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## Sheriff's Office seeking more information on death of man

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On Sunday morning at approximately 1 a.m. the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office responded to the 700 block of Overlook Lane located in the Fairlawn section of Pulaski County in reference to a gunshot wound victim.

Upon arrival, deputies found a male subject, later identified as 24-year-old Mathew Cameron Carper of Blacksburg with a gunshot wound sitting inside a vehicle.

Medical attention was provided, and Carper was transported by rescue personnel from the scene.

Later Carper was flown to Roanoke Memorial Hospital where he died as a result of the gunshot wound.

In speaking with witnesses at the scene, a large gathering was taking place at the Overlook Lane residence when a fight broke out between multiple subjects.

Shortly after witnesses described hearing a gunshot and multiple individuals began running and leaving the location.

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We are asking any witnesses or persons who were at the Overlook Lane address to contact the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office at 540-980-7800 or contact our anonymous tip line at 540-980-7810.

## Griffith announces donation to YMCA

Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith has announced that funds from a portion of certain civil forfeited assets will be donated to the Pulaski County YMCA for its Y-Excel program. The donation will cover registration fees for 50 Pulaski County students who register to attend the program offered through the PCYMCA.

Y-Excel is an afterschool program that gives elementary school students in Pulaski County a safe space to do homework, play games, participate in educational math and literacy games, and

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## What's happening at the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base?

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

For nearly two decades, the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base has provided the Boy Scouts of America, easy access to a myriad of aquatic activities, as well as the opportunity to earn merit badges relating to nautical activities.

The docks and boathouse of the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base are situated in a cove across the water from Claytor Lake State Park.

The Claytor Lake Aquatics Base, along with Camp Powhatan and Camp Ottari are all located in the heavily rural Snowville/Hiwassee side of the lake. The Blue Ridge Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) owns all

three properties and large swaths of land in between.

According to Bob Drury, the Director of Field Services for the Scouts, the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base first opened in 2005 and continues to serve the needs of the Scouts BSA by offering lake-based summer activities for scout troops from as far away as Texas.

These days the Claytor Lake Aquatic Base remains vacant for most of the year but for five weeks in the summer, scouts from all points of the compass come to swim and play in the waters of the New River. Aside from the Scouts, the only other visitors this year to the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base was a rowing team from Braddock Secondary School that stayed in the cabins for

a few days last Spring. Otherwise, the cabins have remained unused.

Those who've approached the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base by water have likely noticed a large sign on the hill behind the boathouse. The sign notifies the public of an online auction for the property, which took place in August of 2022. The sign has remained in place for more than a year but as of this writing, the sale of the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base has yet to be finalized.

The 68-acre property which makes up the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base includes a huge hexagonally shaped dining hall/conference center, 16 compact cabins, a large bathhouse, two efficiency apart-

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# Donation

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grow social and emotional skills. Snacks will also be served, as the program runs from the end of the school day until 6 p.m.

The PCYMCA had previously announced that the \$25 Y-Excel registration fee would be waived on July 29th. The offer from the Commonwealth's Attorney's office allows up to 50 students to register at any time for free. This greatly benefits families who were unable to make it on July 29th.

"The YMCA has recently shown their commitment to our community by their extensive financial commitment to the renovations.... Their partnership with Pulaski County Public Schools in the Y-Excel after school program continues to show the community their desire to meet needs," said Griffith.

Two community stakeholders have joined Griffith's efforts to double the offering. Travis Team Realty and The Insurance Center of Dublin teamed up to pay for an additional 50 students, providing a total of 100 free registrations.



Justin Griffith

"This show of confidence by the Commonwealth's Attorney and our community partners will mean so much to the parents of the elementary students that use our services. We are appreciative of the support and honored to fulfill this important community need," said YMCA CEO Dave Adkins.

The deadline to register students for the Y-Excel program is August 9 during all Pulaski County elementary school open houses. The program begins August 14, 2023.

The C. E. Richardson Benevolent Foundation has funds available for grants in the amount of \$10,000.00 or less to qualified tax exempt organizations.

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Ruth S. Looney,  
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## Cheryl's Book Club at the Museum!

The ladies of Cheryl's Book Club attended a special program at the Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum. With their copy of Untold Power in hand, the group eagerly listened as "Mrs. Wilson," portrayed by Betsy Ely, recounted her journey from "Wytheville to the White House." After the program, the group toured the Bolling Home.

This close-knit group of readers came from Christiansburg, Blacksburg, and Pulaski. The group was formed in memory of Cheryl Blackwell, an avid reader and mutual friend, who formed the group. Thank you to Donia Eley for organizing the tour. Following the museum tour, the ladies enjoyed dinner at the Bolling Wilson Hotel's restaurant, Graze on Main. A good time was had by all!

If you have a group and would like to arrange a special visit, call: 276-223-3484 or email info@edith-bollingwilson.org.

# Gas prices up 15 cents in last week, 30 cents in a month

By Alan Wooten

(The Center Square) – Virginia's price for a gallon of unleaded gasoline has risen nearly 30 cents in a month, half of that in just the last week.

The American Automobile Association's daily tracking put the state average at \$3.59 on Monday, up from \$3.42 a week ago and \$3.30 a month ago.

The national average is \$3.75, AAA says.

Diesel prices are also on the rise. The average in state is \$3.91, up from \$3.77 a week ago and \$3.70 a month ago.

Unleaded gas in Virginia was selling on average for \$3.99 a gallon a year ago; diesel was \$5.19.

Patrick De Haan, an analyst of petroleum prices at GasBuddy, in a statement said, "Gas prices suddenly soared over the last week due to heat-related refinery outages that impacted some of the largest refineries in the country, at a time when summer gasoline demand peaks and as gasoline inventories slid to their lowest July level since 2015."

Also, he said, oil prices are at their highest level in months. It's more than \$80 per barrel, due to strategic petroleum reserve releases coming to an end. De Haan noted supply cuts from Saudi Arabia and Russia, the second- and third-largest oil producers on the planet.


As is usual, prices are highest near the D.C. metro area and in the Tidewater area near the beaches that draw tourists. The lowest prices are

in the southwestern counties of the Appalachians.

In county averages, the highest is Fairfax (\$3.79) bordering the cities of Alexandria (\$3.82) and Arlington (\$3.81). Loudoun County is a tick lower at \$3.67. At the Chesapeake Bay, Northampton (\$3.76) and Accomack (\$3.74) counties are about a dime higher than Virginia Beach (\$3.65) and Hampton (\$3.64).

Fredericksburg is up 22 cents on last week; for Winchester and Staunton-Waynesboro, it is 20 cents. It's a 19 cents rise in both Richmond-Petersburg and the Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News metro markets.

Virginia taxes gasoline at 28.9 cents per gallon. According to IGEN, which analyzes trends of heavily regulated markets, 28 states are lower. The highest are Pennsylvania (61.1 cents) California (53.9), Washington (49.4), Maryland (42.7), Illinois (42.3) and New Jersey (42.1).






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# Governor visits Va. National Guard at Southern Border

RICHMOND, VA – Governor Glenn Youngkin yesterday traveled to the southern border of Texas to visit the Virginia National Guard soldiers and airmen on deployment as part of Operation Lone Star, a multi-state effort to combat the illegal flow of fentanyl and other illicit drugs, curb human trafficking and address the ongoing humanitarian crisis at the southern border of the United States.

“I visited our Virginia National Guard soldiers and airmen to express my gratitude to them for bravely answering the call to serve. As we continue to face this crisis, Virginia along with 12 other states have committed to assisting the State of Texas’ efforts in key aspects of their mission,” said Governor Glenn Youngkin. “An open border is enabling the

destruction of lives by the blight of illicit drugs and human trafficking. With an average of five Virginians dying a day from fentanyl overdoses, we have to go to work at the source.”

On May 31st, Governor Glenn Youngkin issued Executive Directive Four, Deploying Targeted Resources in Response to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact Request from the State of Texas to Address the Ongoing Southern U.S. Border Crisis.

After receiving an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request from Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Governor Glenn Youngkin deployed 100 Virginia National Guard soldiers and airmen and 10 personnel to secure America’s southern border through Operation Lone Star.



Governor Glenn Youngkin looks over the Rio Grande in Eagle Pass, Texas, July 26, 2023. (Official Photo by Christian Martinez, Office of Governor Glenn Youngkin.)

## Tourism spending in Virginia on the rise, exceeds 2019 level

By Morgan Sweeney

(The Center Square) – Visitor spending in Virginia is up, exceeding prepandemic levels in 2019.

Even still, jobs in the tourism sector haven’t fully recovered, according to statistics from the Tourism Economics in a release from Gov. Glenn Youngkin’s office.

Travelers spent more than \$30.3 billion in the commonwealth over the course of 2022, an increase of 20.3% from 2021 and 4.4% from 2019. Jobs supported by tourism are up to 210,000, though that is still down about 30,000 from 2019.

Caren Merrick, state secretary of Commerce and Trade, sees the improvements as evidence of Virginia tourism’s resilience and vitality.

“We are thrilled to see visitor spending in Virginia return to pre-pandemic numbers,” Merrick said in a prepared statement. “We look forward to seeing increased travel and a continued recovery in 2023.”

Tax revenues are an additional

benefit to increased tourist activity in the state. While traveler spending generated \$30.3 billion in 2022 (which amounts to \$83 million per day), that spending generated another almost \$2.2 billion in state and local taxes, an increase of close to 20% from 2021.

Some surmise that the growth is in part due to Virginia’s central East Coast location and driving distance from many states – which turned out to be advantageous in a time when air travel was precarious and road trips were burgeoning.

The pandemic stimulus package the American Rescue Plan Act also apportioned recovery funds to states, including dollars that could be used for state travel and tourism marketing. Virginia Tourism “reached nearly 15 million more households in 2022” than in 2021 due to expanded advertising, according to the release.

“By reaching more travelers in new markets, Virginia continues to raise awareness and consideration as a premier travel destination,” said Rita McClenny, president and CEO of Virginia Tourism Corp.



Governor Glenn Youngkin receives briefing in Shelby Park Command Post in Eagle Pass, Texas, July 26, 2023. (Official Photo by Christian Martinez, Office of Governor Glenn Youngkin.)



Governor Glenn Youngkin thanks member of the Virginia National Guard in Eagle Pass, Texas, July 26, 2023. (Official Photo by Christian Martinez, Office of Governor Glenn Youngkin.)

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**MANETTA GENE LAYTON GUNTER**

The matriarch of the Layton Gunter family was called to her heavenly home on July 31 surrounded by her family and the sounds of "Take Me Home Country Roads". A West Virginian, through and through, she was born in Mullens, West Virginia on March 23, 1926. If you are trying to figure her age, she would tell you that she was old enough to vote and she wasn't a horse so she was not for sell. Gene (yes, it is spelled with a G) was the only child of the late Harry and Stella Calloway Layton. She was married to Carlos Lee Gunter for 63 years before his passing in 2009. Their 60th wedding anniversary was celebrated and recognized at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee. Gene was also preceded in her heavenly journey by daughter-in-law, Sharon Owens Gunter.

