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School board quizzed about new state transgender policy

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski County School Board was questioned Monday evening on where it stands on policies regarding transgender students.

Also, during Monday's meeting, the board briefly discussed background checks for school board members and the superintendent, and heard an update on several construction projects in county schools.

Billy Williams, a Draper resident and a candidate for that district's seat on the school board in November's election, addressed the board on the transgender student issue.

Williams noted that in 2021, the board ratified a Model Policy on transgender students presented by the State Board of Education during Gov. Ralph Northam's administration.

"This was a very controversial model policy," Williams recalled.

He said the thing parents were most worried about was that the policy allowed biological males unchecked access to female re-

strooms, locker rooms and changing facilities.

Williams told the school board Monday that on July 23 of this year, the Virginia Department of Education in Gov. Glenn Youngkin's administration had released a new policy entitled, "Model Policies Ensuring Privacy, Dignity, and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia's Public Schools."

"The question I have for you on the board is when will the 2023 version of the policies be voted on," asked Williams.

He followed that question with another - Currently which policy is being enforced today in schools?

Superintendent Rob Graham asked School Board Chairman Beckie Cox if he could respond to Williams.

"You may," she said.

Graham told Williams that right now, the school system is "using the current version that we have."

He noted school officials are in discussions with school board attorneys and the Virginia School Board Association to get required

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Benson drops out of school board race in Cloyd District

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

William "Bill" Benson has withdrawn from the race for Pulaski County School Board for the Cloyd District.

"I wasn't going to run anyway. I never announced," Benson said today about his withdrawal. "I just went out and got signatures. I was the first one to do that. I had several people ask me to run again, and it didn't look like anyone was going to run in Cloyd District. Anyway, I decided that I would run and then ... you know it's just got so political."

"All I care about is kids and

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Pulaski Finance Dept. busy collecting on past due taxes

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Town of Pulaski Finance Director Jackie Morris and her staff have been hard at work - and apparently quite successful - in collecting on delinquent taxes owed the town.

"Jackie and her staff have been doing some amazing things to generate the revenue that is due to the town," led off Town Manager Darlene Burcham. "We have implemented a number of techniques that had not been used previously," Burcham continued.

Morris was on hand Tuesday evening to brief town council on her department's collections ac-

tivities.

Morris said one thing that sparked her interest in town finances when she first became director of the department was the amount of delinquencies in tax payments.

She explained that after the retirement of the former tax clerk, who managed both real estate and personal property tax collections, the position and duties were re-evaluated and the decision was made to split the position.

Now Raquel Poe heads up the real estate tax work and Karen Brooks handles personal property.

"They've put in a lot of effort and time into collections," Morris said.

After July 1, 2022 Morris said Poe and Brooks went to work attempting to collect delinquent real estate and personal property taxes.

She explained that Poe contacted delinquent accounts about the status of their account, even offering to set up payment arrangements to retire the debts.

According to Morris, there are 30 payment arrangement agreements in place.

She also forwarded 34 accounts to the town's collection attorneys, Sands Anderson. So far, 11 accounts from the 34 have been paid in full.

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information to be able to disseminate to the public before a decision is made.

He added that one of the board's attorneys could not attend Monday's meeting because they were in another school division – "believe it or not discussing the same thing."

"If you give us just a little bit of time – it's on our radar," Graham said.

Williams asked for a time frame.

"Just as a time frame estimate, three months," he asked.

Graham responded that, because students are already in school, "We would really like to have something sooner than later."

Graham added, "a lot of the attorneys are packed right now with questions that are coming up that are stemming from other divisions too."

In accordance with a 2020 state law, city and county school boards in Virginia must adopt policies that are "consistent with" the education department's new model policies. Local school boards may also adopt policies that are "more comprehensive," as long as they are consistent with the state's policy.

Construction Update

Facilities Director Jess Shull gave the school board an update on construction projects ongoing in county schools.

Most of the projects he outlined are complete or nearly complete,

including replacement of the entire roof at Critzer Elementary School.

"That's a really nice roof," Shull said. "We're really happy with it. We needed it and it was a longtime in coming."

Snowville Elementary School has received a new roof as well. It is 85 percent complete, Shull noted, with only finish work needed.

Another roof project, over the band and chorus rooms at Pulaski County High School is running behind. However, Shull said that is a much smaller job and should cause "minimal disruption" at PCHS. He said work on it hopefully would begin next week.

Other projects that have been completed include a cooler/freezer installation and remodeled kitchen office at Dublin Elementary School.

Both Critzer and Snowville received new dishwashers and worktables.

And the rehabilitation of the cooling tower in the main building at PCHS has been completed.

The project that may get the most attention and will certainly be seen the most is the door replacement at PCHS, which Shull estimated is 51 percent complete.

He said replacement of the doors at the gym and the CTE building have been completed, but work has yet to begin on the academic building.

"Six to eight weeks, hopefully," Shull said in estimating the completion time for the project.

"The facelift is going to be unbelievable," he noted. "We've made it out of the 70's."

Shull expressed amazement at the nine different colors on the old doors all over the school.

"They were cream, white, gray, brown, red ... nine different colors," he said.

When the project is completed, he said all the doors will be either glass or sport Cougar colors.

Background Checks

An information item listed on Monday's meeting agenda tagged "School Board Member Background Checks" drew interest at the meeting, but fizzled quickly.

The agenda described the information item as follows:

"Pulaski County Public Schools would like to recommend that newly elected board members undergo criminal background checks within 30 days of election or appointment. The Pulaski County School Board would like all new board members to complete the process as soon as possible to address any potential questions before the January organization meeting takes place."

"This came up during one of our (school board) trainings," said Cox. She asked Graham to explain the item, and noted that the agenda language shouldn't have said "newly" elected board members, but should be just board members.

Graham explained the background check is part of the VSBA training new school board members are asked to go through, as are new superintendents.

He said the VSBA recommended background checks "for safety purposes, of course."

Graham asked the board to give him more time to discuss the recommendation with his assistant superintendents, Sarah Polcha and Tara Grant, and then report back.

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She said 16 more properties are still being processed and could be added to the list of properties destined for a tax sale.

Morris said seven properties are ready for the tax sale, which she said is set for Oct. 24.

Morris said collection efforts through the end of the Fiscal Year 2023 had brought in some \$140,000 in taxes owed, \$83,000 in interest and \$28,000 in penalties for a total revenue of \$254,231.

She added that so far in Fiscal Year 2024 (July and August) another \$23,000 has been brought into the town's coffers.

Next, Morris reported on liens owed the town for mowing and demolitions.

"The town has had liens for quite some time and I couldn't see where any collection work had been done on this," Morris said.

The amount owed for liens was \$397,504.88.

Morris told council that beginning in January, Poe and Dana Bishop began working to collect money owed through liens.

She said the process of collection is "slow and tedious."

She reported that so far, through July 31, \$15,000 had been collected so far, and another \$1,100 so far this month.

"That looks like a small amount, but we're making progress," Morris said.

The effort to collect on delinquent personal property taxes and utility bills began in January and included using Debt Set-off through the state, which targets

tax refunds and even lottery winnings over \$600.

Morris said the effort to collect on delinquent personal property and working through the Debt Set-off procedures was difficult.

"When I tell you it was overwhelming, that is an understatement. It was a huge undertaking," Morris said, adding it didn't help that four of her department's seven staff members contracted COVID.

"I have an amazing staff. They were 'all hands on deck,'" she said.

She said so far delinquent personal property taxes collected are over \$60,000 with \$20,000 in interest and over \$28,000 in penalties for a total of \$110,604 collected.

Over \$16,000 in delinquent utility bills have been collected, and over \$30,000 including Debt Set-off fees for both personal property and utilities.

That makes the total collected \$159,687.

Morris said the amount collected through Debt Set-off has replaced the revenue lost by eliminating the town's decals.

"It has paid off. It's been a lot of hard work and I appreciate my staff greatly for all the hard work, time and effort they have put in," stated Morris.

"I can't say enough about what Jackie was saying about her staff," said Burcham. "They really have made it their goal to maximize the revenues that we are entitled to have. Candidly, every resident should support that, because if they have to pay it, so should the next person have to pay it."



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Dawg House donation goes to dogs ... and cats

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

Another Dawg House restaurant will soon be opening in the NRV and, as a result, the Pulaski County Animal Shelter will acquire some much-needed furniture and equipment. The newest Tha' Dawg House restaurant will be located in the former offices of Community Animal Hospital, which is located on Alexander Road near the intersection of Cleburne Boulevard in Dublin.

The owners of Community Animal Hospital decided to relocate their business to the middle section of the old Wade's building on Broad Street in Dublin but decided not to take all their pet related property with them.

As a result, Mark Hale, founder of Tha' Dawg House franchise, invited members of the Pulaski County Animal Shelter to come and take whatever they thought might be useful. As the Animal Shelter is in the midst of its own renovations, they found quite a lot of items to be useful. By the end of the day Monday, animal shelter employees had taken six trailer loads worth of cabinets, tables, doors and gear including expensive medical grade lighting, metal wash tubs and a digital doggy scale.

This new Dawg House is situated about halfway between the two existing Dawg House restaurants in Radford and Pulaski. Hale opened the original Dawg House on Route 100 in Dublin before deciding to move Tha' Dawg House to the Town of Pulaski a dozen years ago. Hale then opened a second Dawg House in Wytheville and a couple years after that, he opened a third Dawg House in Radford.

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teachers. As long as the kids are treated well and ... you know if you treat your teachers well and they're happy, the kids are going to learn," Benson continued.

"My career with Pulaski County has been absolutely fantastic. I have loved Pulaski County even though I'm not a native of the county," said Benson, who came to this area from Chesapeake.

"I came to Ferrum College for a couple of years then came to Radford, did my student teaching in Pulaski and I've been here ever since," he said.

While he says his career at Pulaski County High School and on the school board has been good, Benson did regret one aspect of the job.

"You know it really bothers me when people want to put you down that don't even know you," Benson said.

"I have to say for the other board members who are running again, it's daggone hard when people put you down that don't know anything about education. I've been there (high school) for 37 years and enough is enough.

"I'm just going to get out. I've got that grandson who's 2 ½ years old and I keep him a lot of evenings and a lot of times during the day, and a lot of times I have to say 'no, I've got a board meeting tonight I can't keep him' so...

"It's that and the fact it's gotten so political. So many people in the county think they know more about education than those of us who have done it for years and years and years.

"It was just time for me to get out," Benson said.



William Paine/The Patriot
Mark and Heather Hale prepare the way for donations to be made to the Pulaski County Animal Shelter. Pulaski County Supervisor Mike Mooney come by to lend a hand, as Lisa Turpin of Pulaski County Animal Control looks on.

"We used to have a Dawg House in Dublin years ago and so we're looking forward to coming back," said Hale. "We had to shut the Wytheville Dawg House down in February due to litigation over the property. We had been there over five years."

With the new restaurant, Hale will again have three iterations of his popular eatery but before that happens, major renovations must be made to the building and adjoining property.

"Renovation will likely cost about \$800,000," said Hale. "Ev-



William Paine/The Patriot
The former home of Community Animal Hospital on Alexander Road across from the McDonald's is set to become Tha' Dawg House.



Bill Benson first won a seat on Pulaski County school board in 2015

Benson was first elected to the school board in 2015 when he defeated Brenda Blackburn for the Cloyd District seat to succeed Joe Guthrie.

He ran for re-election in 2019 and was unopposed.

"I want to thank the citizens who elected me in the last two elections, as well as the ones who signed my petition to run this time," Benson added.

Benson said he plans to serve out the remainder of his term, which is due to end Dec. 31, 2023.

"Like I said, it's time for me to do something different in my life. I have no hard feelings with anybody, it's just too political for me," Benson stated.

Benson's withdrawal leaves two candidates on the ballot in Cloyd District – Jacob Price and Aaron Carr.

Leann Phillips, Director of Elections and General Registrar for Pulaski County confirmed earlier today that Benson had withdrawn early enough that his name will not be on the November ballot.

Phillips added she hopes the state will have ballots finalized by the end of this month, then sample ballots will be available.

"I know that is starting to become a question many voters are asking about," Phillips said.

everything is going to be gutted out. We're going to start from a new shell. It's going to need a complete renovation."

Hale stressed that a major aspect of the renovation will involve adding another exit from the property to avoid congestion.

"The sidewalks will be replaced and the grass area next to the building, which was used as a fenced in area for the animals, will be made into a 28-space parking lot," Hale explained. "There's going to be a new egress coming in because everyone is concerned about the parking.

The new drive through lane will encircle in the building and then lead into a right turn only exit. That's going to help ease some of the traffic problems. I know it's a heavy traffic area but I feel like 70% of the traffic will be going right towards the manufacturers. You'll be able to turn left at the existing egress(entrance) but most traffic will flow to the right because this is maybe the busiest intersection in the county."

This latest example of Tha' Dawg House will be unique in its own way.


"Here I'm probably going to extend the hours and do dinner, as well," said Hale. "It's gonna be an expanded menu and probably be seven days a week instead of six. We'll have meat and two vegetables for the dinner crowd."

Hale expects the new restaurant to have 23 booths for its patrons, though the plans for the interior are yet to be finalized.

"Everything will be new and contemporary," said Hale. "I might even have self-service kiosks. There will be counter service only. No waitress service. So that's gonna help speed the process and to get people in and out."

Hale predicts that renovations should be complete by the end of the year and is optimistic about the

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NANCY CAROL THOMAS HURST

Nancy Carol Thomas Hurst, 71, passed away on Sunday, August 13, 2023. Nancy was a member of Max Creek Baptist Church and an employee of CVG in Dublin and previously worked at Rowe Furniture in Salem. She was preceded in death by her parents, Moyer Clifton and Lillie Hill Thomas; brother, Jerry Wayne Thomas; and her grandsons, Steven Duncan and Cody Semones.

