s
Meetings 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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5436 Lead Mine Rd.
Hiwassee, VA 24347
Pastor: Jerry King
Website:
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com
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Office: 540-633-3761
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Sunday School: 10:00 am

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Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Phone: (540) 980-8775

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220 Magazine Street
Pulaski, VA 24301
540-980-3336
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Evening 6 p.m.
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ing room and he got down on his knees and he sought the face of God. He told God, “She’s asking for tomatoes, and there isn’t any tomatoes down here in this country. Lord and I need your help. She’s come down here with me and we’ve labored for many years preaching the gospel, and we need a miracle.”

He said about that time, a knock came at the door. He went to the door and opened the door and there stood a woman who lived in a village several miles away and she had walked to his house. On her arm she was carrying a basket with the contents covered up by a table cloth. She said “A Missionary came through our village 2 years ago and when he left, he left some seeds, and I planted them, and something has come up that I have never seen before and I thought I needed to bring them to you and you might know what they are.” He said she lifted up the table cloth and under it were the prettiest, ripe, red tomatoes he had ever seen in all of his life. He gave some to his wife to eat and soon afterwards she recovered.

But that’s not the end of the story. A Year later a Doctor came through the area and the Minister told the Doctor about his wife’s illness and about the tomatoes. When the Doctor heard the symptoms that she had he said that he knew exactly what her illness was. He said “If I had been here, the medicine I would have given to her has an ingredient in it that is found only in tomatoes.

The truth is, God knows all about our needs long before the need arrives. God knew 2 years in advance that this Missionary’s faithful wife would have this serious need, and He had a man of God leave those seeds for her healing.

The word of God says, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” One preacher said, “This is a staggering measure of God’s giving. Since there is no lack in God’s riches in glory, we should believe that there is no lack in His supply. His supply to us will be commensurate with His great wealth.”

He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. I stand amazed at all the place He fills; He’s building me a heavenly home that’s free from care, praise God I’m rich, beyond compare.” Church of God Hymnal. He also owns the gold in these hills. He has promised to meet all of our needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Miriam (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Which book may be summarized as “Bad times do not change the nature of God”? Judges, Job, Jeremiah, Jonah
 3. From 2 Chronicles 9:11, what are psalteries for singers? Robes, Stringed instruments, Lyrics, Abodes
 4. In Revelation 6, what’s the name of the fourth horseman? Death, Power, Brimstone, Terror
 5. From Ecclesiastes 3, there is a time to break down and a time to? Plow, Climb, Rejoice, Build up
 6. Which of these was Abraham’s wife? Rebekah, Martha, Sarah, Michal
- ANSWERS:** 1) Neither, 2) Job, 3) Stringed instruments, 4) Death, 5) Build up, 6) Sarah
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Pulaski, VA 24301
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Sunday School: 9:45
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Pulaski, VA 24301-4618
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Pastor: Timothy Moore
Men’s Sunday School: 10 am
Worship: 11 am

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Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

Community Christian Church
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308
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Thursday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Trinity Baptist Church
4008 Robinson Tract Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Telephone: 980-8186
Pastor Johnny Howlett
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
3826 Bob White Boulevard
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Pastor:
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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5331 New Dublin Church Road
Dublin, VA 24084
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Psalms 27:6