Gene graduated from Mullens High School, attended the University of Virginia School of Nursing, and then graduated and passed her state boards as a beautician. In 1952 her family including her mother and father moved from West Virginia to a farm in Draper, Virginia. There she raised her family, worked the farm, passed her Civil Service exam, and worked for the United States Postal service for many years.

Gene had a life well lived as evidenced by the people who truly loved and appreciated her. She was a lifelong active member of the Methodist church and Methodist Women, was a youth group leader, served on multiple church and civic boards including Week-day Religious Education, and was a Daily Bread volunteer.

As her health was failing, her spirit never did. She continued to participate in activities outside the home including Tuesday Market at the Train Station, Cowboy Church Fridays, monthly Sonshiners, and played Bingo whenever she could. When at home she quilted and had her daily devotions. Television rounded out her daily routine including watching sports (basketball and golf were her favorites), Blue Bloods, and Wheel of Fortune. She even attended River Turtle games a couple of weeks before her passing.

Left to cherish and share her stories are children Harry Gunter-Newbern, Fred Gunter - Draper, Carla Gunter and Scot Samuel-

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**JODY LYNN TRAYLOR WILSON**

Jody Lynn Traylor Wilson, age 47 of Pulaski, died Saturday July 29, 2023 at Heritage Hall in Blacksburg. She was born in Kentucky on December 25, 1975, and is the daughter of Nyoka (Nicki) Lynn Bear Traylor and the late Tilbert Ray Traylor.

She is survived by her husband, Barry Roger Wilson, Jr. of Pulaski: son; Cody Ray Wilson of Pulaski: daughter; Tracy Lynn Wilson of Dublin: brother; Michael Ray Traylor of Roanoke: son-in-law; Robert Thompson Crews, Jr. of Dublin: grandson; Eli Thompson Crews of Dublin.

Per Jody's request, she is to be cremated, and the family will have an informal gathering in her memory.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700

Mathew Cameron Carper, age 24 of Radford passed away Sunday, July 30, 2023 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born November 20, 1998 in Roanoke, he was the son of Misti Rose Carper and the late Shawn Matthew Thomas. He was also preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Lois Thomas and maternal grandfather, Aaron Carper, Sr.

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

Fiancée - Breanna Palmer-Carper

Memorial services will be held Monday 7:00 p.m., August 7, 2023 at the River of Life Church, 5311 Black Hollow Road, Dublin, VA 24084 with Rev. Shawn Burcett officiating.

The family will receive friends Monday from 6:00 p.m. until service time at the Church.

To sign Mathew's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

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**JOYCE ANN RIGGINS BROWN**

Joyce Ann Riggins Brown, 80, passed away at her home in Dublin on Saturday, July 29, 2023. She was retired from Volvo Trucks. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, George and Daisy Riggins; daughter, Sandra Woolridge; and sister, Brenda Bear.

She is survived by her daughters, Angela Brun, and Kimberly Breeden; son-in-law, Larry Woolridge; grandchildren, Hailey Brugh (Eli Conrad), Heather Martin (Jamie), Demi Woolridge, Alexis Woolridge, Paige Woolridge and Preston Woolridge; great grandchildren, Trinity Rader, Ashton Hamilton, Aiden Martin, and Colten Conrad; sister, Linda Cox; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford and memorial services followed with Jerry Martin officiating.

The Brown family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)

**MATHEW CAMERON CARPER**



**BILLIE GENE DILLON FARMER**

Billie Gene Dillon Farmer, age 89 of Pulaski, died early Wednesday morning August 2, 2023 at her residence.

Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) 540-980-1700



**ERIC LEMMONT WEBB**

Eric Lemmont Webb, 46, of Pulaski, passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Dency Webb.

Survivors include his loving wife, Amanda Elizabeth Webb; daughters, Erika and Eriyah Webb; mother, Betty Jean Webb; stepchildren, Jasmine Taylor, Ethan Charlton, II, and Elijah Wesley; brothers, David Jeter (Carlea), J.T. Hayden, and Anthony Hayden; sister, Lekeshia Webb; aunt, Cheryl Webb; uncle, Jerry Hardy; and many other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A celebration of Eric's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Eric's name to Pulaski County Parks and Recreation, 5100 Alexander Road, Dublin, VA, 24084.

The Webb family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford, Virginia. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



**JON ASHLEY BASSETT**

Jon Ashley Bassett, age 46, of Roanoke and formerly of Pulaski, passed away early Monday morning July 17, 2023 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born December 31, 1976 in Pulaski, Virginia, he was the son of Martha Peterson Bassett Ward and the late Lonnie Jackson "LJ" Bassett, Jr.

Jon was a graduate of Pulaski County High School and a proud United States Marine.

He was a loving and dedicated father. He was quick with a smile and had a great sense of humor. He was loved by his family and his many friends. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his

Daughter - Brooklyn Martin - Hardy, VA

Mother - Martha Ward - Dublin, VA

Stepfather - Charles Ward - Dublin, VA

Brother - Joe Bassett - Blacksburg, VA

Sister-in-law - Cathey Bassett - Blacksburg, VA

Nephew - Riley Bassett - Blacksburg, VA

Cousin - E.R. Dickerson - Pulaski, VA

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 11:00 am at the Dublin Baptist Church, with Pastor Michael Blouse officiating. The church will be open at 10:30 with a slideshow in celebration of Jon's life. Burial will follow at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin where Jon will receive full military honors.

Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the Bassett Family. To sign Jon's online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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# Over one-quarter in U.S. are 'house poor'

By Brett Rowland

(The Center Square) – Nation-wide 27.4% of homeowners are considered “house poor,” meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on housing costs.

However, in some U.S. cities, far more Americans are living beyond their means, according to research from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In Hialeah, Florida, 59.3% of homeowners are spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs. While Hialeah has the highest percentage of homeowners spending more than 30% of their income on housing costs, it was not alone.

Among the top five highest are Los Angeles (48.7%), New York City (45.3%), Miami (44.6%) and Hollywood, Florida (44.3%). Of the top 10 cities, four are in California and four are in Florida. The other two were New York City and Honolulu, according to the report from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Nearly 3 in 10, or 27.4% of U.S. homeowners with a mortgage are considered to be cost-burdened with housing expenses, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Overall, 21% of cost-burdened homeowners have a household income of less than \$75,000.

In Los Angeles, where 48.7% of homeowner are considered “house poor,” that’s about 179,821 households in a city where the median household income was \$122,032 and the median yearly household costs totaled \$35,664.

The “30% rule” is a common standard for budgeting, which advises homeowners to avoid paying more than 30% of their income on housing expenses.

## Gunter

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son – Pulaski, Lisa and Brian Watson – Pulaski. Grandchildren include Bruce Guynn, Rusty Watson, Heather (and Zach) Peaslee, Carlyn Samuelson, Andrew Samuelson, Robert Watson, and Adam Watson. Also 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, August 4, 2023 at the Draper Methodist Church with the Reverend Lee Wiggins and Reverend Harry Gunter officiating. After the service she will be laid to rest beside her husband, parents, and uncle at Rest Haven Memorial Park, Princeton West Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Draper Methodist Church.

To sign Gene’s online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com). Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

# Scouting recruitment event set for Aug. 26

Boy Scout Troop 249 will be hosting an informative scouting recruitment event on Saturday, Aug. 26 at Randolph Park beginning at 11:00 AM and concluding by 1:00 PM.

During this event, information will be shared with potential scouts, parents and/or guardians.

The scouts from Troop 249 will be demonstrating skills related to their camping experiences that will be utilized throughout their life such as administering first aid, cooking, camping, tying knots, and wilderness survival.

The event will start at the small pavilion on the hill beside the volleyball court. Skills will be demonstrated at the amphitheater adjoining the walking trail.

All boys as young as ten years old and as old as fifteen are welcome to become Boy Scouts. Parents and/or guardians are encouraged to come with their sons and learn about what the Scouts have to offer in our community.

## 9th District Traveling Staff Aug. schedule

Congressman Griffith’s Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of August. Traveling office hours follow the status of local government offices, which vary across the 23 counties and five independent cities of the Ninth District.

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For more information on this event or Scouting please call Scout Master Allen Palmore 540-616-6073 -palmorewa@yahoo.com; Asst. Scoutmasters Jennifer Griggs at 540-392-0523—jenapher97@yahoo.com and/or Dan Grubb at 540-320-9224 or dan-grubb1@outlook.com .

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# Office of Refugee Resettlement

In a March hearing, I asked U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra to come before my Oversight and Investigations (O&I) Subcommittee to discuss the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). I recently chaired said hearing.

ORR, an agency within HHS, is responsible for the care and placement of unaccompanied children who cross our borders.

During my opening statement, I thanked him for testifying and said even though he and I don't agree on the Biden policies that brought these children to our border, once we



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

have taken on the responsibility for them, we must properly care for them.

During the Biden Administration, ORR has faced an

unprecedented surge in the number of unaccompanied minors referred to its custody.

For reference, from fiscal years (FY) 2018 through 2020, ORR averaged around 44,500 referrals per year. As of March 31, 2023, the agency had received almost 60,000 referrals in FY2023. This puts the agency on pace for over 120,000 referrals for the third year in a row.

Evidence from whistleblowers, Inspector General reports, and news reports demonstrate a failure by ORR to competently manage the surge. This surge has led to increased exploitation and trafficking of unaccompanied minors.

During the questioning portion of the hearing, I asked Secretary Becerra about a few specific concerns I have with ORR.

First were comments that Secretary Becerra himself made. In a leaked audio recording, the Secretary was heard saying, in reference to the processing of unaccompanied minors:

"If Henry Ford had seen this in his plants, he would have never become famous and rich. This is not the way you do an assembly line."

These comments are alarming! In April, the New York Times reported that instead of taking the necessary time and effort to properly vet the people the children were being placed with, ORR fast tracked children through their system. This has led to reports of children being forced to illegally work in dangerous and inappropriate jobs instead of being enrolled in school.

ORR does not even notify the local school system that the children have been placed in their jurisdiction.

While Secretary Becerra's comments seem to suggest that moving children out of ORR facilities quickly is more important than protecting them, the Secretary claimed that was not the case and his comments were more about overall ORR efficiency.

I also questioned the Secretary about ORR's unacceptable vetting practices of family members and sponsors.

In regard to establishing claimed familial relationships between an adult and an unaccompanied minor, I asked if the agency does DNA testing. Secretary Becerra said that the agency verifies the identity of the family member mainly through documents, like birth certificates.

This is not enough. Documents like birth certificates or passports can be forged!