She is survived by her husband, Roger Dale Hurst; son, Allen Ray Semones, Jr.; daughter, Frankie Lea Trivette; grandchildren, Zachery O'Dell, Allen Semones, III "Trey", Adriane Semones and Wyatt Semones; sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Johnny Shelton; stepdaughters, Serita Melton and Wendy Hurst; and many other family members, cousins and special friends.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2023, at Max Creek Baptist Church. Memorial services will begin at 3 p.m. with Pastor Mike Coleman officiating.

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

ROBIN LOUISE KEITH

Robin Louise Keith, age 62 of Dublin passed away Thursday, August 10, 2023 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski. Born November 24, 1960 in Radford she was the daughter of the late Cecil Franklin Keith, SR. & Catherine Nanny East. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Susie Mae Cook, stepbrothers, Daniel Lee and John Pross.

She is survived by her Children – David Christian – Norfolk, Jennifer Griffin – Ports-

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KEVIN MATTHEW SUTHERLAND

MARION – Kevin Matthew Sutherland, age 37 passed away Sunday, August 13, 2023 after years long, hard fought battles with health issues.

Kevin was born in Radford, VA and was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, James C. Shelton; paternal grandparents, Louis G. Sutherland and Nora Sutherland Turpin; father, Louis Glenn Sutherland.

Kevin enjoyed hunting and fishing, working with IT, computers, and technology. He had a love of history especially WW II and the Civil War. He enjoyed participating in reenactments. Kevin loved gathering with family, seeing everyone laughing and enjoying themselves. He loved attending sporting events with his brother.

Survivors include his mom and stepdad, Barbara and Jody Martin; step brother, JD Martin; maternal grandmother, Sue Shelton; the three girls who stole his heart, Candi, Hope, and Gwen; a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.bradleysfh.com. Bradley's Funeral Home is serving the family.



WALTER DOUGLAS (DOUG) SIFFORD

Walter Douglas (Doug) Sifford went home to be with our Lord on August 10, 2023 and be reunited with his parents, brother and son. He was a retired Master Electrician with Jarrett Electric for many years.

He loved to hunt, tend to his garden or sit in the sun, tan himself and watch the deer and rabbit's play. Mainly, he loved to be around his family, his sons, loving life partner of 40 years, his step kids, grandkids and his great grandchildren (they were his world). He loved each of them with his entire heart.

He was the son of the late Walter Alexander Sifford & Frances Ethel Martin Sifford. He was also preceded in death by his son, David Sifford and brother, Merrill C. Sifford.

Walter is survived by his sons – Darrell Sifford, Brian Sifford, grandson whom he raised – Jonathan Drake Sifford. His Loving Life Partner of 40 years – Brenda Bainbridge, her children he helped raise, Michelle Thompson, Angelia Bainbridge and Brian Bainbridge. His grandchildren – Kayla Sifford, Brandon Sifford, Jonathan Sifford, Katherine "Katie" Liddle, Alyssa Sifford, Taylor Sifford, Michael Hannah, Stephanie (David Brengel) Liddle, Jessie Bainbridge, Amelia (Michael Kendrick) Bainbridge and Brianna Jones. Great Grandchildren – Huntre, Logan, Annabelle, Braydan, Riley, Connor, Dawson, Addie, Carson and Brayley. Special friends and family – Bryant Gravley and family, Terry Connor and family, Carol Page and family, Roger Gravley and family and numerous other friends and family.

He was both loved /admired by so many others that will forever miss him.

Soar with the Angels our beloved Poppy – We love you Always & Forever

Doug's Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent directly to the family (P.O. Box 123, Parrott, VA 24132).

To sign his online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com – Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements.



JACQUELINE ANNE MYERS SPENCE

Jacqueline Anne Myers Spence, age 84 of Pulaski passed away Friday at the Pulaski Health Care Center. Born September 19, 1938 in Pulaski County, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence Wilson Myers and Elizabeth Bertie DeHart Myers. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Spence, Sr., Son, Robert Lee Spence, Jr., Daughter, Lisa Carol Spence Jones and her husband, Nathaniel Wayne Jones, Sr., Sister Thelma Bryant and Brother, Joe Myers.

Jackie was retired from the Pulaski Health Care Center where she worked within the kitchen, preparing food and serving it to the residents. She was a member of the Pulaski Church of God.

She was a wonderful mother and grandmother and helped care for her grandson, Nathan for 27 years. Jackie was known by many, she walked most everywhere she went until she was unable and then resided at Pulaski Health Care Center. She always had smile and kind word for everyone. She read her bible and did her devotions daily. Some of her last words before being unable to speak, she was praising her Lord on her death bed.

She is survived by her Daughter – Regina Ann Bentley & husband, William – Pulaski Grandson – Nathan Jones

Brother – Fred Wilson Myers & wife, Diane – Dublin

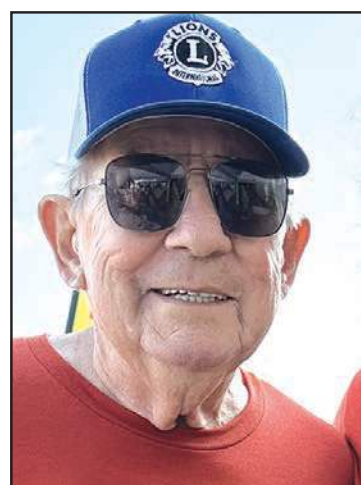
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Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 15, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Donald Jones officiating. Interment followed at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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



NOAH DAVID "DAVE" CONNER, SR.

Noah David "Dave" Conner, Sr., 81, of Dublin, Virginia, passed away at his home on August 8, 2023.

Dave, fondly known as Big Dave, was born to Luther and Grace Conner, on June 1, 1942, in Radford, Virginia. He was a graduate of Radford High School, and completed undergraduate study at Virginia Tech. Dave worked at Kollmorgen as a Quality Control Manager until his retirement, after which he enjoyed spending his free time with his family, working in the garden or in his barn. A child of the doowop era, he was truly "a classic," just like this 1964 Plymouth Fury Convertible.

Dave is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patty, and his three children, Kristina and Matthew Legg, Sr., Noah David and Stephanie Conner, and Rebecca Conner. Dave is also survived by three grandchildren, whom he treasured: Madolyn Legg, Coralee Conner, and Noah David Conner, III. He is survived by his brothers, Luther and Joy Conner of Christiansburg, Virginia, and Dan and Faye Conner of Radford, Virginia, and sisters Mary Lynn Conner, of Radford, Virginia, and Rebecca "Becky" and Wayne Hewitt of Chesterfield, Virginia. Dave is survived by his wife's siblings, Sue and Jim McAlister of Christiansburg, Virginia, Chelsea and Richie Hurst of Riner, Virginia, Avria Hall and Kathy Henderson of Blacksburg, Virginia, Terry and Vickie Hall of Florida, Tim and Kim Hall of Dublin, Virginia, and Larry and Bonnie Hall of Dublin, Virginia. Dave is survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, friends, and non-biological loved ones who all knew him as "Uncle Dave." Big Dave will also be remembered as second father to Brian Quesenberry, and several others who affectionately saw him as a father-figure as well. Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Luther Ishmeal and Grace Earles Conner, father- and mother-in-law, Avria "Ebb" and Mattie Smith Hall, his precious grandson, Matthew Anthony Legg, Jr., and his cherished niece, Terri Lynn McAlister Padgett.

Growing up on the New River, Dave enjoyed the outdoors immensely. He kept an impressive garden for many years, attended many fishing trips on Lake Erie with his friends, spent countless hours tending to his pool, and loved taking care of the many deer and birds that visit his home daily. He shared his love for animals with his family and had several beloved basset hounds over the years. Dave was also passionate about sports. He loved tailgating and Virginia Tech, but he also coached his own children's teams and attended as many of his grandchildren's games

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as he could.

Dave experienced health issues from an early age that would later disqualify him from military service. However, Dave led a life of service to his community. He was a very active member of the Dublin Lions Club for forty years, an accomplishment of which he was very proud. During this time, he held many leadership positions, including President. He was responsible for co-establishing the Leo Club at Pulaski County High School during his tenure. As an eye transplant recipient himself, he valued the opportunity to go into local schools to test students' eyes as a certified screener for the Lions' Kidsight USA campaign. And you could always find him serving Lion Dogs at the New River Valley Fair and the Flea Markets. Dave was a member of Mt. View United Methodist Church, where he served as Youth Leader when his children were young.

The name David means "beloved" and there is no better way to describe him. He loved his family fiercely and was loved by them to no end. He never met a stranger and would do anything for anyone. He would give you the shirt off his back, although if he was at home, he probably wasn't wearing one. □ You could hear his whistling before you ever saw him and his laugh was infectious. He could find humor in any situation, with the quickest of wit. He had an undying love for his wife and his children and grandchildren were his pride and joy. He had the kindest heart and always put others before himself, taking care of his family tirelessly. He couldn't and wouldn't sit still – he always had a reason to go to the store. An OG Black Friday shopper from the days of Cabbage Patch Kids, he was skilled at finding a bargain, whether he needed it or not. He was a role-model to many and he has left a legacy to behold.

The family would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses, and caretakers at UVA Medical, Blue Ridge Cancer Center, Radford Carilion Hospital, Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Jefferson Surgical Clinic, LewisGale Hospital – Pulaski, and Carilion Clinic Outpatient Therapy in Dublin and special nephew, EMT, Tyler Hall, who was on the scene more than once when he was needed.

Dave's family will host a Celebration of Life event on Saturday, August 26, from 2:00 – 6:00 pm at the Dublin Lions Club. This will be Big Dave's kickoff tailgate for this season. Come as you are and stay for as long as you like. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Matthew Legg, Jr. Memorial Scholarship or the Dublin Lions Club in Dave's name. If you feel inspired by Dave's life of service, consider membership in your local Lions Club or find another way to serve your community.

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



VERONICA ANNE WHITE ROMBOW

October 19, 1979
August 13, 2023

Veronica Anne White Rombow, 43, passed away at her home in Pulaski on Sunday, August 13, 2023. She was preceded in death by her step-father, David Woodyard.

Survivors include her mother, Anne Woodyard; brother, Stanley William White (Julie); sons, Nathaniel Hart and Ethan White; daughter, Skarlytt Lytton; step-brothers, Steven Woodyard and Jonathan Woodyard; and many other relatives and friends.

The family will gather to greet friends from 5:30 until 7 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford.

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



DAVID LEE GRAVELY

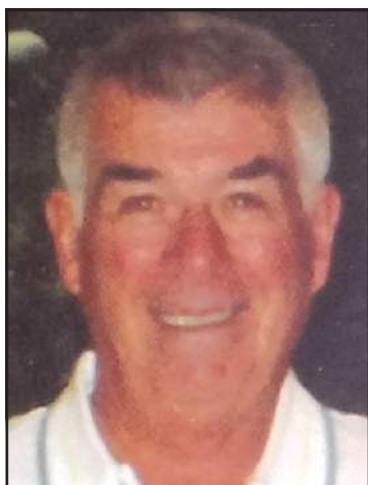
March 22, 1954
August 15, 2023

David Lee Gravely, 69, passed away on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Amos O'Dell and Sarah Reed Gravely.

He is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Susan Simpson Gravely; daughter and son-in-law, Jenny and Alden Hess; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Tonya Gravely; stepchildren, Shelley Quesenberry, and Jay and Amber Summers; grandchildren, Olivia, Cami, Riley, Jacob, Charleigh and Link; brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Janice Gravely; canine companion, Sam; and many other family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Pastor Frankie Graham officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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



GEORGE ROBINSON "ROBIN" HUNT, JR.

George Robinson "Robin" Hunt, Jr. of Oakley, UT, passed away peacefully on August 14, 2023. Born the eldest of five children to Martha and George Robinson "Bob" Hunt on September 8, 1929 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Growing up Robin lived in many states which led him to Dublin, Virginia where he met his wife of 69 years, Jane Jackson Hunt.

Robin received his Bachelor of Science in Building Construction from Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech) Blacksburg, Va. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1948-49 as a fireman apprentice in the engine room of aircraft carriers.

In Robin's early career he worked for Robert E. McKee General Contractors, Inc. for which he

was part of building the Salt Palace (1967-69) in Salt Lake City, Utah. Robin was a talented builder and obtained a great deal of experience, not only with Robert E. McKee, but through a variety of positions with several corporations across many states: Dravo Cooperation, Pittsburg, PA; Stone and Bester Engineering Corporation, Boston, MA; Foster-Creighton Constructors, Nashville, TN; J.A. Jones Construction Company, Charlotte, NC; Radford Arsenal, Radford, VA; E.J. Albrecht Construction Company, Cario, IL; and Strum and Dillard Construction Company, Columbus, OH.

Robin loved Utah where he enjoyed snow skiing, woodworking, golf, collecting miniature trains, traveling, construction, raising Llamas and sailing his Hobie Cat.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Jane Jackson Hunt, parents, George and Martha Hunt, sisters, Lee Hunt "Boo" Quinley, Mary Hunt Frazier, and brother Pete Hunt. He is survived by his sister, Fontaine "Bits" Hunt Copelin, and three nieces, Trish Davidson (Lane) of Minden, Louisiana, Cindy Viers (Kenny) of Dublin, Virginia and Alice Taylor (Sammie) of Russellville, Tennessee.

A special thank you goes to the loving and caring staff at Regency Retirement Village and Amedisys Hospice of Morristown, Tennessee.

A private family memorial will

be held at a later date.

Allen Funeral Home of Morristown, Tennessee is assisting the family with arrangements.



NORA BELLE PUCKETT OWENS

Nora Belle Puckett Owens, age 97 of Pulaski passed away Wednesday morning August 16, 2023 at Commonwealth Senior Living – Christiansburg, Virginia. Born August 2, 1926 in Pulaski she was the daughter of the late John & Josie Bell Quesenberry Puckett. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Arless Edwin Owens, Sr., son, Arless Edwin Owens, Jr., daughter, Sharon Gunter, an infant sister and brothers, Willard, Ralph and Buddy Puckett.

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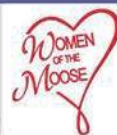
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Not Their Problem

Many Democrat-controlled cities and states, which are not on the border, think the crisis at our southern border is not their problem.

