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School board candidate sues incumbent over comments

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

An October 25 hearing date has been set in a civil suit filed August 22 by Pulaski County School Board candidate Gina Paine against her opponent, incumbent candidate Penny Golden.

Paine is challenging Golden for the Ingles District seat on the school board in the November General Election.

In her suit, Paine alleges that Golden made false and defamatory statements about her in a message sent via Facebook.

Paine is seeking judgement in the amount of \$12,500 in compensatory damages and \$12,500 in punitive damages.

The suit alleges that on or about August 8, Golden sent a message via Facebook to Mickey Weikle stating that, among other things, "Ms. Paine is a convicted felon with an extensive criminal



Gina Paine



Penny Golden

history."

Included with the suit are two exhibits.

Exhibit One is a screen shot of the message sent by Golden to Weikle.

In the screen shot, Golden states she "received a call earlier about the Republican meeting this Thursday night concerning the agenda item 'the endorsement of school board candidates,' and wanted to reach out to you (Weikle) to provide some information."

Golden continues that, "Myself, members of the board of supervisors and local papers all received a copy of the criminal history for Gina Paine and I have a feeling that the Republican Party doesn't know about it."

Golden then makes her assertion that "Ms. Paine is a convicted felon with an extensive criminal history."

Golden closes the Facebook message to Weikle by saying, "Although it was several years ago, I still think it is relevant to character and before you vote to endorse her you should have all of the information."

In the same screenshot, Weikle says, "Penny, due to my physical and visual handicap I no longer have a leadership role in the Republican party. I would suggest if you have concerns about any candidate ..., with the rest

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Freedom of Information Request concerns aired at county meeting

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Freedom of Information Act requests, publicity from the recent SRX race and a retirement announcement by a key county employee topped the items of discussion for the August meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

During the monthly public comment portion of the meeting, E.W. Harless addressed the board on Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

Harless asked how the FOIA process works, with County Administrator Jonathan Sweet explaining that a FOIA request is actually a request for certain documents.

"We are required by code to provide the documents that exist pertaining to the request," Sweet said.



"We often receive a FOIA request, but it is comprised of multiple requests for information on the one page. Each of those are individual FOIA requests," Sweet explained.

"A lot of times we will receive a FOIA request that includes five to 10 individual requests for documents," he added.

"Some of these documents can consist of one page, 10 pages and even hundreds of pages of information with respect to the subject matter," he said.

Harless asked if the county had received any FOIA requests about Sweet.

"Almost bi-weekly," Sweet responded.

"I want to tell you what I'm getting to," Harless said.

"We have a lady in this county - she puts more FOIA requests in - I don't know if she is doing it for herself or someone else. I do know the FOIA is to find out if anything can be done about any one of ya'll (supervisors and Sweet). Can you use the FOIA process to go after any one of the board members," Harless asked.

"That's subject to opinion," Sweet responded. "The FOIA process is a matter of the Sunshine Laws and that is to open the books and to provide transparency to the citizenry. So, information can always be weaponized, but the spirit of FOIA is really for

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Suit

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of her comment cut off in the screen shot.

The suit maintains Paine has never been charged with a felony and therefore is not and cannot be a convicted felon.

The suit states, "Therefore, this portion of the statement is false."

The suit continues that considering Paine "has only had a single misdemeanor conviction in approximately 2002 and no other criminal record, therefore she does not have an extensive criminal history. Therefore, this portion of the statement is also false."

The suit says Golden's "false statements are defamatory per se as they impute the commission of a crime that is punishable by imprisonment in a State or Federal institution."

The suit notes that Golden is currently running in an election against Paine and others and is "using these defamatory statements to promote her own campaign."

The suit maintains Golden's statement was made "intentionally without any regard to the truth," and the statements by Golden "are false and were made with a malicious intent to attempt to influence the upcoming election and promote her own campaign."

The suit says Golden "claims to have obtained a criminal history of the Plaintiff (Paine), yet the Department of Justice report (shown in Exhibit Two) contains no reportable conviction."