DNA testing is the only way to be completely sure there actually is a family connection.\*

Additionally, I questioned Secretary Becerra about ORR continuing to waive background checks not only for people claiming to be family members, but also for unrelated adults who live in the house where a child is being placed - practices that were approved by the Secretary in ORR Field Guidance 10 and 11.

Further, ORR does not generally conduct FBI background checks of sponsors.

The Secretary's responses to my questions about ORR's vetting process were far from satisfactory. I was hoping to hear that ORR would start doing FBI background checks on sponsors and DNA tests on those claiming to be family. Unfortunately, that was not the case.

These issues with ORR have been ongoing since the start of the Biden Administration.

In 2021, I visited the Emergency Intake operation at Fort Bliss, Texas, and was shocked by what I learned. There was no collaboration with law enforcement for background checks when vetting sponsors and the "background check" or "public records check" they were using were merely widely available internet search engines.

In my opening, I placed into the record a report by a statewide grand jury in Florida, charged with investigating ORR. It said:

"If any resident of Florida exposed U.S. born children to this process, they would be justifiably arrested for child neglect or worse. We do not think children should be less-protected simply because they were born outside our borders and brought here by a government agency."

I agree. In my view, as a former domestic relations attorney in Virginia, ORR's practices and actions are tantamount to child neglect. A child's legal status is irrelevant, ORR must do better.

# Stone Soup

## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

Relocating is often stressful, but seems to have been an American practice since the inception of the nation when the Pilgrims arrived in 1620. The Northwest Territory had been greatly tamed by 1794, and the Land Ordinance of 1787 guaranteed the formation of states when an area population exceeded 60,000.

Travel routes had been established and a favorite one for the New Englanders, called the Great Pittsburgh Road, made Ohio almost easily accessible. One observer in Albany, NY reported counting 500 westbound sleighs in a single winter day.

It is understandable why New Englanders would want to relocate. Land was rocky and expensive, at up to \$50.00 an acre while the rich farmland in Ohio was reportedly selling for \$2.00 an acre.

Success of the Ohio farming communities spread quickly by word of mouth and ventureous families, whose traditions lay buried in the rocky soil of New England, chose to pursue the possibilities of a better life by moving west.

The Puritan families and pastor of Granville, MA banded together as an entire community to move and establish the town of Granville, Ohio. Upon their arrival, the 176-member group listened to a sermon by their pastor, "thanking God for delivering them safely through valleys and shadows."

A similar group, who settled Marietta, Ohio, carefully preplanned the

town; giving eight-acres of land to each farmer. They built meeting houses and blockhouses inside a strong palisade. Again, the Gospel was preached on the day of their arrival by the Rev. David Storey. It was a familiar theme, thanking God for a safe passage. These industrious people immediately established schools (one which later became Marietta College) and were credited with helping to double the pace of settlement in this area by their astonishing success.

By the turn of the 19th Century, most of the settlers were individuals and families rather than whole communities. At the urging of friends and the promise of cheap land, some might have abandoned unusable farm land for a hopeful future in the West.

When they lacked monetary resources they had to rely on their ingenuity to get them to their destination. One amusing illustration of ingenuity comes from the Rev. Peter Marshall's book, "From Sea to Shining Sea."

It seems a poor immigrant family

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

## Mutually assured re-nomination

There's being fortunate in your enemies, and then there's having enemies who are helping you take the first step in your political comeback.

Donald Trump and his adversaries want profoundly different things in the long run -- Trump wants to be back in the White House; Democrats want him in an orange jumpsuit.

Yet, in the shorter term, they both are seeking the same thing -- Trump as the Republican nominee, either so he can sweep to victory (Trump's view) or be beaten again and held to account for his crimes (the Democrats' view).

The serial indictments of Trump, even if it's not their primary purpose, advance this mutual interest. With every indictment, Trump dominates media attention and rallies Republicans to his side based on charges of selective prosecution.

The routine is so predictable, it's become boring. The first indictment of a former president had some novelty, but now it feels as commonplace as a pork chop on a stick at the Iowa State Fair.

The pushback against the notion that Trump's prosecutorial pursuers know that they might as well be 'MAGA' agents is that it's too clever by half, that Trump has these legal vulnerabilities and is simply paying the price. No theories about underhanded political motivation are necessary.

It's certainly true that Trump had major exposure in the documents case, but the Alvin Bragg indictment is gossamer-thin, and we don't know yet what Special Counsel Jack Smith has next or what District Attorney Fani Willis is working with in Fulton County, Georgia.

Consider this thought experiment: If the Justice Department and the other prosecutors knew that the indictment guaranteed a Ron DeSantis or Tim Scott nomination, would they still go through with them? If they thought they made Trump a stronger general election candidate and the favorite to beat Joe Biden, would they still pull the trigger? Or would they find some reason for forbearance when there's plenty to be said for forbearance in the first place?

It doesn't require a fine-grained understanding of Republican politics to grasp what's going on. Certainly, after the passionately pro-Trump GOP reaction to the Mar-a-Lago search, it was obvious that targeting Trump would benefit him. If there were any doubt, the Trump surge in the polls after the Bragg indictment should have removed it.

Still, Trump's pursuers have persisted.

For Trump, the Leninist logic of the worse, the better applies -- the more he's indicted and the weaker the cases, the more Republicans are inclined to believe he's the victim of a politicized justice system.

For Trump's adversaries, meanwhile, quantity trumps quality; everyone gets a piece of the action, and it increases the odds that a trial or two happens before the November 2024

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## You Need a Better Plan

Dear Dave,

My husband recently opened his own commercial painting company. We know he will have three months or so every year when he's making very little, if any, income. We also started following your plan recently, too, and have \$1,000 set aside for our starter emergency fund. We were ready to begin paying off all our debt except our home in Baby Step 2, but now he wants to skip that, and move to Baby Step 3 to build a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. I think I know why he feels this way, but would you give me your thoughts?

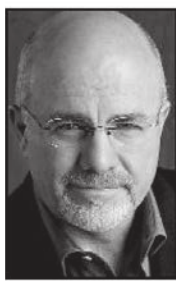
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Dear Crystal,

Your husband's excited about the new business. I get that. And in his own way, it sounds like he's trying to make sure there's extra money on hand for the down months he may experience as a commercial painter. But I wouldn't advise this approach, not for his business, and not for your family's finances.

Baby Step 3 is an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. The scenario he wants to plan for, however, isn't an emergency. He knows it's coming. It's the same with things like Christmas, birthdays and stuff like that. You know they're coming, and you even know which months and days. Things like that aren't emergencies, and they don't catch anyone by surprise. They're things you plan for—and budget for—ahead of time.

But the first thing your husband needs to do is re-work his business model. He needs something to do during the down



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

months, so that his income doesn't dry up completely. Setting money aside in a business for an expected down time is smart, but it's not a Baby Step 3 issue. It would be a line in the budget where you set money aside because you know something's coming.

Again, if it's something predictable, something that happens at the same time every year, it is not an emergency. If you want to budget some household money for the down time, that's fine. But do you know what would be even smarter? Figuring out a plan for this time, based on his skill set, which will allow him to keep earning money!

— 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 Ramsey Solutions.

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# Habitat hosts Women’s Build Initiative Day in NRV

By Danielle Reid  
The Patriot

Habitat for Humanity of the NRV launched a Women Build Initiative Day in Pulaski County, VA. On Saturday, July 22nd teams of women volunteers turned out to help build decks on two houses in Pulaski County. Volunteers Ella Liberman, Kelley Elliott and Patti Huston, who worked on the Pulaski house, all agreed that learning skills while volunteering to help construct a home was a lot of fun, as well as satisfying.

Huston, who is a first-time volunteer for Habitat, said she saw the Woman Build Initiative Day advertised on TV. “I have a lot of work to do on my own house, so I wanted to learn skills from the experts at Habitat,” she said.

Ray Ignizio is a full-time employee of Habitat and the lead construction worker on the Pulaski build site. He has been with Habitat since December, 2022. “Volunteer Day is my favorite one on the jobsite. We help people build new skills and share in their excitement as they are learning.”

Volunteer Coordinator for Habitat NRV, Brenda Sternfeld, explained “By volunteering, local women gain the construction



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

**Habitat for Humanity NRV sponsored a second home during the July 22nd Women Build Initiative Day in Pulaski County. This two-story home is located on Stafford Drive in Dublin and is Virginia’s first of its kind Zero Net Energy home. The home has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a walkout basement. Front row (L to R): Habitat NRV Executive Director Jim Drader, Sarah Leonard, Miriam Snyder, Kristin Gallagher and Shannon Cain. Seated volunteers are (L to R): Libby Pfaff, Tyler Snyder, Sandy Landreth. Standing is Nancy Sasser.**

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from Connecticut, still two-weeks away from their destination, were in a desperate situation with a sick child and no funds for food or medicine. Passing by a neat and comfortable-looking dwelling, they observed a prolific vegetable garden and store of hanging meat.

The woman approached the house and asked if she could borrow a kettle to make her sick child some “stone soup.” At the homemaker’s surprise, the woman explained that stone soup was exceedingly delicious and nourishing, especially for people with poor appetites (as the homemaker’s husband was supposed to have). The homemaker invited the woman in if she agreed to share the recipe.

The first ingredient, a large flat stone, was brought from the spring and placed in the bottom of the pot. Then water and salt were added. After the water boiled, the woman tasted it and declared that it was good, but turnips, potatoes, leeks and carrots would be a great improvement.

## Lowry

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election. If the indictments boost Trump in the primaries, they hurt him in the general, and trials and guilty verdicts would presumably wound him even more. Again, if Trump’s prosecutors believed that rushing to trial would somehow boost Trump against Biden, it’s hard to see them being so desperate to get him in courtrooms as soon as possible.

Of course, Trump doesn’t like getting indicted more than anyone else. His denunciations of “these vicious Communists, Marxists, Fascists, and Radical Left Democrats,” “THESE LUNATICS AND THUGS” who are out to get him are wholly sincere. But without the vicious Communists et al., he might well be

The homemaker cheerfully provided the ingredients from her garden and after more slow cooking, the woman again tasted the soup. “It’s becoming very good, but it would be first-rate if it had some meat in it,” she declared. Not surprisingly, a leg portion of beef was added and cooked again.

By the time the farmer arrived home, the families had become good friends and were ready to sit down to a delicious meal together. The man urged his wife to get the recipe stating that the stone soup was the best soup he’d ever tasted.

So, if you are ready to try it, here is the stone soup recipe: “Take a large, flat, smooth stone from a spring. Put it in a pot with water and vegetables to suit your taste. Add a bone of meat. Flavor this with seasonings to your liking and boil it for several hours. Note – the same stone will answer a number of times, but it must be kept clean.”

We might add to this recipe, a dash of compassion and love for your neighbor. Share it with friends!

10 points lower in the polls, and anything that makes the primary race look more competitive is bad for him.