But, over the past few months, we've seen a string of northern Democrat-controlled cities and states declare states of emergency and request help from the federal government due to the number of illegal immigrants living in their jurisdictions.

Massachusetts Governor Healey was the most recent official to declare a state of emergency due to an influx of immigrants to her State. According to the Governor, thousands are being housed in emergency shelters around the State (some are bona fide refugees, but many are illegal immigrants). Governor Healey said that the State's social services are overwhelmed, and the State needs help from the federal government.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Washington, D.C., Chicago, and New York City have all declared immigration emergencies in the last year. New York State declared an emer-

gency not long before Massachusetts.

D.C. issued a state of emergency last September. Mayor Bowser blamed Texas Governor Abbott for the emergency when he bussed immigrants who had illegally crossed into the State to the nation's capital.

This past May, Chicago joined D.C. in declaring an emergency -- by that time the number of immigrants being cared for by local and state agencies was over 8,000.

When Title 42, a public health order that allowed border patrol agents to send illegal immigrants back to their home country or the country they were most recently in, was coming to an end in May, New York Governor Hochul declared an emergency in preparation of the coming influx.

In the past few months NYC has had difficulty housing illegal immigrants living there. News reports tell of up to 2,000 being sheltered in tents on the Randalls Island soccer fields. NYC Mayor Adams said that there are currently 57,000 immigrants sleeping in city shelters. Further, hundreds of hotel rooms are being rented for illegal immigrants by the city.

Recently, a constituent complained at a Smyth County meeting that when he went to visit his daughter in NYC, he paid for his hotel room, while illegal immigrants were getting their stay covered for free by the taxpayer.

Earlier this year when visiting the border, on my commercial flight back, there were two illegal immigrants and an ICE agent flying to the immigrants' placement location. Who do you think is covering that cost?

That's right, you, the taxpayer!

And yet, with all this hardship and struggle to manage the illegal immigrants living in their jurisdictions, these Democrat politicians support the flawed policies leading to these problems. Many have the attitude that it's not a real problem until it's their problem. But they support the lax border policies of the Biden Administration and complain when they have to deal with the real-life consequences.

And instead of supporting finishing the wall and defending our borders, these Democrat politicians are calling on the federal government to expedite work authorizations for the illegal immigrants.

When declaring a state of emergency, Governor Healey stated, "an inability for migrants to obtain work authorization from the federal government," as one reason the crisis is so bad in her state.

She said not one word about the wall or the southern border.

Should we reward people who intentionally break the law? I say No!

I've long spoken out about how detrimental the Biden Administration's open border policies are, which have resulted in increases in human smuggling, human trafficking, drug trafficking, etc.

Republicans in Congress have repeatedly urged the Administration to change their ways, to close the border by resuming border wall construction and giving Border Patrol more resources to control the border.

We have also worked to hold the Administration accountable for the results of their policies. Congress has called Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas in to testify 12 times since becoming Secretary.

And yet, our calls to follow the law and make necessary changes, fall on deaf ears.

Instead, the Administration has shifted the blame away from their flawed policies repeatedly, saying either that the Trump Administration is to blame or that somehow it is Congress' fault.

Mind you, House Republicans have already passed a border bill, the Secure the Border Act of 2023, to address the crisis at our southern border.

Not one House Democrat voted in favor of it.

It is clear, this crisis will continue until Democrats get real about the problem and support policies that actually close the border. Further, northern Democrat run cities and states must accept that the border crisis is their problem too.

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

Circuit Riders Spread the Gospel to Pulaski

The circuit riders of the 1700's were exceptionally dedicated men who were on the road for God, and among the most enthusiastic Christians to storm the American shores.

In 1771, the renowned Methodist leader, John Wesley, recruited ministers from Europe to share the Gospel in America. These ministers would travel the wilderness in the American Frontier, preaching in cabins, taverns, jails, on the courthouse steps -- anywhere there were people interested in listening.

When the American Revolution began the Methodist ministers were recalled to England, but Francis Asbury, who was Wesley's assistant in the Colonies, remained behind. This young man sometimes rode 200 miles in a week, preaching and inspiring listeners and preparing the hearts of the Nation for the coming storm... independence.

It is said that Asbury's boundless love for

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Jesus was contagious and in fact it wasn't just his preaching style that inspired converts. It was his total Christian lifestyle. In the 12-years devoted to ministry, Asbury personally ordained 4,000 preachers, traveled more than 250,000 miles on horseback, and preached more than 16,500 sermons! After he wore out three horses, he began traveling in a small, light cart, sometimes forcing his way through brush where no roads existed.

The circuit rider was so dedicated that people joked that when the weather was

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A Degree Isn't Power, Knowledge Is Power

Dear Dave,

I've heard you talk about paying for college for your kids. Why is this a requirement? I'm not trying to shirk my responsibility, but I worked my way through college and so did my parents. My wife and I have talked about paying for their books and maybe rent. Am I missing something here?

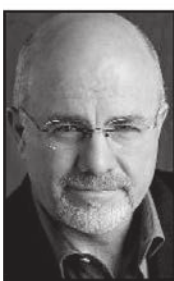
— Thomas

Dear Thomas,

First, I don't believe it's a requirement that all parents pay for college for their kids. It's not a moral issue, and you're not an immoral person if you don't or can't do it. I've told plenty of single moms, single dads and parents who don't earn a big income that their kids need to apply for as many scholarships as possible, learn how to work, and choose an inexpensive school if they want to continue their education.

As a parent, one of your biggest jobs is to give your kids a moral compass and the tools they'll need to succeed in the real world. And one of the keys to being a successful adult is engaging in a lifetime of learning. If the last time you read a book was when you were in high school or college, and you've never done training of any other kind since, you're probably not very successful. Never. Stop. Learning. If I'd stopped learning after getting my bachelor's degree, do you think I would've been able to build Ramsey Solutions? Absolutely not!

Do you see where I'm going with this, Thomas? As an adult, learning is your job. An entire lifetime of learning is your job. And if you can encourage that in your kids with some level of help, financial or



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

otherwise, then it's your obligation to help them. You can't expect a 17-year-old college education. You do, however, have the tools yet.

The point is this: You don't have a moral responsibility to pay for your kids' college education. You do, however, have a moral responsibility to highlight the importance of knowledge, share what you have, and show them how to get more. If you can't afford to help with money, do everything else you can. There are plenty of more important things than cash. If you want to help financially, that's fine too.

Just don't use debt to make it happen!

— Dave

* 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.

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The Patriot will accept Open Forum letters on the upcoming November election through Friday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. All letters MUST include the name of the writer and a daytime phone number for verification. While we strive to publish all letters we receive as they are submitted, we do reserve the right to edit any letter and we do not guarantee all letters will be published. We plan to publish letters through Friday, Oct. 27. No letters will be published on Friday, Nov. 3.

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

The fear factor

Donald Trump has gotten indicted yet again, and, as usual, most of the other Republican candidates have been sympathetic, if not outright deferential, to him.

It's another episode that raises the question: Can someone who is afraid of Trump defeat him?

Of all the advantages that Trump has in the competition for the 2024 Republican nomination -- immediate past president, ability to generate enormous media attention, etc. -- perhaps foremost among them is the fact that the other Republican candidates are afraid.

It's hard to think of anyone who has ever won a major-party nomination while showing fear, especially of someone else in the field.

A successful candidate might be careful around certain issues or constituencies, or back off of an unpopular position. But being clearly scared by an opponent is something else, entirely. George W. Bush and John McCain might have hated or disdained each other in 2000, same with McCain and Mitt Romney in 2008, or Romney and Newt Gingrich in 2012. But no one was ever clearly, demonstrably afraid.

Until now.

When asked about Trump, most of the candidates might not actually lick their lips, or swallow hard or begin to blink faster, but you wouldn't be surprised if they did. Generally, they'll evade questions, reject the premise or revert to an answer that has been as carefully crafted as an official statement by one of the parties negotiating the Paris Peace Accords.

You can almost see them thinking:

Maybe he'll leave me alone.

Maybe he'll make me his veeep.

Maybe there will be a better time to attack him later.

If they can help it, his opponents will never say Trump's name -- he's the most unnamed major politician in American history. Mike Pence has tended to call him "my former running mate."

This means that Donald Trump's political dominance of the rest of the field extends to a kind of personal and psychological dominance.

A key aspect of the Trump phenomenon from the beginning has been how he's brought the subrational element of politics that's always been there, but usually relatively submerged, to the fore -- more Frans de Waal, author of "Chimpanzee Politics," than Richard Hofstadter; more Dana White than Lee Atwater.

This raises the possibility that not taking Trump head-on means more than simply missing the opportunity to make the case against him. It also means implicitly acknowledging his status as the Big Man of Republican politics, and the rival's status as a subordinate player in the world Trump created and rules.

The only one who's really not playing this game is Chris Christie, who gives as good as he gets and also needles Trump and initiates fights against him.

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horrendous, only crows and Methodist ministers would be about that day. But it wasn't only the weather that was an obstacle to the dedicated circuit rider. Sometimes the worst menace was their fellow man. One such story from the Rev. Peter Marshall's book, "From Sea to Shining Sea," relays the tale:

One day, Methodist circuit rider Jesse Lee found himself accosted by two lawyers.

"You a preacher, sir?" asked one. "Yes, I generally pass for one," replied Lee.

"You preach very often, I suppose?"

"Generally every day; frequently twice a day or more."

"How do you find time to study when you preach so often?"

"I study when riding," said Lee. "And read when resting," he added maintaining a smile, though he could see where they were heading.

The first lawyer feigned incredulity, "But do you not write your sermons?"

"No, not very often, at least."

"Do you not often make mistakes, preaching extemporaneously?" the second lawyer queried.

Lee nodded. "I do sometimes."

"Well do you correct them?" the lawyer persisted.

"That depends on the character of the mistake. I was preaching the other day and I went to quote the text, 'All liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone,' and by mistake I said, 'All lawyers shall have their part...'"

The first lawyer interrupted him. "What did you do with that? Did you correct it?"

"Oh, no. It was so nearly true that I didn't bother."

"Humph!" said one lawyer looking at the other. "I don't know whether you are more a knave than a fool."

"Neither," replied Lee smiling and looking at the one on his right and then the one on his left, "I'd say I was just between the two."

The Methodists did not have a monopoly on circuit riders and many Presbyterians joined the ranks of God's messengers to the

Lowry

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If Christie can achieve a breakout in New Hampshire, it will be based, in part, on winning points on strength and courage while doing and saying what no one else dares. (Also-rans Will Hurd and Asa Hutchinson criticize Trump, too, but more politely and conventionally.)

All that said, the other candidates are reacting to a genuine conundrum --Republican voters might be open to an alternative to Trump in theory, but they don't want anyone to criticize him. How to square that circle is the biggest challenge for the rest of the field, at least those members of it genuinely running to win.

To be fair, Governor Ron DeSantis, as Trump's main target, has been willing to push back as necessary, and he makes a constant, implicit critique of Trump's electoral prospects and governing abilities. But the Florida governor is always careful to stay on the right side of the line, biding his time for later or hoping that his message catches

wilderness. One such story depicting the awareness of the people and the frequency of seeing these ministers is recalled by the Rev. Peter Marshall. It goes like this:

One minister, applying for lodging at a tavern, was addressed by the landlord: "Stranger, I perceive you are a clergyman. Please let me know whether you are a Presbyterian or a Methodist."

"I'll tell you, but why do you ask?" responded the preacher.

"Because I wish to please my guests and I have observed that a Presbyterian minister is very particular about his food and his bed, and a Methodist about the care and feeding of his horse," responded the landlord.

"Very well," replied the minister. "I am a Presbyterian, but my horse is a Methodist."

Although we can laugh about the anecdotes, the circuit riders' messages were inspirational as well as thought-provoking; preparing the hearts and minds of the Colonists for independence. Through them, God was infusing the concept of self-government, under His guidance and wisdom in the Holy Scriptures.

We can feel the fervor of the circuit rider Francis Asbury by reading an excerpt from his diary:

"Oh, Lord, help me to watch and pray! I am afraid of losing the sweetness that I feel: for months I have felt as if in possession of perfect love; not a moment's desire of anything but God...My body is weak, but this does not concern me like the want of more grace. My heart is too cool towards God. I want to feel it like a holy flame."

Asbury's passion for God influenced the Rev. Edward Morgan, a Methodist circuit rider who traveled and preached through the remote parts of Virginia, including what would become Pulaski County. He met Alexander Page, a farmer, and became good friends. The result of that friendship is Page's Meeting House which was built on land given by Alexander Page. Bishop Francis Asbury preached in the chapel in 1802 and again in 1806. Historical marker VA-K45 commemorates this early establishment of the Methodist religion in Pulaski County, brought by God's circuit riders.

on without having to grasp the nettle. This isn't unreasonable, but, again, it exposes a disparity -- he has a strategy, while Trump has a sledgehammer.

So long as everyone believes that Trump has one and they don't -- and acts accordingly -- the fear factor will continue to work in Trump's favor.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Owens

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Arsenal with over 25 years of service, Nora Bell worked many years and many places in retail, such as Mimi's Tots & Teens, Wise Fashions and greeted at Walmart. She was one of the original founders of the Max Creek Baptist Church in Hiwassee.

Nora Belle is survived by her Son -- Jon Davy (Tammy) Owens -- Pulaski

Grandchildren -- Bruce Guynn -- Roanoke, Gena (JR) Brown -- New River

7 Great Grandchildren -- Sarah Guynn, Jonathan Guynn, Corey Lisi, Cameryn Lisi, Braxton Brown, Briannah Brown, Blayke Brown

Great, Great Grandchildren -- Ryeland, Jordyn and Braylon Brothers -- Jim Puckett -- TN, Jerry (Carolyn) Puckett -- Pulaski Son-in-law -- Harry Gunter
A number of nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM -- Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Harry Gunter officiating. Interment will follow at the Shiloh Cemetery.

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

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

The family would like to thank Commonwealth Senior Living (Christiansburg, VA) and Medi-Home Hospice for their loving

care.