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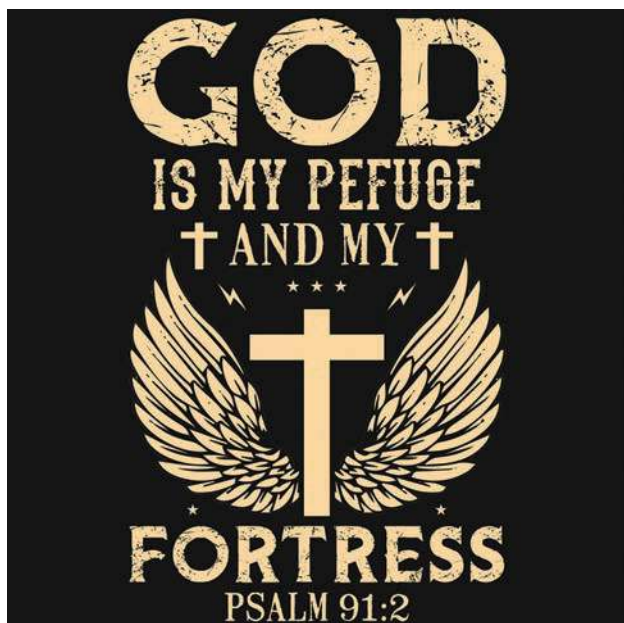
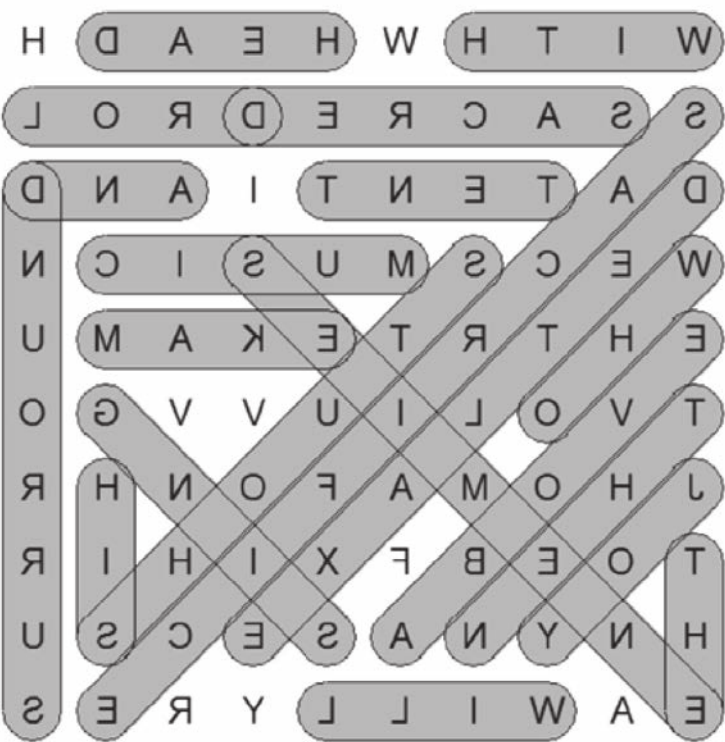
Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,
down and diagonally.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*If you say, “The Lord is my refuge,”
and you make the Most High
your dwelling,
no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
For he will command his angels
concerning you
to guard you in all your ways...*

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by Dave T. Phipps

DAD, THERE'S A GIRL AT SCHOOL I KINDA LIKE. WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO?

HMM. WELL, YOU SHOULD SAY... NO, WAIT... HOW ABOUT YOU GO... NO, WAIT.

UHH, WHEN I MET YOUR MOM I WENT UP TO HER AND SAID... WELL, I THINK I...

YEAH, MOM WAS RIGHT. I SHOULD JUST LET HER DO THE TALKING.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

TO AVOCADO!...

AVOCADO!

AVOCADO!

AVOCADO TOAST

HEAR, HEAR!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

ALWAYS GIVE 100%

...UNLESS YOU'RE DONATING BLOOD.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

GRAB SOME STUFF. WE'RE EATING OUTDOORS

HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, POTATO CHIPS

ROLLS, SOUP, KETCHUP, PICKLES

WOW! WE CAN'T EAT IT ALL!

WE'LL HAVE LEFTOVERS

WE'LL GET SOME PLASTIC BAGS AND WAXED PAPER

WE CAN WRAP UP THE LEFTOVERS AND HAVE 'EM TOMORROW

PON'T WORRY ABOUT LEFTOVERS

OLIVE

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

SO... IS EVERYTHING OKAY? DO YOU FEEL NORMAL AFTER THIS WHOLE EXPERIENCE?

YEAH...

EVERYTHING'S NORMAL.

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

EXCUSE, MY EYES ARE UP HERE.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: M equals H

HXRK-EOAAKJ VXRZTP MXDHQTL

LMXL'P XAFXWP SKZL OD X

PLXLK QE JOPXBBXW:

LMK FBKVS MXAA.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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HEADER

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Team

POLUCE

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TODAY'S WORD

"That's our _____ plan"

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Glasses, slangily

6 Acid type

11 "Cut that out!"

12 Alphas' opposites

14 He loved Roxane

15 Not certain

16 PC key

17 Blue Grotto isle

19 Hearty quaff

20 Floral rings

22 Vat

23 Peevish fit

24 Song of praise

26 Olympic skater Brian

28 "Certainly!"