The legal handiwork of the “LUNATICS AND THUGS” is one of the former president’s most valuable political assets.

Trump and his enemies may despise one other, but they are working toward the same immediate outcome, i.e., a high-stakes, hate-filled, Third World-ish Trump-Biden rematch with the possibility of jail for one of the contenders if he loses and intense prosecutorial scrutiny for the other if he comes up short.

And everything so far indicates that they’re going to get it.

**Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.**

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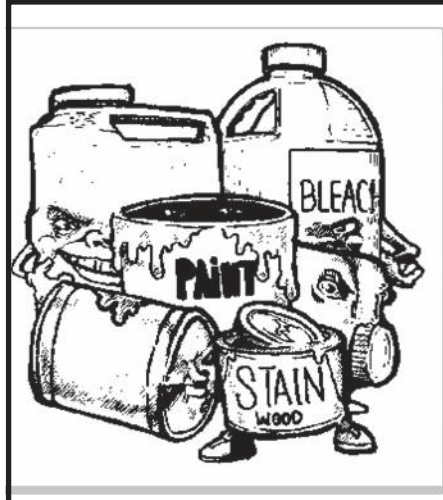
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nated the money to purchase the panels. The building site lot was donated to Habitat NRV. The Giles County High School Tech Center built the home like a modular and had it moved onto the site. Then the Pulaski County High School Tech Center got it dried in, under the supervision of Wes Smith Construction.”

Habitat NRV is getting ready to start construction in the fall of 2023 on the tenth home in the NRV. They are also working on projects in the area for duplexes, townhouses and multi-unit housing, helping to make housing more affordable for families. Interested homeowner applicants can download an application by going to: <https://www.habitatnrv.org/homebuyers>

As the Women Build Day progressed, there was high energy on the jobsite as the woman volunteers made it fun to learn new skills and help others. Comments and laughter were tossed back and forth as they worked together as a team. The most used were: “Women get stuff done... Women are natural problem solvers...and, We are leaving behind great energy and comradery for the new homeowners.”

If you are interested in volunteering for an upcoming Habitat for Humanity NRV build, please visit: <https://www.habitatnrv.org/volunteer>

## State Police probe fatal crash

Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal crash in Carroll County. The crash occurred July 19, 2023, at 2:05 p.m. on Route 58 at the intersection with Breezy Ridge Rd.

This home, which is being built on Stafford Drive in Dublin, consists of 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a walkout basement. It also features natural gas heating, water heating, and solar technology. ZNE homes are designed to produce as much energy as they consumes within a year, which results in net zero energy consumption. Then on July 22, 2023 Habitat for Humanity sponsored the Women Build Initiative Day at the Stafford home construction site in Dublin. Eight women volunteers turned out to have fun while learning new skills and helping a family find a path for affordable home ownership.

Besides the eight women volunteers ranging in age from 18 to 67, there were four Habitat skilled employees, Assistant Construction Manager Kiedel Harroff and Habitat NRV Executive Director Jim Drader.

First-time volunteer Sara Leonard said she saw the announcement on Facebook and decided this was a wonderful way to give back to families in need. “Two days ago, I was limited to hanging curtains. Now I can cut wood, hammer nails, use drills” she laughed as she raised a hammer as a sign of victory. Drader praised the many people and businesses that came together to make this build possible. “Atmos Energy, Baseline Solar, Pulaski County High School Tech Center, Giles County High School Tech Center, Wes Smith Construction, along with so many other contributors have given their time and talents, as wonderful partners for Habitat NRV. All the new Habitat NRV homes will have solar panels now. Baseline Solar in Christiansburg donated the labor to install them and GiveSolar do-

Gravley, 60, of Hillsville, Va., was transported to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. He succumbed to his injuries sustained in the crash on July 29, 2023 at the hospital. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The driver of the Chevrolet, Gerald E. Stockner, 77, of Hillsville, Va., was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment of serious injuries. He was wearing a seatbelt.

Stockner was cited for failing to yield the right of way. The crash remains under investigation.



# Base

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ments, a 2-story home with garage, a boat house, a climbing wall and numerous docks fronting 2000 feet of shoreline.

The auction company listed a suggested price of \$3.5 million for the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base property. An assessment made in 2015 by the Blue Ridge Mountain Council Inc., lists the combined value of the 63 acres of land with buildings at approximately \$2.3 million.

The sale of the property is deemed necessary because the Scouts can no longer afford the upkeep of the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base, especially with no one staying in the cabins.

“There just isn’t that much demand for it,” explained Drury.

The necessity of selling the Aquatics Center stems from several factors starting with the nationwide decline in enrollment in the Scouts BSA. COVID restrictions closed the Aquatics Base in 2020, along with its sister scouting ‘reservations’ of Powhattan and Ottari. The Claytor Lake Aquatics Base was open again in 2021 but attendance was low, which was no doubt related to the masking and social distancing restrictions that campers and counselors alike were required to obey.

Another potential factor that may relate to the sale of the Aquatics Base is that in 2020, in the face of numerous lawsuits stemming from allegations of sexual abuse by some scout leaders, the B.S.A. declared bankruptcy. Whether this played a role in necessitating the sale of the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base isn’t entirely clear but on a nationwide level, the Scouts lost around 40 percentage of their membership from 2019 to 2020. Other controversies, including the admittance of openly homosexual scout leaders in 2015 and the acceptance of “transgender” scouts in 2017 may have also negatively affected membership.

It is generally acknowledged by those involved in Scouting that the sale of Aquatics Base is a matter of when, and not if, it will be sold ... but there is hope for some accommodation.

“It would be really nice if someone bought it and we could continue using the Aquatics Base but we’ll see what we can get,” said Blue Ridge Scout Reservation Program Director Bethany Brownfield. “Reservations for Claytor were low this year, so it’s combined with a different High Adventure program called New River



The second floor of the large hexagon shaped building has a huge open interior space and has served as the dining hall/meeting center for the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base in the past.



Blue Ridge Scout Reservation Director Bethany Brownfield and Director of Claytor Lake Aquatics Base Charlotte Shelor at the Claytor Lake Aquatics Center boathouse.

Adventure. Kids can go rafting, caving, horseback riding and they can also choose to be out here on Claytor doing SCUBA or personal watercraft.”

All three camps are in use but unlike in years past, the Scouts no longer stay in the cabins at the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base. Instead, Scout troops make camp at Powhattan and a contingent of 35 to 50 scouts are bussed to the Aquatics Base in the morning. The Scouts eat a bag lunch and after spending more time on the waters of the New, they are returned to Powhattan in time for the evening meal.

Just as the 16 cabins at the Aquatics Base remain vacant throughout the summer, the large central space of the huge hexagon-shaped building goes virtually unused. Even so, those Scouts who do visit the Aquatics Base are given the opportunity to enjoy the lake at the height of summer.

“The Aquatics base offers sailing, paddle boarding, canoeing and jet skiing to scouts who come

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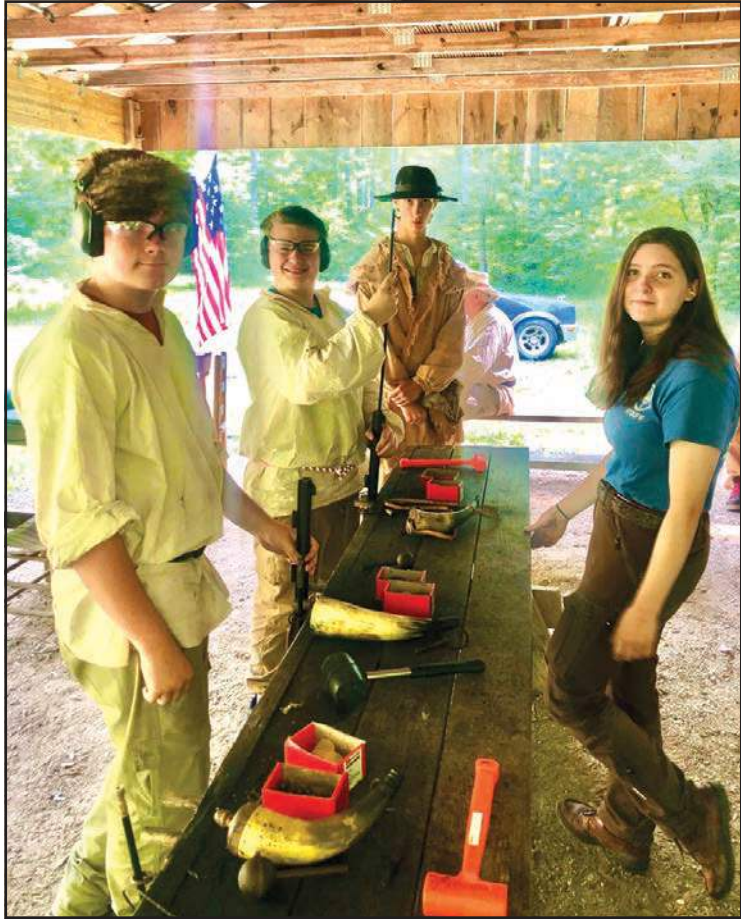
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to camp but they must be at least 14 years old,” said Brownfield.

“Having the kids on speed boats is a popular activity,” said Charlotte Shelor, Director of the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base. “Our Personal Watercraft (PWC) have been really popular and the kids love to go tubing behind the speedboats. So that’s probably our most popular activity among the scouts this year. The kids do like to get in the kayaks and play around in those. We have water skis but they’re in storage.”

“Usually, we do not have anybody here on Monday except for a special S.C.U.B.A. class, who have their own separate group,” Shelor continued. “Tuesdays and Thursdays we have a Claytor Free day and we ask the kids what they’re interested in and usually it’s speed boats but those are the days where we offer a wide variety of activities.”

As Shelor explained the scheduling, a half dozen scouts from Troop 174 of Charlotte, North Carolina were donning their life vests. These boy scouts were all between 15 and 17 years old and had taken the Personal Watercraft safety course the previous Wednesday.

“We’re all going out on jet skis,” said Conner Janezic. “We all have our boater licenses.”

“It’s really nice to be out on this big lake and getting into the water while it’s hot,” said Brian Hogg.

“It’s really awesome ... If we come here again, we’re coming back to the lake,” enthused Daniel Charney. Fellow scouts Joseph Walsh and Max Norton nodded to signal their full agreement.

It was Friday in mid-July and these campers were scheduled to return to North Carolina the next day. Earlier in the week, these scouts passed a PWC safety course and, with the accompaniment of a camp counselor, were ready to enjoy their last day on Claytor Lake.

A whole new set of campers was due to arrive by 3 p.m. that Sunday.

Twenty-four-year-old Bethany Brownfield, who acted as a guide for the day, has been involved in scouting from an early age.