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

Dublin sets

Labor Day holiday schedule

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day. Garbage scheduled for pick-up on Monday, September 4th will be picked up on Tuesday, September 5th.

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Youngkin holds ‘Parents Matter’ town halls

By Morgan Sweeney

(The Center Square) — Gov. Glenn Youngkin is leading a ‘Parents Matter’ town hall tour across the commonwealth to engage Virginia parents on crucial issues impacting youth.

The tour began over a month ago in Salem, and since then, the governor has spoken at Bristow, Richmond and Fredericksburg — areas that lean heavily Democratic.

The tour has focused on the issues of standards in education, the mental health and drug crisis, youth and social media and “pathways for kids” — the idea that many different types of schools, with different learning models, should be available to children since they all

learn differently.

The governor hosted the most recent ‘Parents Matter’ event in Fredericksburg, where Del. Tara Durant, R-Stafford joined him.

Youngkin provided background on each topic, drawing attention to some aspects of Virginia K-12 education that he finds troubling.

“Over previous years, expectations were systematically lowered,” Youngkin said. “Literally, the number of questions on our standards of learning tests that had to be right in order to be proficient was reduced.”

Virginia’s learning loss, according to Youngkin and Durant, was the greatest in the nation for the commonwealth’s fourth graders.

One mother voiced concerns about the quality of middle school

education not getting as much attention from legislators and administrators as elementary and high school.

She said her son always loved school until he got to middle school and began struggling with mental health.

“We are losing kids from elementary going to middle school.” Another mother offered her perspective. She homeschools her children but also brings her experience teaching college math to bear.

“You’re talking about social media, and I don’t know if you include Youtube in that, but I think part of the learning loss issue can be coupled with that amount of time that some kids spend watching Youtube over and over and over,” she said.

“I don’t know if it’s a product of COVID... and everything’s online now, but I notice a change [in my

students] and I’ve been teaching college courses for 22 years.”

One mother spoke about reinstating differentiation in schools, and a retired teacher backed her up, saying she spent the least amount of time with gifted students, as she was focused more on struggling students.

“When my children went,” the mother said, “we had an honors sixth, seventh and eighth grade for English. They’ve gotten rid of it. We need more of those things for the middle school kids who are great students.”

As they voiced their concerns, Youngkin shared his administration’s education initiatives that Durant has supported, and legislation and programs that have been passed or are in progress under his term.

Among other things, he men-

tioned the Literacy Act, which Virginia is revamping its literacy education and teacher preparation programs; an age verification law for porn users that caused Pornhub to withdraw from Virginia; the Right Help, Right Now plan designed to refashion mental health systems and services to meet better the needs of the drug epidemic and youth mental health crises; the creation of lab schools; new state-level guidelines for history and social studies that teach “the good and the bad,” according to Youngkin; and rules that enable children to bypass classes with sexually explicit material, if their parents request it.

Youngkin wrapped up the town hall by encouraging parents to be involved in their children’s curriculum, while touting his record as governor.

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“The county has been working well with me,” said Hale. “I think the county is a good place to do business because they have helped me out from day one on this project. Plus, I think Pulaski County is growing. They’re looking for new

Safety

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advanced situational awareness platform, we are taking a significant step towards creating peace and comfort for our teachers, students, and families. Our partnership with Status Solutions aligns perfectly with the County’s unified mission to provide a safe and nurturing environment for learning.”

The partnership with Status Solutions aligns with the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and Pulaski County School Board’s unified vision of becoming the safest district within the region. By implementing Status Solutions’ technology, the district aims to set a new standard for safety in education, attracting families to the area due to its reputation for excellence in security and care.

Mike Mooney, Board of Supervisors and School Safety Committee Member expressed enthusiasm about the expanded partnership: “We have witnessed firsthand the positive impact of Status Solutions’ technology in our County buildings and emergency response facilities. This new initiative reinforces our priority and dedication to the safety and prosperity of

businesses and with more places to eat, you’ve got more choices.”

In addition to his Dawg Houses, Mark Hale owns three buildings on West Main Street but these days his attention is firmly focused on his latest epicurean endeavor.

“Everything is going to be set up

to the tee,” said Hale. “I’ve been doing this for 15 years. Not a lot of restaurants make it 15 years. You’ve seen a lot of them come and go in that time frame but, you know, I got a quality product at a good price with fast friendly service. That’s what we do.”

our community. We are proud to support our unified mission to not only educate but also protect our most valuable assets.”

Safety is the foundation of a thriving community. With the support of the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, and the Chamber of Commerce, everyone is united in the commitment to grow Pulaski County by showcasing the district’s dedication to safety. This is why we are also enlisting the help of the Status Solutions Network. This digital marketing business was designed with the sole purpose of sending profits back to the school district to offset the costs of safety measures and then help fund any additional needs. Local businesses will have the opportunity to purchase a membership and be listed in the Status Solutions Network Directory. In turn, students, teachers, and families in the community are asked to patronize those businesses. The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, with the help of Status Solutions and Status Solutions Network, is inviting the community

to take ownership and be part of a secure and vibrant educational experience.

“We firmly believe that safeguarding our schools is not just a responsibility, but a moral imperative,” said Amy Jeffs, President of Status Solutions. “By harnessing the power of situational awareness and the Status Solutions Network, our innovative funding model, we are dedicated to creating an environment where students, educators, and staff can thrive. Our commitment to protecting schools goes beyond mere solutions — it’s about empowering communities with the tools they need to proactively prevent incidents and ensure a secure future for their children.”

The partnership between Status Solutions and Pulaski County School Board, fortified by the Board of Supervisors’ enduring commitment to safety, symbolizes a shared vision of nurturing growth, fostering security, and creating a future where education and well-being go hand in hand.

Keith

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mouth, Stone Brooks Pross — Pulaski

Husband — Paul Patrick Pross — Beckley, WV

Siblings - Janice L. Dalton — Dublin, Patty A. Barnes — Dublin, Cecil F. Keith, Jr. — Dublin

Stepsister — Vera Faith (Steven) Groves — Chesapeake, VA

A number of Grandchildren and Great Grand Children

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM — Saturday, August

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

Interment will follow at the Trail Family Cemetery (Hiwassee).

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Hokies announce out of conference schedule

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BLACKSBURG – Virginia Tech men’s basketball revealed its 2023-24 non-conference slate Tuesday, featuring 11 matchups over the first two months of the season.

The Hokies will tip-off head coach Mike Young’s fifth season in Blacksburg on Nov. 6 vs. Coppin State in a season-opening doubleheader with women’s basketball.

As previously announced, Tech will compete in the Hall of Fame Series vs. South Carolina on Nov. 10 at the Spectrum Center in Charlotte, N.C. The Hokies return home for a pair of games against Campbell (Nov. 15) and Wofford (Nov. 19), the latter marks the first time Young will face his previous squad as Tech’s head coach. Young spent 17 seasons in Spartanburg, S.C., leading the Terriers to five NCAA tournaments and five Southern Conference tournament titles.

Tech then makes its return to Orlando, Fla., for the ESPN Events Invitational (Nov. 23-26) inside State Farm Field House. The tournament will serve as a homecoming for Orlando native Hunter Cattoor, who has a knack for playing well in his home state. The Hokies open against Boise State, which has qualified for back-to-back NCAA tournaments.

From there, VT will swing up to Auburn, Ala., to square off with the Tigers in the inaugural ACC/SEC Challenge on Nov. 29. Tech closes out its non-conference slate with three home games against Valparaiso (Dec. 9), Vermont (Dec. 16) and American (Dec. 21). The ACC schedule has yet to be announced, but the Hokies will welcome Boston College, Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Miami, Notre Dame, Virginia and Wake Forest to Cassell Coliseum. On the road, Tech will clash with Florida State, Louisville, Miami, North Carolina, NC State, Notre Dame, Pitt, Syracuse, Virginia and Wake Forest.



Jet ski racer Keith McAfee.

Photo courtesy Pulaski County Tourism

Regional Championship Jet Ski Racing Coming to Claytor Lake

From Pulaski County Tourism

Pulaski County is excited to announce that the American Jet Sport Association (AJSA) will be holding its 2023 Regional Championship at Claytor Lake State Park on September 9 and 10.

AJSA was originally formed as the Chattanooga Jet Ski Club in 2019. During its early stages, the club experimented with different jet ski courses and buoy riding at a local lake. By 2022, the club had grown to over 500 members and, that same year, hosted the largest race in the country with nearly 100 racers.

Shortly after, the American Jet Sport Association was born.

Today, AJSA is focused on hosting races exclusively in the southeast region of the country. With its headquarters located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the group works to limit its races to within a six hour circle of the city so that participating racers will not have to drive extreme distances to compete.

On Saturday, September 9, and Sunday, September 10, AJSA will be hosting its Regional Championship at Claytor Lake State Park in Pulaski County. The event is open to both spectators and jet ski riders of different classifications.

Saturday’s racing events will begin at 10:00 am and conclude around 5:00 pm. Sunday’s racing events will also begin at 9:00 am, but will end around 3:00 pm. Start and end times along with delays are dependent upon the weather and other varying circumstances.

“Pulaski County is thrilled to have landed an event of this caliber at Claytor Lake for our local and regional competitors to race, and spectators from around the southeast to come and enjoy,” stated Laura Walters, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. “It takes a tremendous amount of planning and coordination to host such a prestigious championship event and we couldn’t have done it without Claytor Lake State Park, the Pulaski County Administration and Tourism Team, the AJSA, Pulaski County ACCE, and many others. We are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to it being a successful day on the lake.”

On both Saturday and Sunday, gates will open to spectators at 9:00 am. It is suggested that spectators bring their own chairs and tents to the event. Food trucks will be present on both days. The cost of AJSA admission will be \$8 for kids and \$10 for adults with \$3 of each ticket being donated toward the Pulaski County ACCE program through New River Community College. Claytor Lake State Park will charge its parking fee as normal.

Anyone wishing to participate in racing events may email Keith McAfee at keith@ajsaracing.com or call at (423) 341-6416.

Featured jet ski racers at this event are several national and world champions including two-time amateur ski division world champion and seven-time ski division national champion, Jimmy Wilson, and Pro Women Runabout World Champion, Sophie Francis, and many more.

PCHS online ticket info

Pulaski County High School will continue to use the online athletic ticket sales platform Ticket Spicket.

Here is the link for purchasing online tickets to Cougar athletic events, spicket.events/pulaski-countyhhs.

This option allows our spectators the ease and convenience of buying tickets online. Avoid lines!

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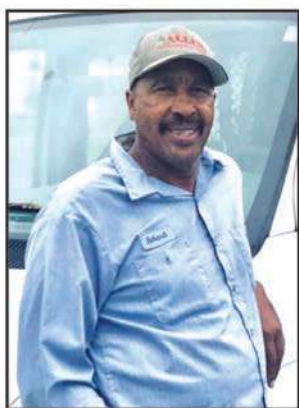
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NASCAR rolls into Watkins Glen this weekend

From NASCAR

Pressures to make the Playoffs are mounting as the NASCAR Cup Series prepares for the penultimate race of the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series regular season, the Go Bowling at The Glen at Watkins Glen International, this Sunday, August 20 at 3 p.m. ET on the USA Network, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio (Channel 90).

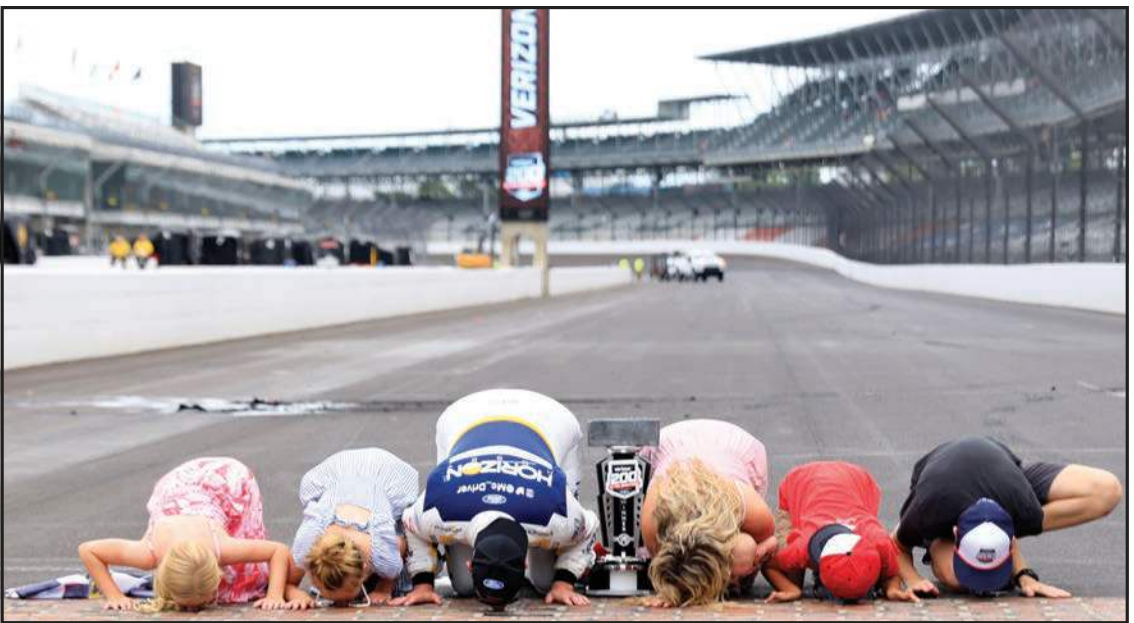
Watkins Glen International is the fifth of six road courses on the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series schedule; joining Circuit of The Americas (Winner: Tyler Reddick), Sonoma Raceway (Martin

Truex Jr.), Chicago Street Race (Shane van Gisbergen) and Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course (Michael McDowell). After this weekend, the only road course left on the 2023 schedule will be the Charlotte Motor Speedway ROVAL on Oct. 8, 2023.

This weekend will mark the 40th running of a NASCAR Cup Series race on the historic 2.45-mile multi-elevational Watkins Glen International road course located near Watkins Glen, New York in the Finger Lakes region of the state.