"Because of the defamatory nature of the false statements made on or about Aug. 8, 2023, Paine is entitled to both compensatory and punitive damages pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-45."

The suit claims that because of the defamatory statements by Golden, Paine's reputation and standing in the community has been damaged.

It also claims that Golden "intended these false statements to be humiliating and embarrassing in addition to causing Paine mental suffering."

"As a result of these false statements, Paine has suffered embarrassment, humiliations and mental suffering, and has had to refute these false statements."

Paine is being represented in her suit by Blacksburg attorney Christopher Tuck.

The Patriot reached out to Golden for comment but had not heard back from her as of press time Thursday.

Editor's note: The Patriot did not receive a copy Gina Paine's criminal history, as suggested by Golden in her message to Weikle.

Graham: Rumors of school shutdown and move to virtual instruction due to COVID untrue

Pulaski County School Superintendent Dr. Rob Graham issued the following statement Wednesday:

Dear PCPS Community,

It has come to my attention that there is a rumor spreading throughout Pulaski County that the school division is going to shut down and move to our virtual platform due to a, "Rampant outbreak of COVID cases." Please know that PCPS has no plans to move to our virtual platform and will do everything possible to keep in-person learning available during the 2023-2024 school year. In fact, we will not shut down in-person learning unless we are required by the Commonwealth or receive a recommendation from the New River Valley Health Department (NRVHD) to do so. We are committed to keeping our schools open as we know how important it is for the health, well-being, academic and instructional needs of all students in grades PK-12.

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please call me at 540-994-2519.

Sincerely,
Mr. Robert Graham
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CC:Dr. Sarah Polcha, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Dr. Tara Grant, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Instruction

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Attorney General issues opinion on VDOE Model Policies

RICHMOND, Va. -- Attorney General Jason Miyares has issued an official Attorney General's Opinion, at the request of Governor Glenn Youngkin, confirming that the Virginia Department of Education's "Model Policies on Ensuring Privacy, Dignity, and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia's Public Schools" complies with federal and state nondiscrimination laws.

The Opinion clarifies that "the model policies comply with the Equal Protection Clause, Title IX, and the Virginia Human Rights Act," and that "local school boards are required to adopt policies that are consistent with them."

"This official Attorney General Opinion simply confirms what the overwhelming number of Virginians already know; parents have a fundamental right to the care, upbringing, and education of their children. Parents, not government, are in the best position to work with their children on important life decisions, and no parent signs up to co-parent with the government. In fact, the rights of parents are one of our oldest and most fundamental liberty interests. The Model Policies ensure that all students are treated with dignity and that parental involvement remains at the center. These policies are fully compliant with the law, and school boards across the Commonwealth should support and implement them. It's not just common sense, it's the law," said Attorney General Miyares.

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public information and transparency. We process every FOIA request we get to the fullest extent we are capable of, and that information can be used in a variety of ways.”

Harless asked if there is a certain individual who submits a lot of FOIA requests.

"We do have an individual who makes requests, one might even say an inordinate number of requests for information," Sweet said, adding the county has evidence that the individual is also seeking other individuals to make FOIA requests on her behalf.

“Everyone knows who this individual is,” Harless stated. “I’m not going to stand here and call her name. She wants to hinder the process and the workings of the county by just trying to catch somebody in something. I think that is terrible. Is there anything the board can do? Can you raise the rate on FOIA requests?”

Sweet said the county can make inflationary adjustments to the pre-set amount it charges per copy.

"However, in the full spirit of transparency, Pulaski County has done its darndest to keep the cost of these requests for information as low as possible. We charge 10 cents per page," Sweet said.

"Other people charge a dollar," said Harless.

"We charge what we consider a bare minimum," Sweet responded. "The public in some instances has a need for information. We try automatically to provide that by putting as much as possible on our website, Facebook, media outlets including their recording live this meeting tonight. We really want out citizenry to be engaged and informed."

"All of ya'll but one is under attack," Harless said. He said the only board member who hasn't been attacked is Chris Stafford — "and that is only because he hasn't gone against her on nothing thus far."