“My dad works in scouting, so we moved around a lot when I was a kid,” said Brownfield. “He was a camp director when I was born but I wasn’t allowed to join the Boy Scouts as a girl until I was 14 when I became a Venturer because Venture Scouts are Co Ed. So, I did that and I then worked at a Scout camp in Michigan for five years as the Nature Director. I have three younger siblings, one who is a girl, and they’re all Eagle Scouts except me.”

As Brownfied explained, in 2019 the Boy Scouts became Scouts (B.S.A.) after it was decided to allow girls to join.

How does that work?

“They’re separated as they should be,” said Bethany. “A lot of times when people start a girl troop, it’s associated with a boy troop if they’re in the same area. So, a lot of them will have the same troop number like 141 G or 141 B. They do a lot of activities together but if there’s any female youth involved, there has to be an adult leader to supervise.”

Amanday Wareing’s 12-year-old daughter is part of Troop 19, which



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**Troop 174 from Charlotte, N.C. along with a camp counselor, are heading into the waters of Claytor Lake on their last full day of camp.**

is based out of Floyd. This all-girl Scout Troop was formed in 2019 and, according to Wareing, already has two dozen members.

“We sometimes do stuff with the Troop 36, which is the boy’s troop but our troop is big enough so that we do a lot of the activities on our own,” said Wareing. “Girls are doing the same stuff the boys are doing and it hasn’t really been an issue. My only question is, why didn’t they let the girls in sooner?”

Wareing and her daughter’s Scout troop would likely return to the Claytor Lake Aquatics Center next summer but with a sale pending, no one is planning too far in the future. Though spirits remain high with both the campers and counselors, the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base remains in a state of limbo, and this is partially reflected by the state of the gear and the grounds.

The paint on the Claytor Lake Aquatic Base Camp sign is peeling badly but since the sale could be finalized at any time, the sign will likely remain unpainted until its replaced by a new owner.

The two motorboats and the camp’s sailboat are in good working order but are starting to show their age. The kayaks seem water worthy but paddle boards have no rear fins, which makes them difficult to steer. The jet skis appear to be a relatively recent acquisition and responded well when the Scouts from Troop 174 powered out of the Aquatics Base cove, so it’s not to say the Aquatics Base is in disrepair but investments in upkeep are seemingly at a standstill.

Camp Powhatan was established at its current location when the Blue Ridge Mountain Council purchased 15,000 acres from Radford College in 1950. An earthen dam on Mack’s Creek was made to form a 7 seven-acre swimming lake and several buildings were then erected to accommodate the needs of a large Boy Scout camp.

Camp Powhatan is capable of housing more than 600 scouts and

their adult companions and though attendance isn’t what is once was, for two weeks of the summer the camp was near capacity.

Camp Ottari, named for a native American term meaning, ‘in the middle of the forest,’ plays host to the Blue Ridge Mountaineer and High Knoll adventure programs. The High Knoll Adventure program takes scouts through challenging backpacking treks, while the Blue Ridge Mountaineers make camp on Laurel Creek and hone their skills on the long-lost arts of hatchet throwing, musket loading and blacksmithing. Both of these Ottari based high adventure programs teach scouts the life skills necessary for survival back when these same forests were the wild frontier of America.

High Knoll Director Dave Clark will gladly show his scouts how to light a fire using a musket flint or the best way to bivouac in the wild. Meanwhile, Assistant Director of the Blue Ridge Mountaineer program, Jon Newbill, will be there to provide the period correct clothes and maybe even play a few Colonial-era board games at the Ottari Tavern.

“It takes the kids about a day of withdrawal from their cell phones and then they settle in,” said Newbill.

“We don’t have internet back here and we consider that a blessing,” said staff member Wade (Possum) Hale.

As a sugary bonus, the Ottari Tavern serves “homemade” root beer to the scouts three times a week.

As it was at the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base, both counselors and campers seemed upbeat and generally glad to be a part of this scouting experience. The Scouts participating in the Blue Ridge Mountaineer program on that particular week came from Niagara Falls, New York and Powhatan and Winchester in Virginia. It’s not uncommon to find Scout Troops from Florida coming to Ottari and Powhatan.

Unlike the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base, Ottari seems to be in no immediate danger of being sold but in both camps, there is a sense that these beautiful facilities are underutilized.

The is a lake at Camp Ottari, which nears or exceeds the size of the lake at Powhatan. Lake Ottari is replete with docks, a boat house

and a couple dozen canoes but owing to the drop in attendance, hasn’t been available for use by the Scouts in several years.

Though hope springs eternal, if the Blue Ridge Council does sale Claytor Lake Aquatics Base, it’s hard to imagine a scenario where the Scouts B.S.A. would still have access to the property under private ownership. This year attendance has been especially hard hit as the National Boy Scout Jamboree took place at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in nearby West Virginia in July.

The Blue Ridge Mountain Council concludes its summer camping season this week. Though the Scouts B.S.A. have gone through many changes in the past few years, most will agree that Scouting is still a wholesome and worthwhile endeavor and would like to see it continue to flourish.

That said, it seems unlikely that the Claytor Lake Aquatics Base will be a part of the future for Scouts B.S.A. What will happen to the Claytor Lake Aquatics Camp? Only the new owner knows, whoever that might be.

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**The Tavern at Camp Ottari serves Root Beer three days a week**  
**From left: Jon Newbill, Asst. Director Blue Ridge Mountaineer, and Wade (Possum) Hale.**



# SRX Race delivers excitement at the speedway

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Motor-sports Park was the scene of a major auto racing event last Thursday evening as the Superstar Racing Experience (SRX) series came to the Motor Mile speedway with ESPN camera crews in tow.

The grandstands and parking areas were filled to capacity for the 100 lap SRX race, which was preceded by a 50 lap Collision Plus Sportsman series race. In between races, Jared Stout and his band entertained the masses with his brand of rock n roll music.

This was the 3rd of six races in the SRX series, all of which are televised on ESPN. Each of the SRX series pits a dozen race car drivers, all of whom have won multiple races in the past, against one another. Eight of the drivers had been slated to participate in in all six rounds of the series to compete for the Camping World SRX Championship, while the four other positions are filled by drivers who will race only once in the series.

Marco Andretti won the SRX series last year. Before Thursday night's race begun, Andretti was asked about what he thought of the track.

"I will tell you in a couple of hours," Andretti replied. "I think that's what's fun about this is you don't know where it's gonna go. I could have a great night or awful night or somewhere in the middle."

Josef Newgarden, who won the Indianapolis 500 last May, came to the Pulaski Motor Sports Park specifically to race in this one SRX event.

"I don't know much about this but I'm having a blast," said Newgarden. "It's a good experience for me. I love stock car type racing. So, for me, it's a good opportunity and good experience."

Did Newgarden believe he could win that night?

"It's hard to say. I don't know much about this style of racing. So, I'm just gonna try and take it easy and evaluate in the beginning part of the race and hopefully I can learn enough in the first part and then apply it in the second and maybe we're fast."

He would certainly have the opportunity to go fast as, accord-



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Race car drivers at the podium – From left: Tony Stewart, Kyle Busch and Clint Bowyer. Busch won the Pulaski County event, while Bowyer was second and Stewart finished third.



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Legendary football coach Frank Beamer served as Grand Marshall of the SRX Race.



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All the cars lined up before the start of the SRX race.

ing to Josh Giametta, Chief mechanic for Ryan Newman, each SRX race car packs 750 horses under hood and will routinely rev up to 9000 rpms producing monster torque.

Frank Beamer, former head coach of the Virginia Tech football team, acted as Grand Marshall for the race and commanded drivers to "Start your engines!"

Before the main event, SRX drivers ran two 20 lap heats to determine pole positions.

At the start of the 100-lap race,

Tony Stewart, who is part owner of the SRX series, took the lead. A few laps later Brad Keselowski took the front spot but spun out, with a little help from Kyle Busch, about midway through the contest.

"I really wasn't ready to pass him yet for the lead but got a good run on him," said Busch after the race. "I got a good launch and was alongside of him, right front to left rear. He arced it out nice and came down and I was there, so it's a racing deal ... you've got to be able to hold your ground and take those

spots where you can get them."

Busch dominated the second half of the race, repeatedly taking the lead even after several incidents resulting in caution flags brought the race cars back together.

The most serious incident occurred late in the race when Paul Tracy slammed Josef Newgarden's car into the wall, which also wrecked Ken Schrader and Hailie Deegan, the only female in the race.

"Newgarden wasn't willing to give up his position on the outside and I had half a car length in front of him and we just got hooked up and that was it," said Tracy after the race.

"I think he had absolutely zero situational awareness and thought that he was far enough ahead of the guy on the outside that the guy should lift and get out of the gas," said Kyle Busch regarding the wreck. "That was just completely blatant and uncalled for of just driving up the racetrack and not having any care for the guy that's alongside of you. They want to put on a good show, they've got a good product. They've got nice cars and they just keep getting torn up because of dumb moves."

Tracy has been involved in numerous crashes in past races and was suspended from the SRX series indefinitely for this latest incident.

With the caution flag once again lifted, two-time NASCAR Cup champion Kyle Busch went on to win the contest with Clint Bowyer taking second and Tony Stewart in third place.

The following are the SRX Feature Results (Heat 1 Finish, Heat 2 Finish)

1. Kyle Busch (2 nd , 11 th )
2. Clint Bowyer (12 th , 1 st )
3. Tony Stewart (5 th , 5 th )
4. Brad Keselowski (3 rd , 8 th )
5. Ryan Newman (11 th , 2 nd )
6. Helio Castroneves (8 th , 4 th )
7. Bobby Labonte (4 th , 9 th )
8. Hailie Deegan (9 th , 6 th )
9. Marco Andretti (1 st , 10 th )
10. Paul Tracy (6 th , 7 th )
11. Josef Newgarden (7 th , 12 th )
12. Ken Schrader (10 th , 3 rd )

Brad Foy, who led the majority of the 50 lap Collision Plus Sportsman race earlier in the evening, was first to find the checkered flag.

Collision Plus Sportsman Feature Results

1. Brad Foy
2. Karl Budzevski
3. Kyle Dudley
4. Jacob Porter
5. Richard Caldwell
6. Jason Lawrence
7. Tanner Young
8. Kyle Barnes
9. James Sweeney
10. Drew Bond
11. Jonathan Hall
12. Charles Smith
13. Matthew Lawrence
14. Joseph White
15. Nathan Trenor
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18. Daryn Cockram
19. Jared Porter
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# Clemson picked in 2023 ACC Football Preseason Poll

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – Clemson is favored to win the 2023 Atlantic Coast Conference football title for the eighth time in the last nine years, according to a pre-season poll of 176 media voters.

The Tigers went 11-3 last year, posting their 12th consecutive double-digit win season while winning the 2022 ACC Football Championship Game.