30 Away from SSW

31 Mexican chili pepper

35 Labrador explorer

39 Nashville venue

40 "A spider!"

42 " — Breckinridge"

43 Fib

44 King of Judea

46 Taunting laugh

47 Captivate

49 Comic Ray

51 Bagel choice

52 Retaliate

53 Trusty horse

54 Dweebs

DOWN

1 Fashions

2 Shakespearean heiress

3 Ecol. watchdog

4 Title akin to POTUS

5 Brown ermine brew

6 Kentucky

7 Hotel chain

8 In medias

9 Big lizard

10 Comedian George

11 Overcharge for tickets

13 Handle

18 Tavern

21 In a sneaky way

23 Fulton's power

25 — culpa

27 Business mag

29 Showed scorn

31 Fishing rods

32 Speaks one's mind

33 Chicken serving

34 " — the ram-parts ..."

36 Manually

37 Arboreal apes

38 Western resort lake

41 Imam's holy book

44 Abode

45 Peace symbol

48 Astronaut Jemison

50 Mal de —

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top ten

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9. University of Cambridge (England)

10. University of Salamanca (Spain)

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of kangaroos called?

2. MOVIES: What kind of enchanted flower is featured in the animated film "Beauty and the Beast"?

3. GEOGRAPHY: How many pyramids are in the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt?

4. TELEVISION: What did the surgeons on the "M.A.S.H." TV drama call their tent home?

5. FOOD & DRINK: When was the first restaurant franchise of Kentucky Fried Chicken founded?

6. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Vermont?

7. CHEMISTRY: What is the only letter that doesn't occur in the Periodic Table?

8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the Roman god equivalent of the Greek god Hermes?

9. LITERATURE: Which famous singer-songwriter won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2016?

10. MUSIC: Which country is the pop band ABBA from?

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WORD LADDERS

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

YEARN

CRAMS

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King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

1. A mob

2. A rose

3. Three

4. The Swamp

5. 1952

6. Montpelier

7. J.

8. Mercury

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Adhere 2. Angle

3. Couple 4. Noise

5. 1952

6. Montpelier

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8. Mercury

9. Bob Dylan

10. Sweden

WORD LADDER

Answer

YEARN, YEARS, TEARS, TEAMS, TRAMS, CRAMS

Americanisms

"Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education."