During the supervisors' comments portion of the meeting, Massie Supervisor Mike Mooney said he hopes citizens understand that FOIA requests take staff and the county administrator's time away from being able to work on positive things in the county and making good things happen.

"Let's continue to celebrate our wins here in Pulaski County. There's a lot of good things going on. If we would focus on that we'd all be in here once a month celebrating instead of looking for answers to stuff that doesn't really help move the county in the right direction," Mooney said.

Draper Supervisor Dirk Compton said one person had filed 163 FOIAs.

“What we charge for FOIA doesn’t make up for what we have to spend to respond to them, but I guess that’s the price you pay for trying to be transparent,” he said.

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the Attorney General’s analysis of current law based on the Office’s thorough research of existing statutes, the Virginia and United States constitutions, and relevant court decisions.

Dublin announces Labor Day holiday schedule

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

Sweet said the 163 FOIA requests Compton spoke of, if each had between five and ten individual requests, “You’re talking about 1,200 FOIA requests by just one individual.”

"If you think about there being 10 to 20 pages for each of those 1,200 FOIA requests, you're talking about tens of thousands of pages, and hundreds of hours of staff time to process that," Sweet said.

"Is there not some sort of nuisance rule, because that's what it is," said Chairman Laura Walters, looking toward County Attorney Tim Kirtner for an answer.

"I don't disagree that's what it is," said Kirtner, "But unfortunately there's not."

"You really can't charge the rest of the county because of one or two bad actors in respect to the use of FOIA," said Sweet. "You really want to keep it open to the Sunshine aspect to make getting information easy, affordable and accessible. We've done that and want to continue doing that."

Diane Newby, the county's Finance Director, addressed the board Monday night and announced her retirement effective Dec. 31, 2023.

Sweet noted her announcement comes after 34 years of public service with 15 of those years being in Pulaski County.

Newby said she had had the pleasure of serving the people of Pulaski County since 2008. Prior to beginning to work for Pulaski County, Newby served in the cities of Salem and Radford.

"As the stress of local government employment has taken a toll on my own health, it is time to take a step back and find something else less stressful to do in the future," Newby told the board.

"It's also time to step up and take care of several ailing family members," Newby said, adding she had had numerous wonderful experiences working in local government and had met many wonderful people through the years.

"I can definitely say there is never a dull moment working in local government finance and rarely a slow moment."

She recalled her enjoyment at working on numerous big projects in Pulaski County over the years.

"It's been great to see the progress Pulaski County has made in the last 15 years," she said.

"It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with this board and the county's staff along with other board members during my tenure," she said.

Board members thanked Newby for her service.

"I can't imagine how you've done what you've done so far. So, take it easy," Robinson Supervisor Jeff Reeves said.

"I understand everything you've gone through," said Stafford, who recently retired from the top finance post with the school board.

"There is life after governmental finance, as I have learned over the last couple months. It's not bad," Stafford told Newby.

“We don’t have enough time this evening to say thank you for your contributions,” Sweet told Newby. “Your retirement is so well earned and deserved, and you will be sorely missed by the leadership team and me personally.”

SRX Race Success
Reeves noted during the supervisors' comments period that, judging from the county's Facebook page activity, "Pulaski County put on a good show" during last month's SRX race at the Pulaski County Motorsports Park, which was broadcast nationally by ESPN.

Sweet noted the county had over 105,000 “hits” on its Facebook page in regard to the SRX race and other activities. Nearly 80,000 were recorded on the county’s tourism website, he added.

Reeves also urged citizens to sign up for the upcoming GO Pulaski County Day.

Chairman Laura Walters reminded everyone of the upcoming jet ski races on Sept. 9 and 10 to help race funds for the ACCE program.

"People will be in here from all over the east coast," she noted.

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FRANKIE WHITAKER MILLER

Frankie Whitaker Miller, age 89, of Pulaski, passed away on Sunday, August 20, 2023 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born on November 2, 1933, in Tazewell County, VA to the late Hobert McKinley Whitaker and Fannie Belle Crockett Whitaker. She was a member of the Newbern Community Christian Church and attended Max Creek Baptist Church. She loved church and never missed attending until her health declined. She enjoyed home decorating, knitting, crocheting, and cooking for family gatherings. In addition, to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Eugene M. Miller, son Mark Beavers, and four brothers and five sisters.