The 2023 ACC Preseason Poll was conducted via a vote of a media panel, including those who were credentialed for

## Hokies tapped 11th, Cavs picked for last

last week's ACC Football Kick-off in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Clemson was predicted as the 2023 ACC champion on 103 ballots. Coming off a 10-3 season and a win in the Cheez-It Bowl, Florida State racked up 67 first-place votes. North Carolina (5) and NC State (1) also earned first-place votes.

Clemson paced all teams with 2,370 points, while Florida State held the second slot with 2,304

points. North Carolina was third with 1,981 points, and NC State nabbed fourth with 1,662 points.

The next three teams were tightly bunched, with Miami in fifth with 1,553 points and Duke and Pitt tied for sixth with 1,511 points apiece.

Louisville (1,344) was eighth in the preseason prognostications, while Wake Forest (1,181) took ninth. The 10 through 14 spots were held by Syracuse

(826), Virginia Tech (678), Georgia Tech (633), Boston College (561) and Virginia (365).

The 2023 ACC schedule features a new scheduling model, which eliminates divisions. The 2023 ACC Football Championship Game will be played Dec. 2 at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina, and will feature the top two teams based on winning percentage.

2023 ACC Preseason Poll

1. Clemson (103), 2370
2. Florida State (67), 2304
3. North Carolina (5), 1981
4. NC State (1), 1662
5. Miami, 1553
- T6. Duke, 1511
- T6. Pitt, 1511
8. Louisville, 1344
9. Wake Forest, 1181
10. Syracuse, 826
11. Virginia Tech, 678
12. Georgia Tech, 633
13. Boston College, 561
14. Virginia, 365

First-place votes in parentheses 176 media voters

## Cleat Donation

Pulaski County Sheriff's Office for the second year in a row is very happy to have the help of Dick's Sporting Goods in Christiansburg and Pulaski County Parks and Recreation to contribute a cleat donation for the youth in Pulaski County. Through the 2022 Asset Forfeiture Permissible Use Policy, The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office is able to utilize money that has been seized from illegal drug activity to purchase 100 cleats, to donate to the youth in our community so that they can continue to be active and play the sports they love.

Pulaski County Parks and Recreation photo



# Appy League elects four to Hall of Fame

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. -- The Appalachian League announced four new members have been elected into the Appalachian League Hall of Fame. The 2023 HOF class includes former Major League player Darryl Strawberry, current Major League manager Bruce Bochy, former Major League manager Charlie Manuel and former Major League player John "Boog" Powell.

"It is truly an honor to announce our 2023 class of the Appalachian League Hall of Fame," said Bristol State Liners President/GM and Appalachian League HOF Committee Chair-



man Mahlon Luttrell. "These four individuals are being recognized for their valuable contributions to the continued development and success of the Appalachian

## Johnson City claims 2023 Championship

Johnson City defeated Burlington, 4-1 Wednesday night to claim the Appalachian League Championship.

League."

**Darryl Strawberry**

Strawberry began his professional career playing for the Kingsport Mets in the Appalachian League in 1980 after the Mets

selected him with the No. 1 overall pick in that year's MLB Draft. In his 44 games with Kingsport that year, Strawberry batted .268 with five home runs and 20 RBIs. The 1983 NL Rookie of the Year won three World Series championships with the New York Mets (1986) and Yankees (1996, 1999), earning eight All-Star selections and two Silver Slugger Awards. Strawberry finished his 16-year career with 335 home runs, 1,000 RBIs and 221 stolen bases.

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## Tigers lead All-ACC preseason team

GREENSBORO, N.C. (the-ACC.com) – Clemson leads all ACC teams with seven players on the 27-member 2023 All-Atlantic Coast Conference Preseason Football Team announced on Wednesday.

Florida State followed with four selections, while North Carolina had three picks, including redshirt sophomore quarterback Drake Maye, who was voted the ACC Preseason Player of the Year. Maye was named 2022 ACC Player of the Year and ACC Freshman of the Year.

Duke and Miami also had three honorees on the Preseason All-ACC Team.

The 2023 Preseason All-ACC Football Team was selected via a vote of a panel of 176 media members who were among those who were credentialed for last week's ACC Football Kickoff in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Maye comes off a record-setting season in his first year as the Tar Heels' starting quarterback. He passed for 3,847 yards and 35 touchdowns to go along with 629 yards rushing and six rushing TDs. He is just the ninth FBS quarterback since 2010 to post 3,500 passing yards, 35 passing TDs, 500 rushing yards and five rushing TDs in a season. The Huntersville, North Carolina, native also became the only ACC player in the last 25 years to register at least 300 passing yards and 50 rushing yards in four consecutive games.

Maye led the 2023 ACC Preseason Player of the Year balloting with 88 votes, followed by Florida State quarterback Jordan Travis (66), who was Second-Team All-ACC last season after passing for 3,214 yards and 24 touchdowns and rushing for 417 yards and seven TDs. Clemson running back Will Shipley totaled 17 votes, as six players total received votes for Preseason Player of the Year.

Clemson, which was picked by the media as the likely conference champion in the ACC Preseason Poll released on Tuesday, placed a balanced contingent on the preseason All-ACC team with two players on offense and four on defense in addition to Shipley at specialist.

The preseason team features 10 returning First-Team All-ACC honorees from the 2022 season, including Shipley, who was named Preseason All-ACC at running back, all-purpose and specialist. He also was named First-Team All-ACC in all three categories last season, becoming the first-ever player to earn first-team honors at three positions. Shipley rushed 210 times for 1,182 yards and 15 touchdowns last year. He also racked up 38 receptions for 242 yards and averaged 24.9 yards per kickoff return.

Syracuse's Oronde Gadsden II earned the nod at tight end after hauling in 61 passes for 969 yards and six TDs during his All-ACC campaign in 2022.

Florida State defensive end Jared Verse registered 17 tackles for loss and nine quarterback sacks during the regular season. Clemson's Tyler Davis also was a First-Team All-ACC pick last

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice  
Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund, Project # WSL – 001-22

Pulaski County Public Service Authority (PCPSA) has applied for funding from the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund for its Pulaski County Water Improvements Project. The project proposes to construct approximately 8,800 linear feet of 8-inch waterline, 7,100 linear feet of 6-inch water line, an elevated water storage tank at the site of the existing Bella Vista tank, upgrades at the existing Bella Vista/Tyson Hills pump station, a pressure reducing valve interconnection between the Town of Pulaski and PCPSA, and associated appurtenances. Waterline extensions will be within previously disturbed roadside right-of-way. Best Management Practices would be implemented to minimize impacts, and all federal, state, and local ordinances will be followed. The total funding request for the project is \$2,897,000. A description of the project and an Environmental Assessment of the project are on file at the Pulaski County Administration Building at 143 Third Street N.W. Suite 1 Pulaski, VA 24301 and available for public review between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Written comments on the proposed project, the alternatives considered, their environmental impact, the estimated cost, and the associated user charge impact should be addressed to Lawrence Hoffman, Associate Vice President, CHA Consulting, Inc., 1341 Research Center Drive, Suite 2100, Blacksburg, VA 24060 or emailed to [LHoffman@chacompanies.com](mailto:LHoffman@chacompanies.com) and post marked no later than September 6, 2023.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Notice  
Pulaski County  
Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the applications as listed below:

- Petition by Tim & Melissa Lawson, Variance to Article 4.7.C, Setback Requirement in a Low-Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 6317 W H Smith DR, Dublin VA 24084 Tax Map #066-019-0000-0003, Ingles District.
- Petition by Robert Stone, Variance to Article 4.7.C, Setback Requirement in a Low-Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 4965 Weaver RD. Dublin, VA 24084 Tax Map #067-006-0000-0028, Ingles District.
- Petition by Texas Republican Signs LLC on behalf of Brabham Enterprises LLC, Variance to Article 5.1 Signage, in a Commercial Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 5150 State Park Road Dublin, VA 24084 Tax Map # 057-001-0000-012A, Ingles District.
- Petition by Michael Waller of Hidden Valley Camping Club, Variance to Article 4.22 Conditional Uses F.I.d&e, Setbacks of Campgrounds and Recreational Vehicle Parks of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 4640 Hidden Valley Camping Club Lot 181 Dublin, VA 24141 Tax Map # 066-001-0000-050B Ingles District.

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Information regarding these items are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning & Zoning, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

If you are a disabled individual and would like special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County’s ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date.



Public Hearing  
Regarding Budget  
Appropriation

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

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

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

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From:	To:		
DHCD	\$750,000	IRF GRANT BREWERY	\$750,000
TOWN OF PULASKI	\$25,000	IRF GRANT BREWERY	\$75,000
PULASKI COUNTY	\$25,000		
COUNTY EDA	\$25,000		
TOTAL:	\$825,000	TOTAL:	825,000

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ACC

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year at defensive tackle after piling up 9.5 tackles for loss, including 5.5 sacks.

North Carolina’s Cedric Gray totaled an ACC-leading 145 tackles last season, including 12.0 for loss, and was a first-team selection at linebacker in 2022.

NC State cornerback Aydan White played the most coverage snaps (482) in the nation without allowing a touchdown last season, according to PFF. He ranked second in the ACC in interceptions (four). Miami safety Kam Kinchens was the ACC’s leader in interceptions with six last season.

2023 Preseason All-ACC Football Team

QB: Drake Maye, North Carolina (107)  
RB: Will Shipley, Clemson (169)  
RB: Trey Benson, Florida State (125)  
WR: Johnny Wilson, Florida

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Chris Buescher, driver of the #17 Fastenal Ford, celebrates with a burnout after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Cook Out 400 at Richmond Raceway on July 30, 2023 in Richmond, Virginia. (Photo by Sean Gardner/Getty Images)

Buescher wins Richmond; now its on to Michigan

From NASCAR

Victory Lane has had a rotating door this season with 13 different NASCAR Cup Series winners through 22 races, and excluding Shane Van Gisbergen, who ineligible for the postseason, 12 of the

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winners have secured their spot in the Playoffs heading into this Sunday’s FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan International Speedway (August 6 at 2:30 p.m. ET on USA Network, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio); in-

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State (117)	CB: Fentrell Cypress II, Florida State (88)
WR: Tez Walker, North Carolina (51)	CB: Aydan White, NC State (85)
WR: Jalon Calhoun, Duke (49)	S: Kam Kinchens, Miami (117)
TE: Oronde Gadsden II, Syracuse (89)	S: Andrew Mukuba, Clemson (46)
AP: Will Shipley, Clemson (105)	PK: Andres Borregales, Miami (70)
OT: Graham Barton, Duke (110)	P: Daniel Sparks, Virginia (54)
OT: Matt Goncalves, Pitt (58)	SP: Will Shipley, Clemson (68)
OG: Christian Mahogany, Boston College (101)	
OG: Javion Cohen, Miami (69)	<b>Preseason Player of the Year</b>
C: Bryan Hudson, Louisville (56)	1. Drake Maye, QB, North Carolina (88)
DE: Jared Verse, Florida State (136)	2. Jordan Travis, QB, Florida State (66)
DE: Donovan Ezeiruaku, Boston College (58)	3. Will Shipley, RB, Clemson (17)
DT: Tyler Davis, Clemson (124)	4. Jeremiah Trotter Jr., LB, Clemson (3)
DT: DeWayne Carter, Duke (97)	T5. Riley Leonard, QB, Duke (1)
LB: Jeremiah Trotter Jr., Clemson (132)	T5. Tyler Davis, DT, Clemson (1)
LB: Cedric Gray, North Carolina (109)	Votes in parentheses
LB: Barrett Carter, Clemson (87)	176 media voters

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**The Apex Center: Home to the Bobcats**

Prepare to witness heart-stopping action at the Apex Center, located at 200 Apex Dr., Wytheville, VA, where the Blue Ridge Bobcats will dazzle fans with their extraordinary skills and dedication to the game. Seating will be approximately, 3000. For tickets, hockey aficionados can contact our office at 276-335-2896. Season tickets and individual game tickets will be up for grabs, ensuring everyone gets a chance to be part of the roaring crowd!