— Mark Twain

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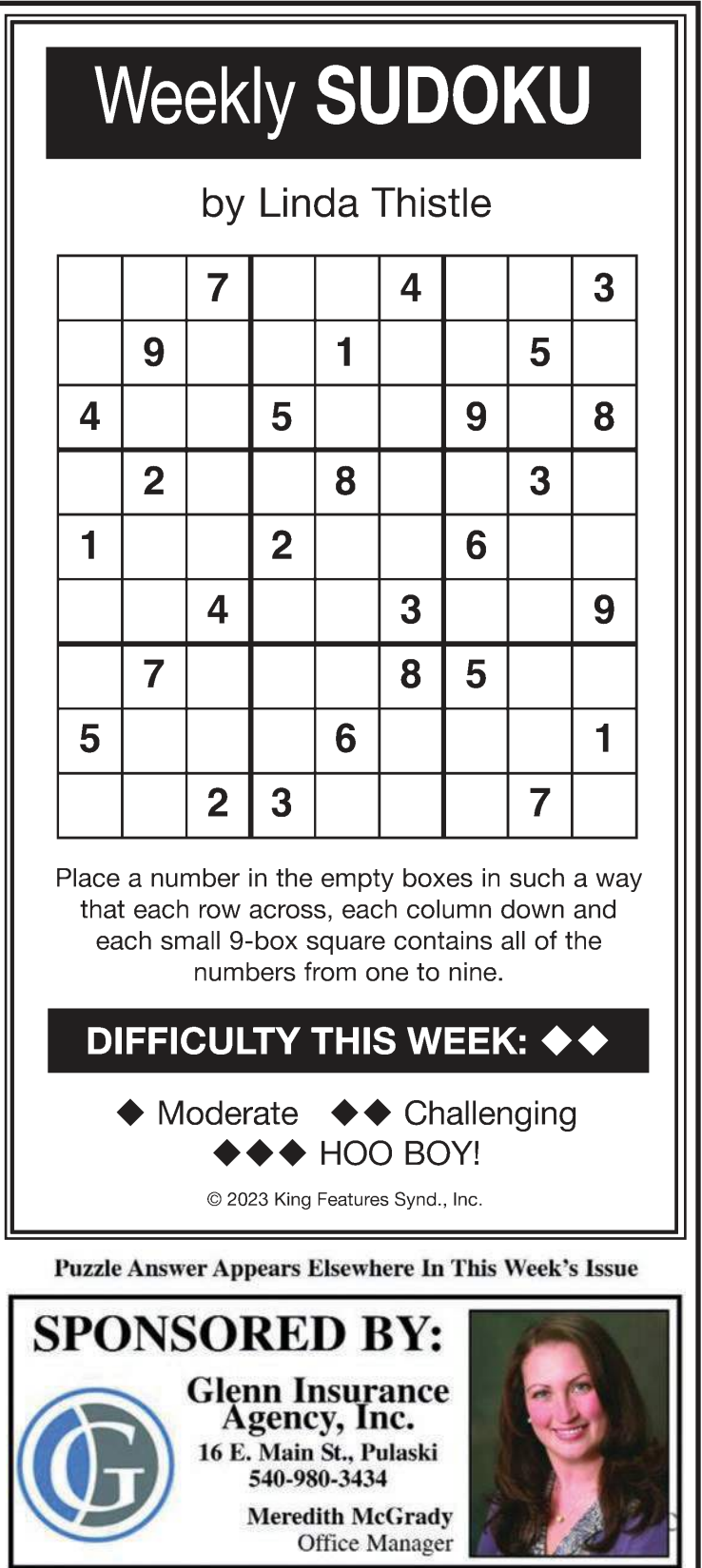
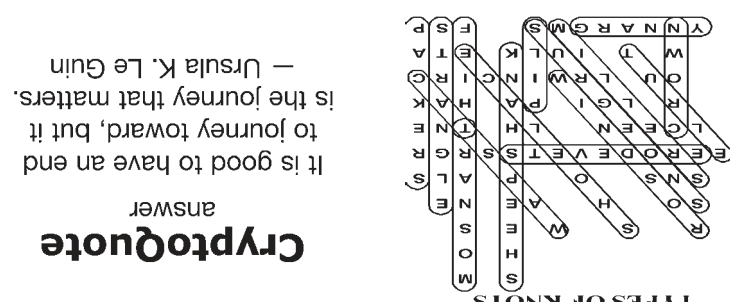
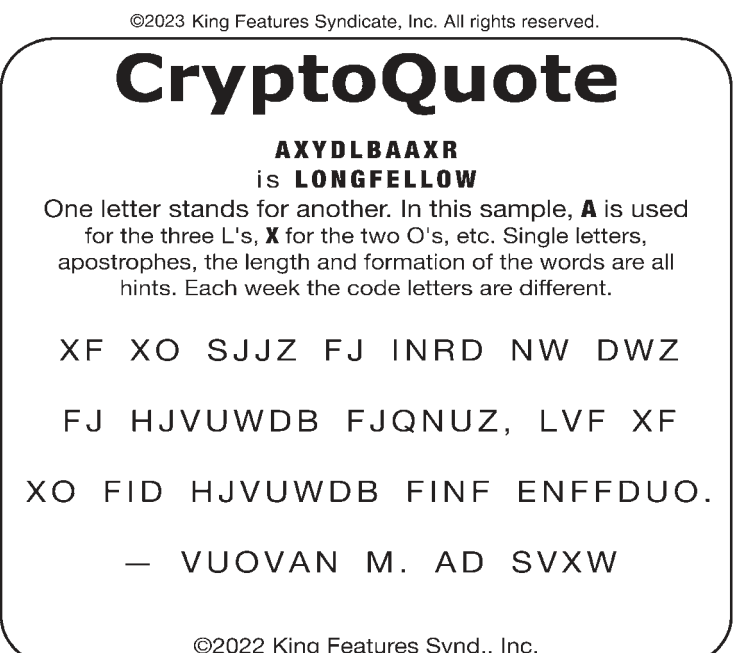
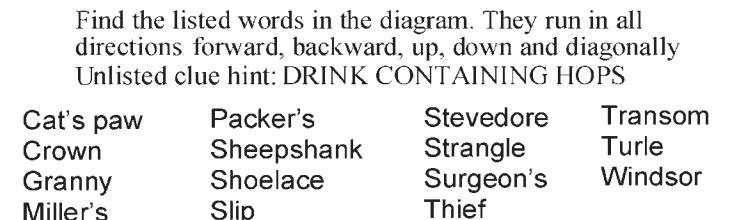
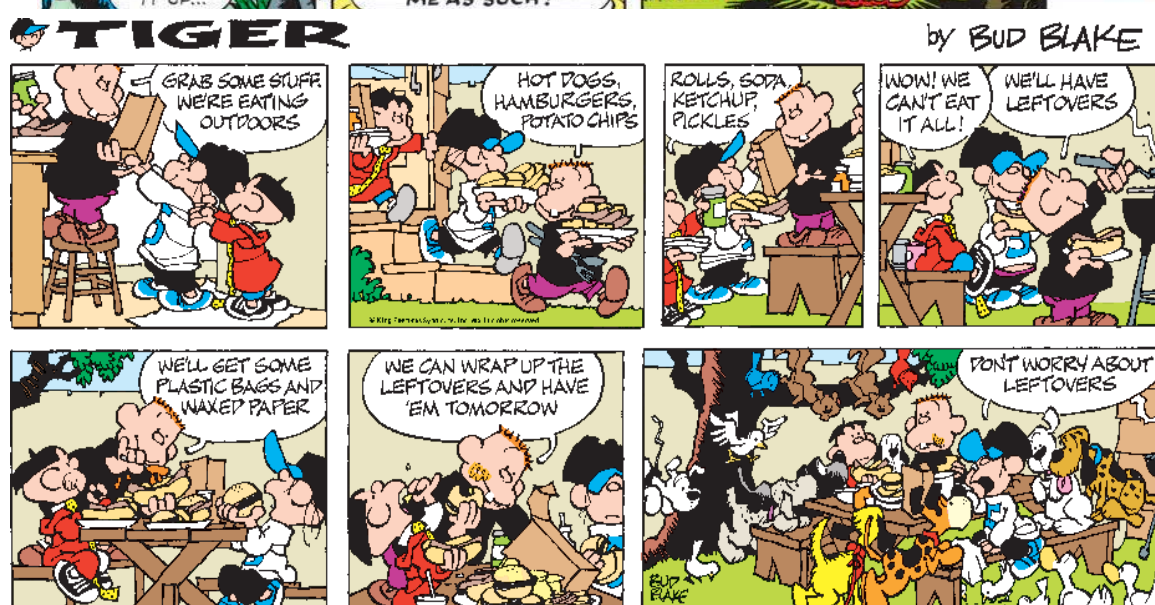
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All Dublin High Alumni