Frankie is survived by a son, Jimmy Beavers, daughters, Carol Jones, Deborah Kemp, Sheila Justice, one very close sister Shirley and husband Don Crockett, six grandchildren, Shawn Beavers, Sabrina Black, Justin Kemp, Chad Kemp, Megan Justice, Kirsten Beavers. Also surviving are four great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at 12 Noon at Max Creek Baptist Church, 3000 Old Rte. 100 Rd, Draper, VA with the Rev. Mike Coleman officiating. The services will conclude at the church. Entombment will be private, at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. Those serving as pallbearers are Justin Kemp, Chad Kemp, Shawn Beavers, Charles Justice, Gray Anthony and Charlie Kemp. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 12 Noon.

The family would like to especially thank Frankie's caregivers that provided care for her in her home and thank Hospice of Wytheville Virginia and Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center for the care during her most needed time. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to make donations to the Alzheimer's Association online at alz.org, or to donate by phone at 800-272-3900.

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



THOMAS "TOMMY" CLARENCE FRENCH, JR.

It is with great sadness that the family of Thomas "Tommy" Clarence French, Jr. share of his passing on Monday, August 28, 2023. Tommy was born on June 23, 1954 and was preceded in death by his wife Jennifer "Jenni" French, parents Thomas French, Sr., and Myrtes Martin Worrell, sister Diana White, and nephew Steven White. Tommy spent many a day hunting the woods of Pulaski County searching for the perfect buck. He was also an avid horseshoe pitcher. Most recently he could also be found at the baseball field watching his grandson play baseball.

Tommy was a graduate of Pulaski County High School, and retired from the Town of Pulaski Public Works Department after a long career. Many could have caught him pushing snow in the winter or helping with the road crews during the summer.

Left to cherish his memory are his brother, Mike French of Pulaski, sister Leslie Worrell Beckham and her husband Steve of Columbia, SC, step-daughter Lea Monday and her husband Doug of Max Meadows, step-son Council Compton and his wife Janelle of Pulaski, grandchildren Keily and Mason Monday of Max Meadows, nieces Katie Queen of Radford, Sarah Hanson and her husband Terry of Stuarts Draft, nephews Michael French and his wife Amy of Damascus, Lee Thomas White of Norfolk, and Allen Queen of Pulaski, and his honorary "red-headed step-child" Rachel Simmers of Pulaski. Several great-nieces and nephews and many cousins also remain along with his faithful companion, his cat Dixie.

A graveside service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Pulaski on Friday, September 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The family will receive friends briefly after the service at the cemetery.

In lieu of any flowers the family asks that memorial donations be made in Tommy's name to any of the following: National Kidney Foundation in honor of the family who chose to donate a kidney to save Tommy's life in 1983, or the Muscular Dystrophy Association in honor of his wife Jenni who fought Muscular Dystrophy for 31 years.

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



BETTY PORTER RUPE

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Betty Porter Rupe, 90, of Pulaski, passed away Monday, August 21, 2023. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Rupe; parents, Andrew and Mary Porter; 9 sisters; 4 brothers; and great grandson, Tyler Cregger.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Sonny Honaker, and Patricia and Eric Golliher; son, Dennis Rupe; grandchildren, Leesa Cregger and Donald, April Sutton and Chad, Eric Nunn, and Todd Nunn; great grandchildren, Courtney Cregger, Lexi Caldwell, Landon Whitesell, and Madison Whitesell; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Pastors Eddie Dalton, Doug Stuart and Marcus Harrison officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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



VIOLET ANN WALLS SURRATT

Violet Ann Walls Surratt, age 91 of Pulaski, passed away Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at the Highland Ridge Center in Dublin. She was born May 15, 1932 in Fries, Virginia to the late Louis Walls and Mary Etta Draughn. In 2011 her beloved husband of 61 years, Chester Darrell "Chet" Surratt, preceded her in death, as did their son, Paul Keven Surratt (2018) and her brothers, Jerry Lee Childress of Dublin and Monty Anthony "Sam" Childress of Poolsville MD.