Ticket Prices will start at only \$10! The team will hold a pick your seat event to be announced at a later time.

**The Blue Ridge Bobcats: Unleash the Spirit of the Wild!**

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## Richmond

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Challenging the competitors this week will be the massive Michigan International Speedway, which sits on more than 1,400 acres in the "Irish Hills" of southeastern Michigan. Ground-breaking for the facility took place on September 28, 1967 and the two-mile asphalt paved track with 18 degrees of banking in the turns was created – the only track with those dimensions on the schedule.

The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Michigan International Speedway was held on June 15, 1969, and the event was won by NASCAR Hall of Famer Cale Yarborough in the Wood Brothers' No. 21 Mercury at an average speed of 139.254 mph.

The NASCAR Cup Series events at Michigan International Speedway have been run at multiple different lengths. The first NASCAR Cup Series race at Michigan was 500 miles in length; the second was scheduled for 600 – but was shortened due to weather and only ran 330 miles. Michigan was re-measured to 2.04 miles for the last race in 1970 and both races in 1971 – with the race distance being 402 miles. All other races have been scheduled for 400 miles, except for the two 2020 races during the

their mark on Wytheville!

**Mark Your Calendars: The Inaugural Face-Off**

The excitement begins on Friday, October 20, and Saturday, October 21, as the Blue Ridge Bobcats host their very first home games! Witness history in the making as they set out to establish themselves as the force to be reckoned with in the Federal Prospects Hockey League (FPHL). The season runs from October to April, so there will be ample opportunities to cheer for the Bobcats throughout the hockey season!

**Thrilling Rivalry: Blue Ridge Bobcats vs. Carolina Thunderbirds**

Get ready for some nail-biting action as the Blue Ridge Bobcats ignite a fierce local rivalry with the Carolina Thunderbirds, hailing from Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The battles on the ice between these two talented teams will be epic and are guaranteed to keep fans at the edge of their seats!

A Splash of Colors: Blue, Gold, Black, and White

Cheer with pride as the Blue Ridge Bobcats take to the ice in their striking team colors of blue, gold, black, and white!

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pandemic that were 312 miles each and run on consecutive days.

Michigan International Speedway has hosted a total of 105 NASCAR Cup Series races producing 51 different pole winners and 39 different race winners. NASCAR Hall of Famer David Pearson leads the series in wins at Michigan with nine victories (1969, 1972 sweep, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 sweep, 1978). Kevin Harvick (2010, 2018, 2019, 2020-1, 2020-2, 2022) leads all active series drivers in wins at Michigan with six victories. Six of the 39 NASCAR Cup Series race winners at Michigan are active this weekend.

The NASCAR Cup Series on-track activity kicks off with practice on Saturday, August 5 at 12:35 p.m. ET directly followed by Busch Light Pole Qualifying at 1:20 p.m. ET at Michigan International Speedway – both events can be viewed on the NBC Sports App at 12:30 p.m. ET.

The first starting position is the most proficient starting position in the field, producing more NASCAR Cup Series winners (22) than any other starting position at Michigan International Speedway: 21 winners from the pole and one from the first starting position due to qualifying being cancelled – 1985 (Bill Elliott). The most recent driver to win from the pole at Michigan was Joey Logano in 2019. The deepest in the field that a race winner has started at Michigan is 32nd, by NASCAR Hall of Famer Mark Martin in the spring of 2009.

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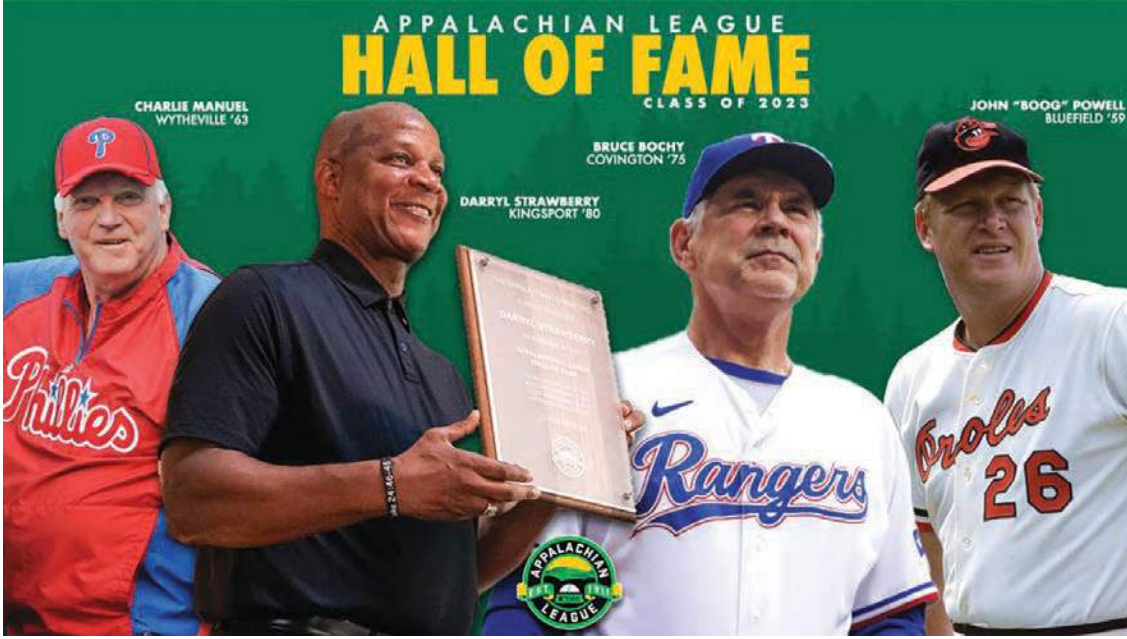
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## Appy

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"When you think about baseball, you have to start somewhere, and I think a lot of memories that you have about where you played like Kingsport – that was the beginning of do you know or don't you know what you're going to be. My manager, Chuck Hiller, said just come here and play baseball, and this is just the beginning where you start to learn how to be a professional athlete." ~ **Bruce Bochy**

Bochy played with the Covington Astros of the Appalachian League in 1975, hitting .338 with four home runs and 34 RBIs. Bochy then went on to play nine Major League seasons with the Houston Astros (1978-80), New York Mets (1982) and San Diego Padres (1984-87). He won the 1996 National League Manager of the Year Award after leading the San Diego Padres to a division-best 91-71 record. Bochy later managed the San Francisco Giants, guiding them to three World Series titles in 2010, 2012 and 2014. He currently manages the Texas Rangers and is the only manager in Major League history to win 900 games for two teams.

"I am honored to be selected for the Appalachian League Hall of Fame's Class of 2023. I have

many great memories from that season in Covington, where I enjoyed getting my first taste of professional baseball. I will always be grateful for my time in the league and the mentorship of manager Billy Smith. It is truly a privilege to join such a distinguished group of inductees." ~ **Bruce Bochy**

**Charlie Manuel**  
Manuel played for the Wytheville Twins in the 1963 Appalachian League, hitting .358 with seven home runs and 45 RBIs in 58 games. Manuel had a 12-year professional baseball career, playing for the Minnesota Twins (1969-72), Los Angeles Dodgers (1974-75) and in Japan (1976-81). He finished his playing career with a .250 average, 193 home runs and 534 RBIs. Manuel transitioned to a managerial role with Cleveland from 2000-02 and served as the Philadelphia Philadelphia's skipper from 2005-13. With Philadelphia, Manuel led them to five consecutive NL East titles (2007-11), back-to-back pennants (2008-09) and a 2008 World Series title. He finished his managerial career as Philadelphia's winningest manager with 780 wins.

**John "Boog" Powell**

Powell played for the Bluefield Orioles in the 1959 Appalachian League. That season, he led the league with a .351 average while recording an on-base percentage of .410 and a .462 slugging percentage. Powell also topped the league with 14 home runs and 59 RBIs. He was a four-time All-Star, two-time World Series champion (1966, 1970) and the 1970 MVP Award winner during his 17-year Major League career with the Baltimore Orioles (1961-74), Cleveland (1975-76) and the Dodgers (1977). Powell retired with 1,776 hits and 339 home runs, playing 2,042 games.

"I am honored to be inducted into the Appalachian League Hall of Fame. As a young man just out of high school, Bluefield was quintessential small-town-USA and a wonderful place for me to go and learn my trade. I had a great year there, and if I had been able to play my whole career in Bluefield, I think I would've hit 900 home runs!" ~ John "Boog" Powell

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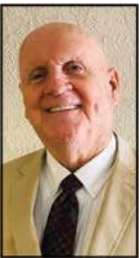
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

How sin entered into the world

When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them the right of choice. He could have made them as puppets or pawns with no free will of their own, but He wanted them to love and obey Him because they wanted to, not because they had no other choice. He loved them without a cause, and that is how He wanted them to love Him back.

He created them as free moral agents. Free moral agents are given a choice to choose between good and evil with the knowledge that they will be held accountable for the choices they make. We are all descendants of Adam and Eve, and are free moral agents as well.

Genesis 3:1. “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And He said unto the woman, “Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree in the garden?”

Subtle as used here in this scripture, means sly, shrewd, wily, clever and cunning. As subtle as the serpent originally was, he became much more so when the devil entered into him and used him to tempt the woman. Add to its being subtle, the traits of deceitfulness, deviousness, and wicked smartness, and you have the serpent, full of the devil.

When God created man and woman, He placed them in the beautiful Garden of Eden. Every day, He would come down in the cool of day and walk and talk with Adam and Eve. Before they broke the commandment of God, they had no sin in their lives, so God could have sweet fellowship with them. Once they sinned, their fellowship with God was broken. Their sin created a partition wall between them and God. God lives in a state of absolute holiness and cannot, and will not fellowship with anyone who has sin in their lives.