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Aug. 13

71st Anniversary

Trinity Baptist Church on Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski celebrates its 71st anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 13 with a blended service with Open Door Baptist Church, Pulaski. A program of gospel music with “Beckon Call” of Roanoke begins at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Kelly Howlett will bring the sermon and a fellowship lunch will follow. Friends and guests are invited to share this special occasion with us.

Aug. 15

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 6:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator’s decisions and the interpretation of the County’s Zoning Ordinances.

Aug. 17

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, August 17, 7 pm at Aly’s Italian Family Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

Aug. 19

Ice Cream Social

First Dublin Presbyterian Church, ECO at 409 Church Street, Dublin will hold an Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall from 3 to 5 p.m. Family and friends, all are welcome to come cool off and enjoy fellowship with their ice cream.

Aug. 20

Pulaski Democrats schedule picnic

Join local Democrats and meet state and local Democratic candidates at a picnic on Sunday, AUGUST 20, 5 to 7 p.m., at Randolph Park in Pulaski County. The candidates are Robert Beckman (www.beckman4senate.com), candidate for Virginia State Senate from Senate District 5; County Treasurer Melinda Worrell, who is running for re-election; and Terri Nicewander-Hager (www.hagerforclerk.com), who has worked in the Circuit Court Clerk’s office for 21 years and is now candidate for County Clerk of Court. Fried chicken is being provided but you are invited to contribute a covered dish. (Drinks, dishes, and silverware are being provided.)