Violet Ann and her husband owned and operated C & A Cleaning Service for 29 years in Pulaski. Throughout her life she devoted

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JERRY B. SEXTON

March 17, 1947 – August 28, 2023

Jerry B. Sexton, 76, of Dublin, passed away Monday, August 28, 2023 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his father, Alex Sexton and mother, Luella May Farlow; son, Johnny Sexton; and 3 brothers.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 58 years, Evelyn Sexton of Dublin; daughter, Sherry Scott and spouse Vicki Scott of Asheville, N. C.; grandsons, Brandon Fisher and fiance Ashley Edmenston of Chilhowie, and Chase Sexton of Dublin; granddaughter, Bethany Fisher and partner of Jacksonville, Fla.; 4 great granddaughters, Braley Fisher, Hailyn Fisher, Ashdon Fisher, and Adalyn Fisher; his best friend who was like a brother, Randy Smith; and his canine companion, Scooter.

Jerry was a bass fisherman and loved taking his boat out on the water. He was a gentle and simple man.

At the wishes of Jerry, the family will remember him in private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to either the American Diabetes Association or to the American Heart Association.

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



RONALD "RONNIE" REGAN EVERSOLE

Ronald "Ronnie" Regan Eversole, age 73 of Dublin passed away Friday, August 25, 2023 at the New River Valley Medical Center. Born November 29, 1949 in Pulaski he was the son of the late Clyde H. Eversole, Sr. & Freeda Sparks Eversole. He was also preceded in death by his former wife, Patricia Eversole, sister, Judith E. Basham, brothers, Clyde H. "PeeWee" Eversole, Jr., Todd K. Eversole and nephew, Tommy Basham.

Ronnie was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Korea (August 1970 – February 1972) as a SPC 5 with Red Eye Missile Artillery out of Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He loved Nascar, drag racing, building street rods, going to cars shows and was an avid Pulaski County Cougars fan. He retired from Volvo with over 30 years of service.

He is survived by his

Daughters – Brittney Tessar – Blacksburg, Lisa (Mark) Mance – Pulaski

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Special Caregiver – Laura Collins

Former Wife – Sandy Lackey

Loving Cat – Hot Rod

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The family of Doris Pratt Surface (Granny), who passed away August 19, 2023, would like to express their gratitude for all expressions of sympathy including food, flowers, donations and visits from all of her friends. Terrie Sternberg provided such a meaningful and comforting message, and personal family support. The memories shared by Sherry Boone and Mike Payne were so special – Granny

would have been so proud. We would also give a special thanks to Traci Delap, her caregiver and to all of the staff and friends at Commonwealth Senior Living. We also appreciate the extra care given at the Palliative/Hospice Care Unit at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Seagle Funeral Home for the donation of "Plant a Tree" and special granite remembrance plaque. We appreciate the excellent care they provided, which exceeded all of our expectations. Seagle Funeral Home was great with their assistance on all of the arrangements for the service. A special thanks to Matt Stevens for visits with Doris and his care and assistance to the family.



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Streetscape update given by town engineers