NASCAR Hall of Famer Tony Stewart leads the NASCAR Cup Series in victories at Watkins Glen International with five wins (2002, '04, '05, '07 and '09); one win shy of tying the series record for most road course wins at a single track at six held by NASCAR Hall of Famer Bobby Allison at Riverside Raceway (1971, '73, '75, '79, '81 sweep).

Hendrick Motorsports teammates Chase Elliott (2018, 2019) and Kyle Larson (2021, 2022) and Richard Childress Racing's Kyle Busch (2008, 2013) lead all active NASCAR Cup Series drivers in



Michael McDowell, driver of the #34 Horizon Hobby Ford, and his family kiss the bricks on track after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Verizon 200 at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on August 13, 2023 in Indianapolis, Indiana. (Photo by Justin Casterline/Getty Images)

wins at Watkins Glen International with two victories each. The 2021 NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Larson is the most recent winner at the 2.45-mile track, winning last season's event by a scant .882-second over second-place AJ

Allmendinger.

All the NASCAR Cup Series on-track activity begins with practice and Busch Light Pole Qualifying at 12:30 p.m. ET on the USA Network.

Joe Gibbs Racing driver and current NASCAR Cup Series point standings leader, Martin Truex Jr., can clinch the 2023

Regular Season Championship presented by Coca-Cola this weekend at Watkins Glen International in the Go Bowling at The Glen on Sunday, August 20 at 3 p.m. ET (on USA, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) by being ahead of the driver in second in the standings by 61 points at the conclusion of the race.



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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

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Guidelines for Spiritual Gifts

Continued

The Ninefold Spiritual Gifts God has placed in the Church. “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.” (1 Cor. 12:1; 8-11)

Somebody may say, well I don’t have godly wisdom apparently because I just don’t understand it. Well, the bible says, in James 1:5, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

These are spiritual things and must be spiritually discerned. So if you want more understanding about spiritual gifts, ask of God and it shall be given unto you.

There’s a great misunderstanding about spiritual gifts in many Churches today. And I believe it is because many have not asked God to reveal the relevance of spiritual gifts to them. They have been taught by those who don’t believe in the gifts of the Spirit and are believing wrongly about them.

1 Cor. 14: 22. “Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not; but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.”

Tongues were given to teach unbelievers, that it was a miracle from God showing the authenticity of the Christian Faith; that they were witnessing a stupendous work of God, and that they might embrace the gospel.

Whereas, prophecy, which is the teaching of the things of God in a known language, is of infinitely more importance than speaking in languages that no one understands.

This is way up there on the scale of 1 to 10 in the importance of spiritual gifts, prophecy is higher up on the list of that which edifies, than tongues.

Verses 23-25 says, If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.”

If someone comes in to our services and hears prophecy going forth; if they hear the word of God going forth; they will be convicted of their sins. As they listen, their secret thoughts will be exposed, the convicting power of the Holy Ghost will fall upon them, and they will fall to their knees and worship God, declaring, “God is truly here among you.”

Verse 24. “But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all. And thus are the secrets of the heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.”

The gift of prophecy named among the nine named in 1 Cor. Chapter 12, is one that is very useful to us in the Church. We

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Service Times:

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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.

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674-1762

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Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.

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Worship, 11 a.m.

Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.

Phone: 980-2046

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3080 Greenbriar Road
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Pastor: Lee Wiggins

Email: office@draper-methodist-church.com

Primary Service Times:

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Worship, 11 a.m.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

I WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE HUMAN?

THEIR INTELLIGENCE ENABLES THEM TO GO CLEAR INTO SPACE.

NOT TO MENTION THEIR SOPHISTICATED LEVEL OF COMMUNICATION.

👏 😊 😊 ❤️!

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

HAROLD, YOU ARE THE "WORST" SLOB.

GEEZ, AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT I WAS THE "BEST."

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

OLIVE

"YOUR DAD'S SECRET INGREDIENT WAS A SHOT OF ESPRESSO."

HE LOVES WHAT YOU HAVE DONE WITH THE BUSINESS!

"GAM-GAM LEFT SOME MONEY FOR YOU INSIDE HER VINYL COLLECTION."

"PINEAPPLE SAYS IT WAS JUST HIS TIME. HE WILL STAY WITH YOU AND PROTECT YOU AND ANY OTHER KITTIES YOU BRING ONCE YOU ARE READY."

"YOU NEED TO APPROACH PEOPLE A LITTLE BIT MORE DELICATELY!"

"SO MANY SHORTS, SO LITTLE TIME. IT'S A BURDEN I MUST CARRY..."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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: S equals Q

JZ NYIT MYUJZH SOZUGDNYU

BZHGM DYDYC GN JDUBT, EDCE-

MIGDGPZ AINOPU.

ADHHOU DYSODHDZU NYIT.

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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!

Refrain

LAYTIN

Diffuse

PRAYS

Lark

PACER

Gap

MACHS

"It's a _____ card from the hospital staff — to ME"

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Solidify

4 Tummy muscles

7 Rum cake

11 Sir Guinness

13 Cistern

14 Modern taxi rival

15 Wife of Jacob

16 Melody

17 Shoe fillers

18 Wash thoroughly

20 Canadian flag emblem

22 Uncivilized

24 Prepared potatoes

28 Medium

32 Condition

33 Orem's place

34 Talk on and on

36 Actress Merrill

37 Talk a blue streak?

39 Extreme

41 Tolerate

43 Light brown

44 Tropical tree

46 Salon sounds

50 "— and Away"

53 Charged bit

55 Duel tool

56 Fan publication

57 Bar bill

58 Pro —

59 Mr. Stravinsky

DOWN

1 Guys' dates

2 Power co. supply

3 Tragic king

4 "Selma" director

5 Release money

6 Throat affliction

7 Self-serve meal

8 Honest politician

9 Spell-off

10 Illustrations

12 Communal meal at a place of worship

19 "Humbug!"

21 DDE's opponent

23 Peruke

25 Secular

26 Sicilian spouter

27 Bargain

28 Brownish purple

29 Dazzle

30 Lawn party site

31 Automobile

35 Cudgel

38 Epoch

40 "— Kapital"

42 Select group

45 Castle defense

47 Apple tablet

48 Anti-fur org.

49 Penn or Astin

50 Submachine gun

51 Glutton

52 Family card game

54 Cagers' gp.

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top ten

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2. Frozen (2013)	\$1.28 billion
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6. Toy Story 3 (2010)	\$1.067 billion
7. Despicable Me 3 (2017)	\$1.034 billion
8. Finding Dory (2016)	\$1.029 billion
9. Zootopia (2016)	\$1.02 billion
10. Despicable Me 2 (2013)	\$971 million

Source: IMDb

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WORD LADDERS

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

ALUMS

CLUES

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: What South American country lies between Colombia and Peru?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is the more common name for a contusion?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the chemical element symbol for tungsten?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals DXC?
- U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Michigan?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Greek suffix "gamy" mean in English?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of domesticated turkeys called?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to fly in an airplane (while in office)?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the dog on "Family Guy" animated series?
- AD SLOGANS: "The dogs kids love to bite" are made by which company?

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Answers

1. Ecuador.
2. A bruise.
3. W.
4. Chasm.
5. Lansing.
6. Marriage.
7. A rather.
8. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
9. Brian.
10. Armour.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

SYMPATHY

1. Litany 2. Spray; solution

ALUMS, PLUMS, PLUGS

SLUGS, SLUES, CLUES

Answer

WORD LADDER

Americanisms

"It's useless to hold a person to anything he says while he's in love, drunk, or running for office."

— Shirley MacLaine

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King Crossword

Answers

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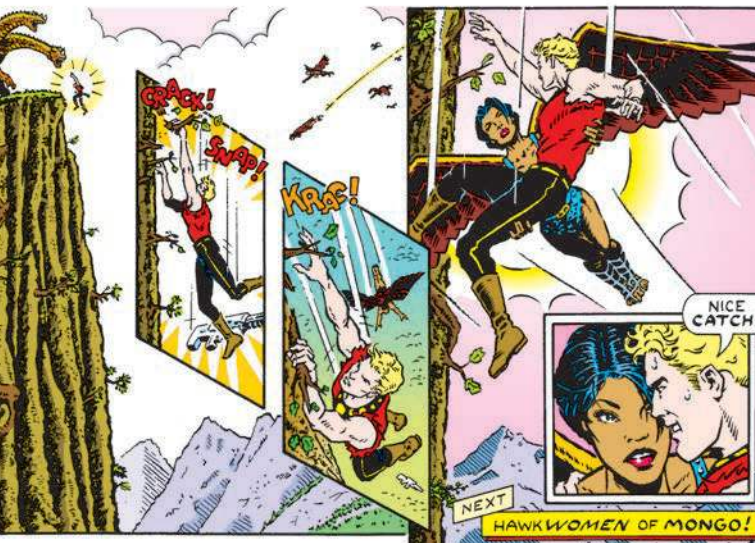
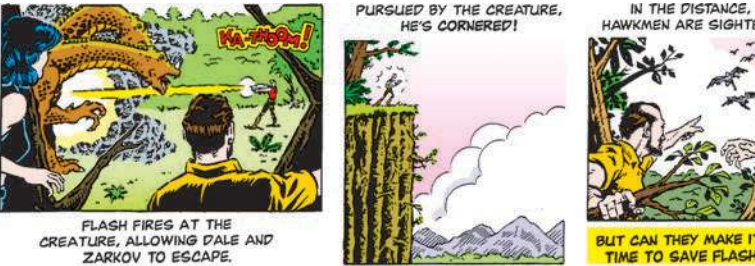
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I G E D B A Y X W T U T P R R

S Q P O N L K J H G F D S F P

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

Unlisted clue hint: **Rise and Fall of the Sea Level**

Ball	Gear	Price	Speed
Calorie	Land	Profile	Technology
End	Level	Quality	Volume
Frequency	Pressure	Score	

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

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by Linda Thistle

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Music & art in Jackson Park

By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

The Music and Art in Jackson Park festival drew hundreds of visitors to downtown Pulaski last Saturday Aug. 12. The Fine Arts Center for the NRV organized the event which took place between 3 and 9 p.m. under nearly ideal weather conditions. A few raindrops did fall in the early evening but the result of this brief was rainbow that appeared to sprout from Draper Mountain.

The Reflections Band, which plays oldies with a signature saxophone sound, got the music flowing in the late afternoon and kept things rocking till the early evening.

After that, students and instructors for the Greater Pulaski Junior Appalachian Musicians (GRAPe-JAM) took the stage. Their acoustic set, which featured banjo, guitar, mandolin and fiddle players, started off with traditional Old Time Mountain music and ended with some original tunes penned by the group's leader.

Country music recording artist Glenn Shelton was the feature performer for the fest and he did not disappoint. Shelton played many of his original songs, along with other country music standards. Several attendees took the opportunity to dance in front of the stage but most were content to relax in the shade and just listen to the music.

"I thought the music was great and if you consider the audience reaction, they enjoyed it, as well," said John Ross, President of the FAC. "The group that set up under the trees in front of the ABC tent got there early and stayed for almost the entire event. They laughed, clapped, and some danced with their children and seemed to be really enjoying the day. It was a beautiful day and the park was full of talented artists, a variety of yummy food and people having a good time"

The children were especially drawn to the gazebo, at the center of Jackson Park, where Terrie Sternberg, along with volunteers Sara and Emily Hall, set up 'art tables.' The experience was es-

pecially rewarding to 17-year-old Sara Hall, who wants to be a kindergarten teacher when she gets a little older.

"I like seeing like the smiles on the kids' faces," said Sara. "We painted wooden animals. We had some snakes, crocodiles, sharks and lizards. They could also make paper boxes. The other one was the alcohol painting. We mixed dye in rubbing alcohol together and spray them on photo paper to make really cool designs."

"I got to work with them in painting the wooden animals," sister Emily (15) added. "They loved the messy paint and it brought such big smiles to their faces. So that was good to see."

As in years past, this Fine Art Center summer music festival featured a variety of food choices with Barbeque serving as the mainstay meal. Bootleg Barbeque, Three Brothers BBQ and Soul on the Go all featured filling home-style cooking. For snacks there were snowballs, fresh lemonade and even pork rinds to choose from.

Artists, artisans and vendors of nick knacks lined the back side of Jackson Park, so that many festival goers meandered from booth to booth, as the music played.

The enigmatic 'Northwood Social Club' acted as the main sponsor for the event, while Harvey's Chevrolet and The Travis Team also provided support for Music and Art in Jackson Park.

This helped with costs, as there was no fee for admission for the event, although donations were welcomed. By the end of the night, festival goers had dropped \$650 into the donations box at the park entrance.

"I recognized a lot of the people from around town and around the county," said Adam Hall, who, along with his wife Leanne, volunteered to work the entrance to the fest. "It was nice seeing friends that I've made over the years from all over the community."

What stuck out with me was that everyone was smiling as they walked in ... and were still smiling when they left!"

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Face painting at the Music and Art in Jackson Park festival.



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Blake Shelton and his band were the featured musical performers for Music and Art in Jackson Park. This backstage view shows Shelton (left side of photo) in the foreground playing in front of some country music fans.

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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.)

Festival

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“Overall, the food was delicious, the music was great, there was a nice selection of artisan vendors on hand and everyone involved seemed to have a great time,” stated Becky Lattuca, Executive Director of the F.A.C. “At the very end of the event, two public school teachers came to me to say “Thank you so much for doing this! It’s always such a great event. We look forward to it every year, please keep it going!”

It takes a whole community to present events like this one, but events like this one also help to make a community. I hope next year we see twice as many smiling, happy faces celebrating the arts in the park!”

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). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic

development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

Sept. 4

Town of Dublin holiday schedule

Dublin Town Offices will be closed Monday, September 4th for Labor Day. Garbage scheduled for pick-up on Monday, September 4th will be picked up on Tuesday, September 5th.

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.

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Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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



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Sara and Emily Hall volunteered to help the young (and young at heart) create art in the Jackson Park Gazebo.