Once sins are repented of, confessed, forsaken and forgiven, the wall that separates us from God is broken down and the lines of communication are reopened. From the moment of our new birth, God, is once again accessible to us, and invites us to come to Him in prayerful and spiritual communication as often as we like.

God gave our first ancestors just one commandment and they couldn’t even manage to keep it. He told them that they could freely eat of any of the trees of the garden, except one; the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said to them, “For in the day that ye eat of it, you shall surely die.” (Gen. 2:17)

Satan, whose angelic name before his fall was Lucifer, had already been cast out of heaven for trying to exalt his throne above God’s throne. He had the audacity to attempt to usurp God’s power and authority. And God expelled Lucifer, the anointed angel who covered the throne of God, from heaven and he became the devil, the deceiver, the tempter, the dragon, the destroyer, the serpent, the accuser of the brethren, and the scourge of the earth. Never has anyone fell so far as the devil. His sin was the sin of pride.

He went from being a beautifully created being, to the vile, wicked creature he is today. The image that we see him usually depicted as, is as ugly as the sin that he thrives on. Now he delights himself in turning beauty into ugliness in God’s creation, man. (Man used here denotes both man and woman. The species. Man-kind.)

The devil takes a young innocent girl and turns her into a pros-

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titute walking the streets, selling her body and her dignity for money and drugs. He tears apart homes by tempting marriage partners to be unfaithful. He causes many to get hooked on addictive substances. He ruins lives. And he does these things to try and get back at God, for he knows that God loves His creation man, and it breaks God's heart when man sins against Him and falls short being who and what God intended Him to be.

One day Eve was wandering around in the garden and came upon a serpent. And the serpent spoke to her. Of course we know that it wasn't really the serpent that was speaking, but the devil speaking through it. Actually the serpent was a good choice for the devil to make, because the devil is a snake himself. He spews forth poisonous lies as a poisonous snake spews forth its venom. The bible says he is the father of lies. He is the biggest liar of all.

Believers are not to put themselves in a position to get bitten by that old serpent, the devil. He has a deadly bite and he inflicts pain and agony on those who fail to keep him at bay. And if his bites doesn't kill them, it'll make them wish they were dead when the dire consequences of sin arrive in their lives.

## Trinity Baptist to celebrate 71st anniversary

Trinity Baptist Church on Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski celebrates its 71st anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 13 with a blended service with Open Door Baptist Church, Pulaski.

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  2. From Mark 10, James and who else asked to sit at Jesus' right and left hand in heaven? Thomas, Peter, John, Philip
  3. Who said, "It is not meet (right) to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs"? Jesus, Judas, Joshua, Jacob
  4. From James 4, what will happen if you resist the devil? He will ... Fight, Anger, Mislead, Flee
  5. Who proclaimed a fast at the river of Ahava? David, Adonikam, Ezra, Ariel
  6. How many thieves were crucified with Jesus? 1, 2, 3, 4
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) John, 3) Jesus (Matthew 15:26), 4) Flee, 5) Ezra, 6) 2
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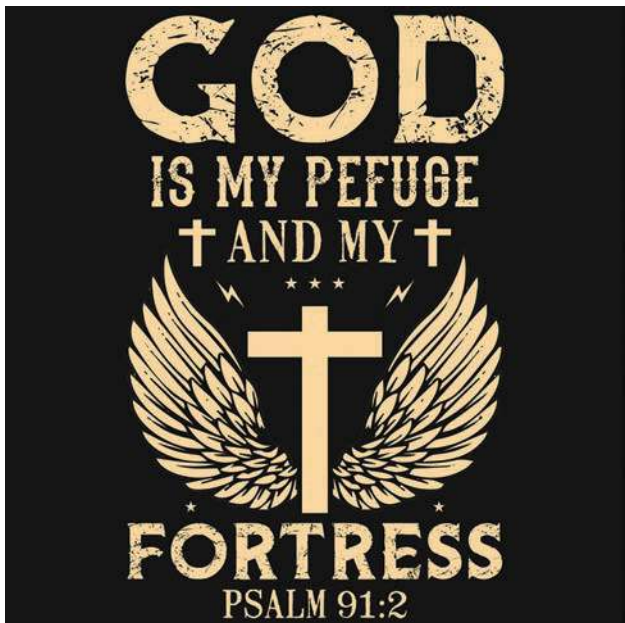
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The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

EXODUS 2: 5,6

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THAT'S GREAT! SO DOES THAT MEAN WE ALL GET SECONDS WHEN WE WANT?

HONESTLY, I WOULDN'T KNOW. I'M ON MY THIRD ROUND OF FIRSTS.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

SHE'S A BEAUTY... GALVANIZED STEEL CONSTRUCTION. 10 QUART CAPACITY WITH A STEEL BAIL AND REINFORCED WIRE RIM. I JUST HAD TO HAVE ONE BEFORE I DIED..

SO YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT GETTING A BUCKET IS SOMETHING YOU ACTUALLY HAD ON YOUR "BUCKET LIST?"

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

GULP

I SHOULD NEVER LAUGH AT YOUR MISTAKES.

ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'RE ONE OF THEM.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

STUPID FLY

GOT HIM!

GOT THAT ONE!

ANOTHER ONE!

OLIVE

WELL, AT LEAST AFTER ALL OF THIS I GET TO SEE THE FACE YOU DO.

WHAT FACE?

EVERY TIME YOU SEE POPEYE AFTER A LONG TIME YOU MAKE A WEIRD FACE. ITS KIND OF CUTE!

NO, I DON'T!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

ME SWEET! I CAME TA-PICK-YER UP!

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I GIVE UP. I JUST BOUGHT 2 SHIRTS IN THE OTHER DEPARTMENT. I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED THEY ONLY HAD FEMALE MANNEQUINS.

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ACROSS

1 Breath fresh-ners

6 Jazzy style

9 Monk's title

12 Pub perch

13 Greek H

14 Yank's foe

15 Very begin-ning

16 Difficult

18 Imam's place

20 Conks out

21 Fluffy scarf

23 Drone

24 Leans

25 Has

27 Monastery VIP

29 Past

31 Restitution

35 Travel papers

37 Nickelodeon's "Explorer"

38 Tack on

41 Dogpatch adjective

43 Recipe abbr.

44 Adhesive

45 Roman orator

47 "That's a lie!"

49 Jets and Sharks

52 Swelled head

53 Samovar

54 Full-length

55 Tax form ID

56 Mag. staff

57 Devoutness

8 Bit of butter

9 Delicate

10 Stopwatch button

11 Void

17 Redacted

19 Campus areas

21 Short 'do

22 Have debts

24 Male turkey

26 Part of USSR

28 No-frills

30 Kibosh

32 Never

33 Hosp. work-

ers

34 Enervate

36 Extrater-restrials

38 De Mille of dance

39 Whips

40 Japanese bedroll

42 Advantage

45 It gets in the whey

46 Hindu royal

48 Regret

50 Belly

51 Farm pen

DOWN

1 Flavor enhancer, for short

2 Mineral suffix

3 A few

4 Takeout request

5 Wade through mud

6 Render senseless

7 Oklahoma tribe

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top ten

Highest-Paid YouTubers

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1. Jimmy Donaldson (MrBeast)

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8. Rhett & Link (Good Mythical Morning)

9. Ryan Kaji (Ryan's World)

10. Lilly Singh

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which European city is home to the Prado Museum?

2. MOVIES: What is Forrest's hometown in the movie "Forrest Gump"?

3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the only vowel that isn't on the top row of letters on a keyboard?

4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What breed of dog is the TV star Lassie?

5. CHEMISTRY: What is a common name for nitrous oxide?

6. MUSIC: Which musical instrument does the singer Lizzo play?

7. LITERATURE: What is a bildungsroman?

8. U.S. STATES: Which two states share the most borders with other states?

9. TELEVISION: What decade is represented in the TV sitcom "The Goldbergs"?

10. FOOD & DRINK: In which century was coffee introduced to Europe?

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WORD LADDERS

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

BANKS

CARTS

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Answers

1. Madrid, Spain.

2. Greenbow, Alabama.

3. A.

4. Rough Collie.

5. Laughing gas.

6. Flute.

7. Novel that focuses on the moral and psychological growth of a protagonist from childhood to adult.

8. Tennessee and Missouri, with eight bordering states each.

9. The 1880s.

10. 16th.

SCRAMBLERS

LOVESICK

Today's Word

1. Smack 2. Evade; solution

CASKS, CASTS, CARTS

BANKS, TANKS, TASKS

WORD LADDER

Americanisms

"I make myself rich by making my wants few."

— Henry David Thoreau

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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All Dublin High Alumni

We would like to especially invite the DHS Class of 1962 to a monthly breakfast for ALL Dublin High School alumni. This is held the first Wednesday of each month in the Dublin Lion's Club Building beginning at 9 AM. It's a chance to see members of all of the classes from DHS. The Lion's Club asks only for donations to support their many community projects.

Aug. 4-5

Class Reunion  
Members of the Pulaski High School Class of 1973 will hold their 50th class reunion on Aug. 4 and 5, 2023. The event will be held at Thornspring Country Club and Event Center in Pulaski. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. Invites will go out later, but right now we need to determine the number interested in attending. Please email us at [efsouthern@gmail.com](mailto:efsouthern@gmail.com) to let us know if you plan to attend and provide your up to date address. You can write us at Class of '73 Reunion, P.O. Box 242, Pulaski, VA 24301. Also, join us on Facebook at "PHS Class of 1973 (Pulaski, VA)" Hope to hear from you soon!

Aug. 5

Back to School Bash  
2nd Annual Back School Bash at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren on August 5th. Located at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind the DMV. We will have school supplies, and games for the children. Lunch will be provided for all who come. This event will run from 12-2 at the Picnic Shelter. Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun.

Aug. 6

Homecoming Celebration  
First Dublin Presbyterian Church, ECO at 409 Church Street, Dublin will celebrate 150 years of continuous service to the Lord during Homecoming on Aug. 6. Service

begins at 10:45 a.m. Lunch to follow.

Aug. 8

PSA Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, [aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org)) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, [msaunders@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:msaunders@pulaskicounty.org)). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

Aug. 13

71st Anniversary  
Trinity Baptist Church on Robinson Tract Road, Pulaski celebrates its 71st anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 13 with a blended service with Open Door Baptist Church, Pulaski. A program of gospel music with "Beckon Call" of Roanoke begins at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Kelly Howlett will bring the sermon and a fellow-

ship lunch will follow. Friends and guests are invited to share this special occasion with us.

Aug. 15

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

Aug. 17

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

Aug. 19

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

Aug. 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](mailto:cindyviers.cv@gmail.com) or [tcovey3@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org)). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

Aug. 29

Economic Development Authority Board meets

Tuesday, August 29, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, [mwbird@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org)). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

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.

On going:

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

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

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

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

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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

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