Aug. 22

Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board Tuesday, August 22, 2023, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7351 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Village Oaks Plaza, Fairlawn, Virginia,

24141, 540-633-5146). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

Aug. 26

Dublin High School 50th Class reunion

The Class of Dublin High School 1973 will hold their 50th class reunion on August 26, 2023. The reunion will be held at Thornspring Country Club and Event Center in Pulaski. Save the date cards have been mailed and if you haven’t received one please email :cindyviers.cv@gmail.com or tcovey3@verizon.net or write DHS Class Reunion 1973, P.O. Box 233, Dublin, VA 24084. There will be more details mailed out soon. Join us on Facebook “Dublin High School - Virginia- Class of 1973.

Aug. 28

Board of Supervisors Meeting

Monday, August 28, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

Aug. 29

Economic Development Authority Board meets

Tuesday, August 29, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org or HYPERLINK “mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org” HYPERLINK “mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org” HYPERLINK “mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org”HYPERLINK “mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org” HYPERLINK

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Oct. 20-21

Crafts Fair

First Dublin Presbyterian Church, ECO at 409 Church Street, Dublin will hold a Crafts Fair on Oct. 20 and 21. Crafters and vendors are welcome. Please contact 540-505-4079 for booth reservations. \$25 for one day, \$35 for both days. An early set-up time will be available on Thursday, Oct. 19 for inside booths upon request. Food and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Nov. 11

Community Prayer and Praise Service

First Dublin Presbyterian Church, ECO at 409 Church Street, Dublin will hold a Community Prayer and Praise Service from 6 to 8 p.m. Special music performances and hymn singing will highlight our evening of prayer, praise and worship. Refreshments and a time of fellowship will close out the service.

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meet Mondays at 8 p.m. (closed meeting); Wednesday (noon) and Thursday at 8 p.m. (open meetings) at Pulaski Presbyterian Church of America

located at 975 Memorial Drive. Contact number is 540-440-0066.

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

Lifestyles Changes

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

Honor Your Loved One With An In Memoriam Notice.

Call 540-808-3949.

Deadline Is Noon Wednesday.



Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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

FIND US AT THESE LOCATIONS! From Barren Springs to Radford, You Can Find A Patriot Near You. But Don’t Wait ... They Go Fast!

The Patriot Is Available FREE Each Friday At These Locations In Pulaski, Dublin, Fairlawn, Radford, Draper and Barren Springs:

Pulaski
Star Barber Shop
Foothills Chiropractic
New River Medical Group
Fast Shop I
Tom’s
Al’s on First
Grand Pa -Grand Ma
Fine Arts Center
Martin’s Pharmacy
Pulaski County Library
Glenn Insurance
Pulaski Family Dentistry
New River Valley Medicine
Rusty’s Custom Lumber
OK Barber Shop
Laundry Mat
Kim’s Family Hair Care
Sanimode Barber Shop
Emmanuel Christian Bookstore
Speedway
Hardees
Tractor Supply
Tha Dawg House
Compadres
Food Lion

Pulaski Village
Walgreens
LewisGale Hospital Pulaski
Pulaski Health & Rehab
YMCA
Fast Shop II
Hayden Electric & Plumbing
Poor Boys
1st Pawn
Food City
Laundry Mat
Webb Donald State Farm
Towne House
Ike’s Auto Sales
Downtown Exxon
Shop Eez (Lighthouse)
The Wedding Center
Cougar Express
Family Market and Corner Deli
SW Va Antiques, Collectibles
Patriot Office (7 Fifth Street)

Dublin
Bradley Ridge Apartments
Newbern Exxon
PC Visitor’s Center

Makin’ Waves
NAPA
Walgreens
Martin’s Pharmacy
Country Styles
Laundry Mat
T.A. Produce
NRV Lube
Kangaroo
Sleep Inn
McGuire’s Campground
Papa John/7-11
Subway (Walmart)
El Ranchero
T.J.’s
Shop Eez (Rt. 100)
Patty’s Kitchen
Dublin Storage
Gobble Stop
Highland Ridge
Bucko’s
NRCC
Dublin Station

Draper
Draper Post Office

Bryson’s Store

Fairlawn
Ramey’s Gun Shop
Kroger
Foodette
Bucko’s
Laundry Mat
Sal’s Jr.

Radford
Radford Drug
Sal’s
Cook’s Clean Center
Tha Dawg House
P.R. Sturgill
Rec Center
Food Lion
Brad’s Barber Shop
Elliott Military Surplus

Barren Springs
Gobble Stop
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