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Major drug trafficker in Virginia sentenced

By Morgan Sweeney

(The Center Square) — A man convicted of trafficking large amounts of methamphetamine from Mexico into Virginia was sentenced to 25 years in federal prison yesterday, Attorney General Jason Miyares announced today.

“Cantu-Cantu was the major source of supply for a drug conspiracy that distributed more than 33 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine and six kilograms of cocaine into Southwest and Central Virginia through a multi-jurisdictional drug trafficking organization,” according to a press release from Miyares’ office.

The events that ultimately led to

the arrest and conviction of Alonso Cantu-Cantu, of Houston, Texas and 26 other defendants began six years ago with an investigation of street-level dealers in the Smyth County area.

According to evidence presented at trial, water tankers would bring the “high-purity” methamphetamine to the U.S. directly from Mexico in 55-gallon drums. Cantu-Cantu often worked with another “major drug trafficker” already behind bars to direct the drugs once they arrived at their distributors. They ultimately distributed throughout the Western District of Virginia, from Harrisonburg in the Shenandoah Valley to the independent city of Bristol on the Virginia-Tennessee border.

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Public Notice Pulaski County PSA Annual Hydrant Flushing

The Pulaski County Public Service Authority (PCPSA) will be completing their annual flushing of the water distribution system. Flushing is an important maintenance technique to remove stagnant water, restore disinfectant residual, remove loose deposits, and scour pipe surfaces. Flushing involves opening a distribution system hydrant and allowing water to discharge from the system. During this process, loose deposits are lifted from the pipe and removed, which leads to discolored water exiting the system. **PCPSA Staff will be performing this task between 9:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. nightly, depending on weather, to minimize impacts to customers.** However, there is a possibility that customers could still experience discolored water at their home/business. If you do experience discolored water, you should identify the cold-water faucet closest to the incoming water service serving your home/business and run cold water until clear. It is important to use cold water to avoid sediments entering your hot water heater.

Flushing will begin on August 21, 2023 at approximately 9:00 P.M. and will continue nightly for 6-8 weeks, depending on weather. Areas being flushed include, but are not limited to, the following:

Week 1 – Draper Area

In and around areas including, but not limited to the following roadways: Water Plant Rd., Hawks Nest Ln., Old Baltimore R., Barrett Ridge Rd., Kirby Rd, Graham Rd, Lake Ridge Dr. and Old Baltimore Road.

Week 2 – Newbern/Thornspring Area

In and around areas including, but not limited to the following roadways: Wilderness Rd., Lyons Rd., Cougar Trail Rd., Pepperell Way, Hatcher Rd., Lee Highway (Rte. 11), Thornspring Rd., Alum Spring Road.

Week 3 – Thornspring/Fairlawn (East) Area

In and around areas including, but not limited to the following roadways: Alum Spring Rd., Thornspring Rd., Old Rte. 100, Hickman Cemetery Rd., Morgan Farm Rd., Falling Branch Rd., and Peppers Ferry Blvd (Rte. 114).

Week 4 – Fairlawn (Central)/Belspring Area

In and around areas including, but not limited to the following roadways: Peppers Ferry Blvd (Rte. 114), Riverbend Dr., Dudley Ferry Rd., Annie Akers Rd., Brooklyn Rd., Viscoe Rd., Lee Highway (Rte. 11), and Gate 10 Road.

Week 5 – Fairlawn (West)/Dublin Area

In and around areas including, but not limited to the following roadways: State Park Rd., Wilderness Rd., Stone Ridge Dr., River Course Dr. and Teeth of the Dog Drive.

Week 6 – Mt. Olivet/Brookmont Area

In and around areas including, but not limited to the following roadways: Mt. Olivet Rd., Evans St., Finks Farm Rd., and Brookmont Road.



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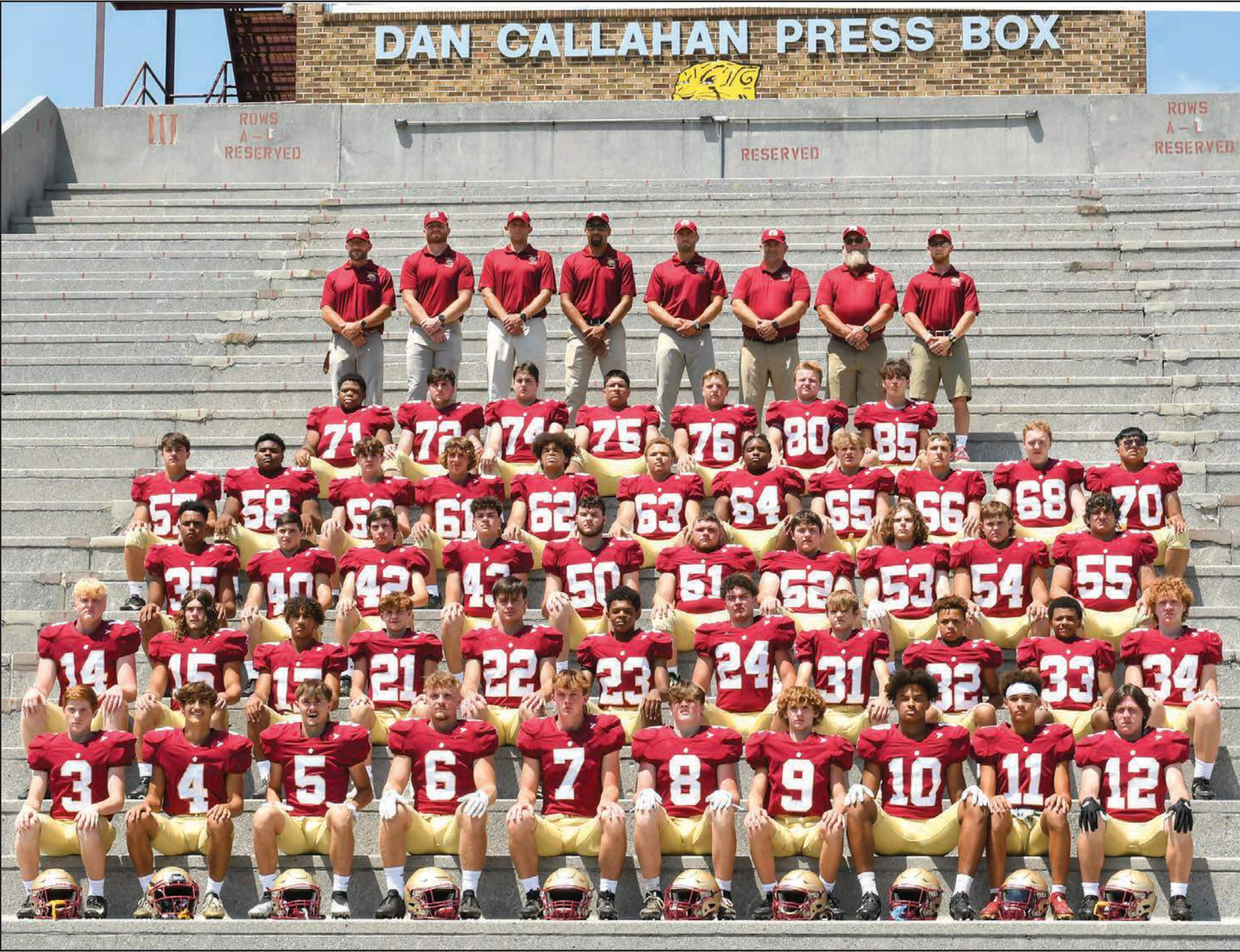
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2023 High School Football Preview



2023 Pulaski County Cougars

Photo by Susan Burchett

Cougars are bigger, stronger - wanting to improve

By RODNEY YOUNG
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Cougar football program is coming off a 4-6 2022 season record. It was the second time in three years the storied program has had a losing record, and it has not made the playoffs since 2019.

The 2023 season will see Pulaski County re-classified as a Class 3 school due to enrollment declines, down from Class 4.

The Cougars will compete in the same River Ridge District as before, but should they make the playoffs the opponents will be different. Regional opponents of the past such as G.W. Danville, Salem, Jefferson Forest, etc. will be replaced by the likes of Lord Botetourt, Abingdon and Northside.

The Cougars are under the direction of Cam Akers, who is in his second year as head coach. He is a former player for the Cougars and graduated in 2008. He played for former Cougar Head Coach Jack Turner.

Besides Pulaski County, Akers' career includes one year at Floyd County as an assistant. He then went to Auburn to help then head coach Turner.

After Turner left, Akers became the Auburn head coach and was there for five years. His re-



Cam Akers is entering his second season at the helm of the Cougars.

cord there was 20-29.

He then returned to Pulaski County as an assistant to then Cougar Head Coach Mark Dixon. After Dixon stepped down, Akers was first named interim head coach before the "interim" was dropped from his title.

After last season, Akers owns a 24-35 career mark.

"We are not happy with last year's record," Akers states right out of the gate. "That is and was on all of us. It's on me, my staff

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Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Sophomore Bryant Nottingham will start the season at QB.

Inside This Issue



Former Cougar
Zane Quesenberry
Wants To Lay New
Foundation
For Winning



Bobcats Are
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In 2023



Meet The 2023 Pulaski County Cougars



Alex Warden



Tanner Mace



Trey Landreth



Tyler Underwood



Isaiah O'Dell



GO COUGARS!

Good Luck
This Season
Pulaski County



Cougars

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and the players."

He then remarked, "We didn't finish some of our games last year. We were 17 points or so from being 7-3. We can't make mistakes and had trouble overcoming those. The dynamic has changed. When I was a senior here there was something like 105-106 kids out for football. We have around 47-48 kids out now."

The Cougars lost 11 seniors from last year's team and this year have 10 seniors on the squad. Last year's team scored an average of 27 points per game, but they allowed an average of 27 points per game as well. Numbers like those generally lead to around a 4-6, 5-5 record.

This year's edition of the Cougars will return five starters on offense and five on defense.

"Our schedule is tough. We have only four home games this season," Akers said. "Our district is tough. Salem and Patrick Henry are two of the best. Christiansburg is good. Hidden Valley, Cave Spring and Blacksburg all will be better. Rest of our schedule has Lord Botetourt, defending state champions Graham, Princeton (WVa.) and Northside. We can't afford to overlook anybody anymore. We have to take one game at a time, prepare and work each week. It's our culture here to play a tough schedule."

"We always play tough teams and we're not going to complain about our schedule."

The four home games are against Christiansburg, Salem, Graham and Cave Spring. The Cougars will travel to Northside, Lord Botetourt, Princeton (WVa.), Patrick Henry, Blacksburg and Hidden Valley.

The other home appearance will be the annual Benefit Game, known as "The Battle of the Bridge" versus archrival Radford.

Coach Akers said, "I've been around a lot of good football people and learned something from each one. How to be organized, to be physical and be committed, among other things. I could talk football with Mark Dixon all day long."

Akers' staff this season - and their coaching positions - include Eric Berry (offensive line and junior varsity head coach); Rob Colley (defensive coordinator); Greg Allen (outside linebackers); Josh Fleenor (defensive line and special teams); Taylor Akers (wide receivers, split ends); Antoine Calfee (running backs); Brad St. Clair (quarterbacks); Drew Hill (inside linebackers), and Randy Jarrells (football operations).

Akers himself serves as offensive coordinator.

"We are a work in progress," Akers said. "The administration here has been great. My staff, I couldn't ask for any better. The kids have been enjoyable to be around. They have worked and in the weight room we have gotten bigger and stronger. The gain in the weight room is very impressive and I'm proud of this program. I'm blessed to be here!"



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Cougars offense more familiar with Flexbone

By RODNEY YOUNG
The Patriot

This season the Pulaski County Cougars should be more familiar to the flexbone offense that Head Coach Cam Akers employs after running the offense in 2022. It's an offense that the quarterback needs to read and react. It has the lead option, option and pass all involved.

Akers remarked, "Our line play needs to be better, our quarterbacks need to read the defense better and we need to be able to pass better when we do pass the ball."

Starters on offense this season will be Blake Ratcliffe a 6-0, 211 lb. sophomore at center. The tackles are Senior Jack Allen and Hunter Hill. Allen is 6-2, 218 lb. Hill, a junior is 5-10 and weighs 205. The two guards will be Aiden Moore and Noah Hinkley. Moore is a junior at 5-9, 268, while Hinkley is also a junior. He's 5-8, 253.

The running back positions will be handled by Trevor Gallimore, Chase Lawrence and Brett Jones. Gallimore is a 5-10, 192 lb. junior and Lawrence is also a junior at 6-1, 180. Jones, a senior is 5-9, 170.

Marcus Reed and Tanner Mace are the starting wideouts. Reed is a senior and is 6-3, 200 pounds. Mace is 5-11, 155 and is a junior.

The quarterback – or quarterbacks – will be either senior Chris Gallimore or sophomore Bryant Nottingham.

Gallimore started most of the games last year and is 6-1, 220 pounds. Nottingham is 6-1, 155.

Akers noted Isaiah "Tootie" O'Dell could see some time at QB. He's 6-0, 175.

Elsewhere, Savion Thompson will see some time as a wide receiver. He's a 6-0, 183 lb. sophomore.

Backups at running back will be senior Zach Gallimore and Tyler Underwood. Zach is a senior weighing in at 169 lbs. and is 5-8. Underwood is 6-1, 210 and is a senior.

A couple backups for the offensive line will be Gavin Lytton, a 5-8, 170 lb. junior and Duncan Umberger, a 5-5, 233 lb. senior. The one other backup for the offensive line will be Chase King, a 5-11, 193 lb. sophomore.

The Cougar kicking and punting chores will be handled by



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Junior fullback Trevor Gallimore takes the handoff from QB Isaiah O'Dell on his way to paydirt during last week's scrimmage vs. Franklin County.

Nottingham. His holder on extra points and field goals will be Jones.

Last year the Cougar offense average just over 27 points per game.

Coach Akers was asked about run-to-pass ratio. Will it be 60-40 run, he was asked.

"No, it's going to be 80-20 run," Akers said with a smile.

Five starters return on this offensive unit and that should

mean the offense will be more in sync or up to speed after running the flexbone last season.



Zach Gallimore

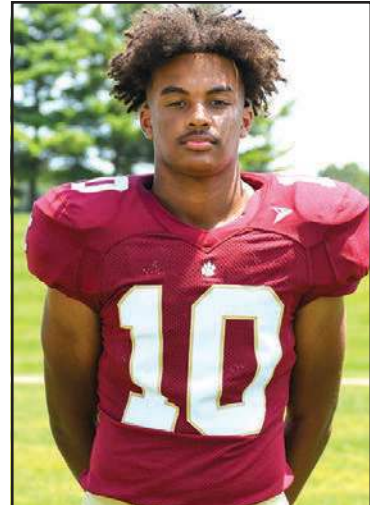


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Cougar tightend Marcus Reed, a senior brushes off a Franklin County defender.



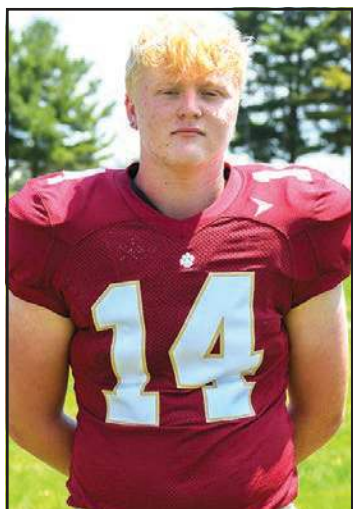
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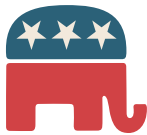
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Cougars to show 34 look on Defense

By RODNEY YOUNG
The Patriot

This year the Pulaski County Cougars will have a three-man front and four linebackers. It's called a 3-4 or "30 Look" on defense. The defense has five returning starters from a team that last season surrendered 27 points per game.

The defensive line will go with three down linemen. The nose tackle is Duncan Umberger, a 5-6, 235 lb. senior. The two ends will be maintained by senior Jack Allen, a 6-2, 218 lb. senior, while the other end is Aiden Moore. Morre is a junior who stands 5-9 and weighs 268.

The Cougars' outside linebackers will be Marcus Reed, a senior and sophomore Savion Thompson. Reed is 6-3, 202, while Thompson is 6-0, 183.

The Inside line backers or the "Mike" and "Will" backers are Tyler Underwood as the "Mike" and Nick Woolwine is the "Will." Underwood is a 6-1, 210 senior and Woolwine is a 6-1, 186 lb. senior.

The defensive backs will be Tanner Mace who is 5-11, 156 and is a junior. Trey Landreth is the other cornerback for the Cougars. Landreth, a senior, is 6-0, 161 pounds.

The safeties will be senior Brett Jones and junior Chase Lawrence. Jones is 5-9, 170, while Lawrence is 6-1, 180.

Head Coach Cam Akers listed several backups on the defense and said, "Bryant Nottingham will be main back up to the cornerbacks. He's a 6-1,154 sophomore. Isaiah "Tootie" O'Dell, a junior will be a backup at safety. O'dell is 6-0, 176."

The defensive line will see junior Gavin Lytton and Blake Ratcliffe used as reserves. Lytton is a 5-8, 169 lb. junior and Ratcliffe, a sophomore, is 6-0, 211.

Backup linebackers will be Hunter Hill, a 5-10, 205 lb. junior and Trevor Gallimore, a 5-10, 192 lb. junior.

"Our secondary will have mixed coverages. Man to man, some zone and we may blitz from our linebacker positions," said Akers. "That will depend on teams we play and the situations we are in."



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Pulaski County defenders - defensive linemen Duncan Umberger (51) and Gavin Lytton (61) and inside linebacker Trevor Gallimore - stop this Franklin County ball carrier.



Carter Wilson



Tanner Toney



Trevor Gallimore



Malaki Burton



Brett Jones



Nick Woolwine



Stanley Warden



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Roshawn Hill



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2023 Schedules For Area Football Teams

August 25 Sept. 1 Sept. 8 Sept. 15 Sept. 22 Sept. 29 Oct. 6 Oct. 13 Oct. 20 Oct. 27 Nov. 3

Christiansburg 3 River Ridge	Floyd Co. 2 H 7:00	Abingdon 3 A 7:00	William Byrd 3 H 7:00	Cave Spring 3 H 7:00	Pulaski County 3 * A 7:00	Riverheads 2 A 7:00	Blacksburg 4 * H 7:00	Hidden Valley 3 * A 7:00	Patrick Henry-Roa 5 * H 7:00	Salem 4 * A 7:00	
Hidden Valley 3 River Ridge	William Fleming 5 A 7:00	William Byrd 3 A 7:00	Northside 3 H 7:00	Glenvar 2 H 7:00		Salem 4 * A 7:00	Cave Spring 3 * A 7:00	Christiansburg 3 * H 7:00	Blacksburg 4 * A 7:00	Pulaski County 3 * H 7:00	Patrick Henry-Roa 5 * H 7:00
Pulaski County 3 River Ridge	Northside 3 A 7:00		Lord Botetourt 3 A 7:00	Princeton, WV 3 A 7:00	Christiansburg 3 * H 7:00	Patrick Henry-Roa 5 * A 7:00	Salem 4 * H 7:00	Blacksburg 4 * A 7:00	Graham 2 H 7:00	Hidden Valley 3 * A 7:00	Cave Spring 3 * H 7:00
Carroll County 3 Three Rivers	Grundy 1 A 7:00	Grayson County 1 H 8/31 7:00	Galax 1 A 7:00	George Wythe-W 1 A 7:00	Patrick Co. 2 * H 7:00	James River (B) 2 * A 7:00	Alleghany 3 * A 7:00	Floyd Co. 2 * A 7:00		Radford 2 * H 7:00	Glenvar 2 * H 7:00
Blacksburg 4 River Ridge	Giles 1 A 7:00	Lord Botetourt 3 H 7:00	Floyd Co. 2 A 7:00	Rockbridge Co. 3 H 7:00	Cave Spring 3 * A 7:00		Christiansburg 3 * A 7:00	Pulaski County 3 * H 7:00	Hidden Valley 3 * H 7:00	Patrick Henry-Roa 5 * A 7:00	Salem 4 * H 7:00
Salem 4 River Ridge	Liberty Christian 3 H 7:00	Franklin County 5 H 7:00	William Fleming 5 A 7:00	Northside 3 A 7:00	Patrick Henry-Roa 5 * H 7:00	Hidden Valley 3 * H 7:00	Pulaski County 3 * A 7:00		Cave Spring 3 * A 7:00	Christiansburg 3 * H 7:00	Blacksburg 4 * A 7:00
Cave Spring 3 River Ridge	Western Albemarle 3 H 7:00	Northside 3 A 7:00	Glenvar 2 A 7:00	Christiansburg 3 A 7:00	Blacksburg 4 * A 7:00	William Byrd 3 A 7:00	Hidden Valley 3 * H 7:00	Patrick Henry-Roa 5 * A 7:00	Salem 4 * H 7:00		Pulaski County 3 * A 7:00
Floyd Co. 2 Three Rivers	Christiansburg 3 A 7:00	Fort Chiswell 1 H 7:00	Blacksburg 4 H 7:00	Grayson County 1 A 7:00	James River (B) 2 * H 7:00	Patrick Co. 2 * A 7:00		Carroll County 3 * H 7:00	Radford 2 * A 7:00	Glenvar 2 * H 7:00	Alleghany 3 * A 7:00
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James River (B) 2 Three Rivers	Buffalo Gap 1 H 7:00	Randolph-Henry 2 H 7:00	Parry McCluer 1 H 7:00	Staunton 3 A 7:00	Floyd Co. 2 * A 7:00	Carroll County 3 * H 7:00	Radford 2 * A 7:00		Glenvar 2 * A 7:00	Alleghany 3 * H 7:00	Patrick Co. 2 * H 7:00
Radford 2 Three Rivers	George Wythe-W 1 H 7:00	Giles 1 H 7:00	Virginia 2 A 7:00	Galax 1 H 7:00	Alleghany 3 * H 7:00	Glenvar 2 * A 7:00	James River (B) 2 * H 7:00	Patrick Co. 2 * A 7:00	Floyd Co. 2 * H 7:00	Carroll County 3 * A 7:00	
Auburn 1 Mtn. Empire	Narrows 1 H 7:00	Craig Co. 1 A 7:00		Eastern Montgomery 1 H 7:00	Galax 1 * H 7:00	Giles 1 * H 7:00	Bath County 1 A 7:00	Fort Chiswell 1 * A 7:00	Grayson County 1 * H 7:00	Eastside 1 A 7:00	George Wythe-W 1 * A 7:00
Bland County 1 Mtn. Empire	Craig Co. 1 H 7:00		Phelps, KY 1 A 7:00			Twin Valley 1 A 7:00		Jenkins, KY 1 H 7:00		Roanoke Catholic 1 H 7:00	Montcalm, WV 1 A 7:00
Fort Chiswell 1 Mtn. Empire	Rural Retreat 1 A 7:00	Floyd Co. 2 A 7:00		Tazewell 2 H 7:00	Eastern Montgomery 1 H 7:00	Parry McCluer 1 H 7:00	Grayson County 1 * A 7:00	Auburn 1 * H 7:00	George Wythe-W 1 * H 7:00	Galax 1 * A 7:00	Giles 1 * A 7:00

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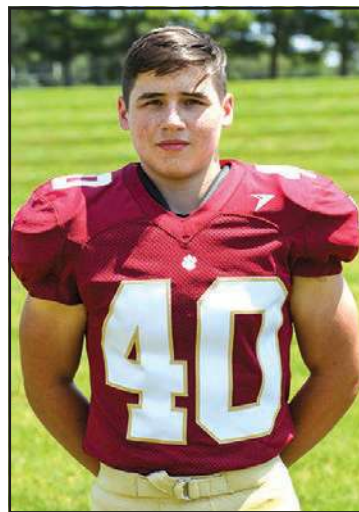
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Galax 1 Mtn. Empire	Glenvar 2 A 7:00	Graham 2 H 7:00	Carroll County 3 H 7:00	Radford 2 A 7:00	Auburn 1 * A 7:00	George Wythe-W 1 * H 7:00		Giles 1 * A 7:00	Richlands 2 H 7:00	Fort Chiswell 1 * H 7:00	Grayson County 1 * A 7:00
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Bath County 1 Pioneer	Mountain View-Q 2 A 7:00	Page County 2 H 7:00	Richwood, WV 1 A 7:00	Meadow Bridge, WV 1 H 7:00	Roanoke Catholic 1 A 7:00		Auburn 1 H 7:00	Eastern Montgomery 1 * A 7:00	Craig Co. 1 * H 7:00	Parry McCluer 1 * A 7:00	Narrows 1 * H 7:00
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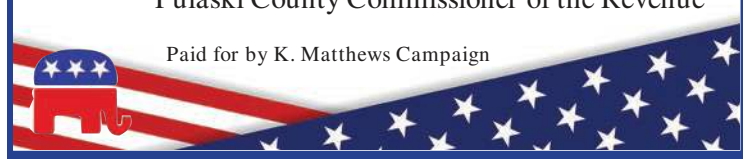
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Kim Matthews,
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2023 Pulaski County Cougars

Pulaski County Football Schedule

Aug. 25 - @ Northside
Sept. 1 - Open
Sept. 8 - @ Lord Botetourt
Sept. 15 - @ Princeton
Sept. 22 - Christiansburg
Sept. 29 - @ Patrick Henry
Oct. 6 - Salem
Oct. 13 - @ Blacksburg
Oct. 20 - Graham
Oct. 27 - @ Hidden Valley
Nov. 3 - Cave Spring

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Sept	Live Music @ Rockhouse Marina
Sept - Oct	Thornspring Pastures Farm Fest
Sept - Oct	Wine Harvest Season
Sept 8,9,10	AJSA Jet Ski Race
Sept 16, 17	Pulaski County Flea Market
Sept 22	Dailey & Vincent @ NRCC
Sept 23	NRV Sheep and G.O.A.T. Club Festival
Oct 12	Pulaski Fire Parade
Oct 14, 15	Newbern Fall Festival
Oct 28	Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular
Oct 6 - 31	DAK Lights - Halloween Light Show

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49 Years of Cougar Football

This is Pulaski County High School’s 50th football season. The website www.fourseasonsfootball.com keeps track of football scores, win-loss records and more for high schools in Virginia, West Virginia and other states in the region. We thank them for granting us permission to use their research in this issue. If you visit their site, you can also see the score of every game in Pulaski County’s history, as well as records and scores against each individual opponent Pulaski County has faced since the school opened in 1974.

Year	G	W	L	T	%	PF	PA	Ave	Ave	Pt. Diff.	Pt. %	Coach	10 Year Record			
1974	10	2	7	1	.250	157	254	15.70	25.40	-9.70	.382	Dave Brown				
1975	10	0	10	0	.000	87	343	8.70	34.30	-25.60	.202	Dave Brown				
1976	10	4	5	1	.450	162	201	16.20	20.10	-3.90	.446	Dave Brown				
1977	10	5	4	1	.550	118	121	11.80	12.10	-0.30	.494	Dave Brown				
1978	10	3	7	0	.300	92	208	9.20	20.80	-11.60	.307	Dave Brown				
1979	12	9	3	0	.750	205	92	17.08	7.67	9.42	.690	Joel Hicks				
1980	10	6	4	0	.600	202	151	20.20	15.10	5.10	.572	Joel Hicks				
1981	10	7	3	0	.700	151	118	15.10	11.80	3.30	.561	Joel Hicks				
1982	12	11	1	0	.917	281	93	23.42	7.75	15.67	.751	Joel Hicks				
1983	13	11	2	0	.846	298	103	22.92	7.92	15.00	.743	Joel Hicks	58	46	3	.556
1984	13	10	3	0	.769	222	97	17.08	7.46	9.62	.696	Joel Hicks	66	42	2	.609
1985	10	8	2	0	.800	234	113	23.40	11.30	12.10	.674	Joel Hicks	74	34	2	.682
1986	11	9	2	0	.818	281	85	25.55	7.73	17.82	.768	Joel Hicks	79	31	1	.716
1987	11	7	4	0	.636	216	123	19.64	11.18	8.45	.637	Joel Hicks	81	31	0	.723
1988	12	8	4	0	.667	163	106	13.58	8.83	4.75	.606	Joel Hicks	86	28	0	.754
1989	11	10	1	0	.909	275	74	25.00	6.73	18.27	.788	Joel Hicks	87	26	0	.770
1990	10	5	5	0	.500	194	159	19.40	15.90	3.50	.550	Joel Hicks	86	27	0	.761
1991	12	9	3	0	.750	320	236	26.67	19.67	7.00	.576	Joel Hicks	88	27	0	.765
1992	14	12	2	0	.857	379	139	27.07	9.93	17.14	.732	Joel Hicks	89	28	0	.761
1993	14	13	1	0	.929	537	147	38.36	10.50	27.86	.785	Joel Hicks	91	27	0	.771
1994	12	10	2	0	.833	403	129	33.58	10.75	22.83	.758	Joel Hicks	91	26	0	.778
1995	12	8	4	0	.667	324	200	27.00	16.67	10.33	.618	Joel Hicks	91	28	0	.765
1996	12	10	2	0	.833	340	152	28.33	12.67	15.67	.691	Joel Hicks	92	28	0	.767
1997	11	8	3	0	.727	288	233	26.18	21.18	5.00	.553	Joel Hicks	93	27	0	.775
1998	10	6	4	0	.600	300	203	30.00	20.30	9.70	.596	Joel Hicks	91	27	0	.771
1999	10	5	5	0	.500	292	237	29.20	23.70	5.50	.552	Joel Hicks	86	31	0	.735
2000	13	11	2	0	.846	487	179	37.46	13.77	23.69	.731	Joel Hicks	92	28	0	.767
2001	14	12	2	0	.857	606	231	43.29	16.50	26.79	.724	Joel Hicks	95	27	0	.779
2002	10	5	5	0	.500	191	162	19.10	16.20	2.90	.541	Joel Hicks	88	30	0	.746
2003	10	6	4	0	.600	276	160	27.60	16.00	11.60	.633	Jack Turner	81	33	0	.711
2004	10	8	2	0	.800	243	174	24.30	17.40	6.90	.583	Jack Turner	79	33	0	.705
2005	11	5	6	0	.455	229	260	20.82	23.64	-2.82	.468	Jack Turner	76	35	0	.685
2006	10	2	8	0	.200	145	212	14.50	21.20	-6.70	.406	Jack Turner	68	41	0	.624
2007	11	7	4	0	.636	288	183	26.18	16.64	9.55	.611	Jack Turner	67	42	0	.615
2008	13	12	1	0	.923	426	128	32.77	9.85	22.92	.769	Jack Turner	73	39	0	.652
2009	10	2	8	0	.200	191	307	19.10	30.70	-11.60	.384	Jack Turner	70	42	0	.625
2010	10	5	5	0	.500	206	227	20.60	22.70	-2.10	.476	Todd Jones	64	45	0	.587
2011	11	1	10	0	.091	168	259	15.27	23.55	-8.27	.393	Todd Jones	53	53	0	.500
2012	12	6	6	0	.500	250	198	20.83	16.50	4.33	.558	Todd Jones	54	54	0	.500
2013	11	4	7	0	.364	172	216	15.64	19.64	-4.00	.443	Todd Jones	52	57	0	.477
2014	11	5	6	0	.455	253	295	23.00	26.82	-3.82	.462	Stephen James	49	61	0	.445
2015	11	9	2	0	.818	329	210	29.91	19.09	10.82	.610	Stephen James	53	57	0	.482
2016	11	7	4	0	.636	382	224	34.73	20.36	14.36	.630	Stephen James	58	53	0	.523
2017	10	6	4	0	.600	338	267	33.80	26.70	7.10	.559	Stephen James	57	53	0	.518
2018	12	8	4	0	.667	417	209	34.75	17.42	17.33	.666	Stephen James	53	56	0	.486
2019	12	9	3	0	.750	273	139	22.75	11.58	11.17	.663	Stephen James	60	51	0	.541
2021	7	4	3	0	.571	246	107	35.14	15.29	19.86	.697	Mark Dixon	59	49	0	.546
2021	10	4	6	0	.400	279	305	27.90	30.50	-2.60	.478	Mark Dixon	62	45	0	.579
2022	10	4	6	0	.400	283	274	28.30	27.40	0.90	.508	Cam Akers	60	45	0	.571
2023	0	0	0	0	#####	0	0	#####	#####	#DIV/0!	#####	Cam Akers	56	38	0	.596
	542	338	201	3	.626	13,199	9,043	24.35	16.68	7.67	.593					
						263.98	180.86					Points / year				

Website seeking scores from earlier years



Rick Baker of Princeton, who maintains the website, www.fourseasonsfootball.com is looking for missing Pulaski, Dublin, Radford, Blacksburg and Christiansburg scores.

“Perhaps a reader or two has a relative’s old yearbook(s). I have seen the ones that the Pulaski library has online and the ones at the Radford library. I realize it is a longshot, but I am looking for the following,” Baker said.

- Dublin scores from 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1942
- Pulaski scores from 1913, 1914, 1915, 1925
- Radford scores from 1916, 1917, 1919, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927
- Blacksburg score from 1914, 1915, 1917, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931
- Christiansburg scores from 1914, 1917, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1924, 1925, 1929, 1930, 1933

“Yearbooks are often a good source, but often the scores are not there. You also have to remember that the 1931 yearbook would have the 1930 scores from the previous fall, just as the class of 1981’s football season is the 1980 season, etc.,” Baker reminded.

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The Patriot

RADFORD - Coming off a 10-2 season, the Radford Bobcats have seven returnees on defense and six on offense. They will more than likely be ranked in the top 10 in the state in Class 2 football this season.

Michael Crist is starting his third year at the Bobcat helm. He has a record of 18-6 in the first two years and has guided the Bobcats to the playoffs in both of those years. This is his 11th year as head coach as he served as head man at Virginia High for eight years.

The Bobcat coaching staff will consist of Roger Hollins as the defensive coordinator. Zach Landis will be the offensive coordinator/ offensive line coach. Josh Smith will be wide receiver coach. D.J. Baylor is in charge of the defensive backs and special teams. Richie Davis will coach the defensive line, while Randy Grubb will coach the running backs. Charlie Meeks is the middle school head coach and Josh McGuire is assistant for the middle school team.

Radford has 53 players out for varsity football, not bad for a Class 2 school.

“Our numbers are up and we have some good competition for positions,” Crist said.

The starting offensive team will be Nolan Dalton at center, Jackson Wade and Charlie Davis the guards. Tackles are Dawson Martin and Daniel Neely. Landen Clark will be at quarterback. The running backs and wide receivers are fluid. One receiver will be Max Kanipe. Sincere Taylor, Couper Doyle, Luke Woodard, Hutson Walsh and Jaden Hendricks will see time at receiver, as well as others.

Running backs will be Koreyon Ferguson, J.D. Grubb, Sam Khandan-Barani, Brice Wall and others.

Receivers and running backs have lots of competition. Radford will be uptempo with run-pass-options (RPO's). Coach Crist remarked, “We have some air raid and multiple sets as well.”

The defense will have a 33 Look. The lineman will be Ricky Bailey, Daniel Neely and Dawson Martin.

The linebackers are Charlie Davis, Brandon Thompson and Sam Khandan-Barani.

The secondary will consist of Landen Clark, Max Kanipe, Sincere Taylor, Couper Doyle, and Hutson Walsh.

Reece Honaker, Jackson Wade and Nolan Dalton will see some action on both sides of the ball and or in backup on the lines. Koreyon Ferguson, William Dehart-Lewis and others will be backups for the linebackers.

The punting duties will be handled by Landen Clark, while the kicking will be done by Hutson Walsh. Clark will be the holder on kicks.

Radford will face George Wythe, Galax, Giles, newly consolidated Alleghany and Floyd County at home. They will be at Virginia High, Glenvar and at Patrick County. It's a tough and challenging schedule.

Radford should once again be talented, athletic and experienced. They should score some points. Will the defense stop people when they have to? Last season the Bobcats averaged over 42 points a game and their defense allowed close to 19 per game. Radford was just a couple stops on defense away from playing for a regional title.

The Bobcats lost some really good players and athletes from last season, but this team is still talented enough and athletic enough to make the playoffs. If things balance their way, they have the potential to make a deep playoff run.



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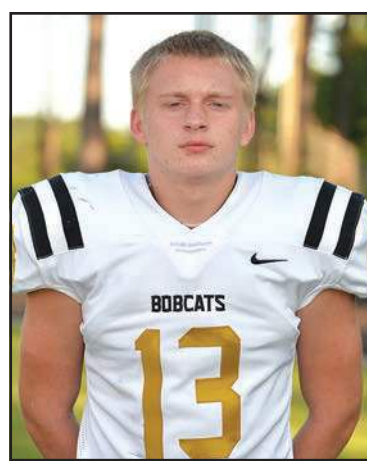
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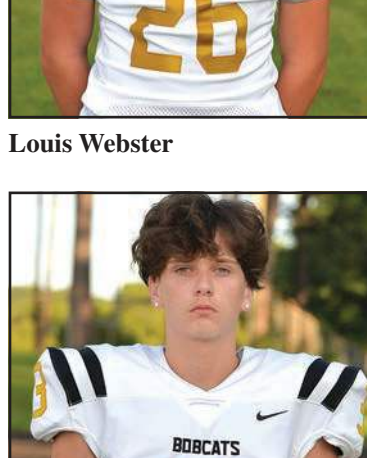
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Ft. Chiswell: New Head Coach Laying Foundation

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The Patriot

MAX MEADOWS – The 2023 edition of the Fort Chiswell Pioneers will see them with a new head coach. He’s Zane Quesenberry, former player and assistant coach at Pulaski County High School. He was also a former assistant coach and defensive coordinator at Auburn High School.

Zane graduated from Maryville College in Tennessee. He played football at Maryville. He played three sports at Pulaski County and graduated in 2009 – football, basketball and baseball.

He was the quarterback and special teams coach for the Cougars before the Pioneers hired him away from Pulaski County.

The Pioneers have 45 kids out for football, and they have 16 seniors on their roster.

Coach Quesenberry remarked, “When I got hired I told the seniors, you are the start of the foundation to build here.”

He has building to do as he is now the fifth head coach in the last seven years for Fort Chiswell. He replaces Robert “Spider” Thompson.

The last two years the Pioneers were just 2-18, as the program has fallen on hard times. They have averaged less than three wins a year for the last five seasons. Their five-year record is a bad 15-35. The 2018 season was the last time they went to the playoffs.

“We’ve got to get the community back involved,” said Quesenberry. “This is like building a house. You lay the foundation, then build the walls and then the roof. The seniors, my staff, and myself need to build confidence and it’s going to be a challenge.”

The Pioneer staff will include Drew Watkins as the offensive line coach and defensive coordinator. Another former Cougar, Mason Clark will be in charge of the wide receivers and outside linebackers. Luke Arnold will coach the defensive line and tight ends or H backs. Corey Akers will coach running backs and help with the defensive line. Tyler Crigger is a volunteer assistant as he wants to be in the coaching occupation. Zane will be the offensive coordinator as well as head coach.

The Pioneers play in the Mountain Empire District and they will face Galax, George Wythe, Grayson County, Giles and Auburn. Coach Quesenberry said, “We face two teams (Galax and George Wythe) that are capable of being in the final four each year in their class. Grayson County has most everybody back that played for a regional final last year.”

Fort Chiswell will face Floyd County, Parry McCluer and Taze-well among others. Quesenberry said, “The out of district schedule is a good measuring stick for us and we play up in class and there are some regional teams on the schedule.”

Offensively the Pioneers will be multiple. Quesenberry remarked, “We will have run-pass options (RPO’s) and hope to do multiple sets. We like to make the defense think some.”

“Defensively we will go with a 40 front or a 44 Look. We want to play fast and aggressively. Our secondary will have multiple coverages,” Coach Quesenberry revealed.

On offense Fort Chiswell will go with Brenden Mabry at center. David Felts and John Dalton at tackles. Guards will be Malachi Lawson and Boston White. Cam Alley will be the quarterback, and the running backs should be Mikey Melton, Weston Stoots. Brayden Billings, Layton Kennedy as well as Jacob Goins seeing time as the wide receivers. Carter Bailey will play the H back. Others to play on offense will be Chase Hetherington, Matthew Hanks as receivers. Zach Morris and Caleb Jones will be back ups at offensive line. The back up quarterback is Brady Kelly.

On defense Zach Morris and Aiden Jones will be at ends, Brenden Mabry and Ethan Sheffey will be the tackles. Outside linebackers will be Mikey Melton and Weston Stoots. The inside linebacker spots will be manned by Jacob Goins and David Felts. Layton Kennedy and Chase Hetherington are the defensive backs. The safety is Brayden Billings.

Other players to see some action will be Zayne Sayers, Carter Bailey and Matthew Hanks in the secondary. Malachi Lawson, John Dalton and Caleb Jones should see playing time as well.

The Fort Chiswell punter will be Kennedy. Placekicker is Billings and Cam Alley is the holder.

“Since I was hired in March, we have become stronger and this group has been very committed to the weight room,” said Quesenberry. “They are wanting to get better. I’m very impressed with their work ethic. We have to build the foundation first.”

“We need to create a family atmosphere and get the community behind this team. That support will help with the success of this program. We need to be all in this together and bring back success here on Friday nights.”

This program has been down now for a few years, and it will be interesting to see if the foundation has been laid and the Pioneers can build back to what was Fort Chiswell football.



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Garrett Stone



Brayden Billings



Brady Kelly



Matthew Hanks



Jacob Goins



Layton Kennedy



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