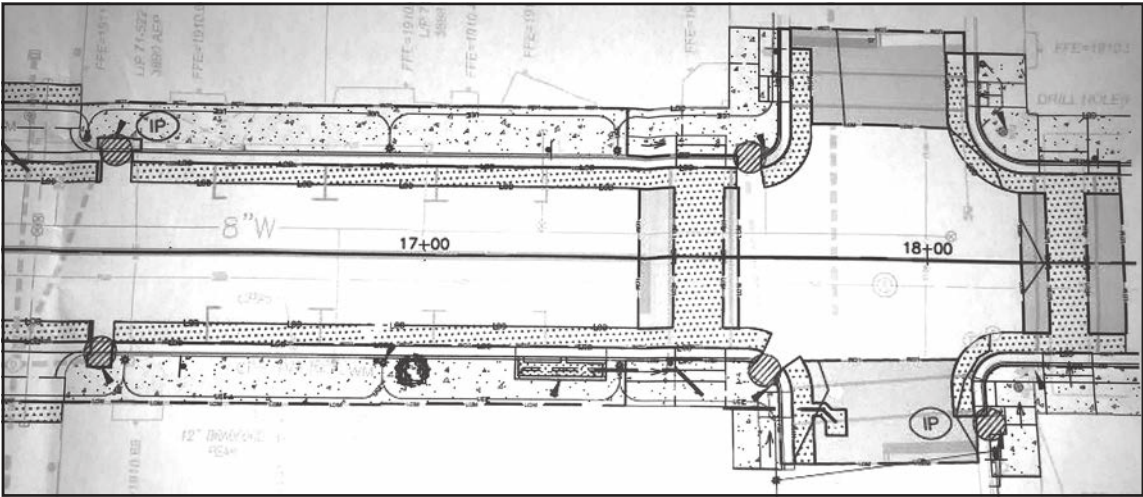
By WILLIAM PAINE
The Patriot

Engineers from the Town of Pulaski gave an update on the upcoming Streetscape Project set to take place on West Main Street between Washington and Jefferson Avenues. The Streetscape project will result in a complete rebuild of the sidewalk areas on Pulaski’s most historic street and is set to begin in the not-too-distant future.

Project Managers Scott Aust and Austin Painter gave the latest update on the Streetscape Project at the Pulaski Train Depot last Wednesday evening, though Aust did most of the talking.

“Several weeks ago, I met with our engineering firm and VDOT and had a very productive meeting with them,” said Aust. “We’ve submitted everything to VDOT and they got back to us. Our engineering department is now working on that set of comments and we should have that done by the first of next week.”

As business owners and residents of West Main Street are well aware, rebuilding the sidewalks for the Streetscape project was supposed to occur immediately after the waterline replacement project was finished. The waterline replacement project resulted in the closure of this same stretch



This plan of streetscape shows how the sidewalks will be configured at the corner of Washington Avenue and West Main Street.

of West Main Street but was completed, after many delays, earlier this year.

As a result, water lines were improved but this historic street still has the unfinished appearance of a construction site.

Since the completion of the waterline project, Town of Pulaski engineers have been working with VDOT to attain final approval of their Streetscape plans, but this has proven to be more difficult than originally anticipated.

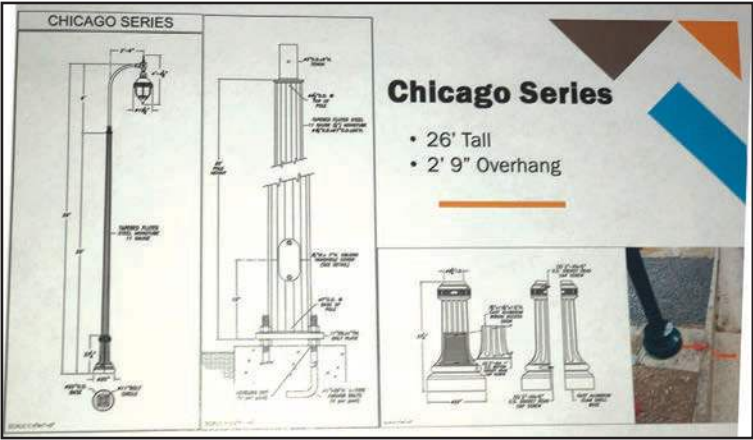
“They have some hang ups on certain ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements that we felt were a little extreme,” said Aust. “Especially when it gets

to one degree or two degrees of slope for the ramps. That’s a little excessive in our opinion, but since they’re giving us the money, we can’t really poke that bear too much.”

Aust is confident that VDOT will accept the latest proposal submitted by town engineers. After VDOT gives the go ahead, plans for the Streetscape Project will be sent to a federal agency for their approval. These approvals are needed, as the town will receive an estimated \$2.3 million in funding from these two sources to complete the Streetscape Project.

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The Cambridge Series Streetlights are among those being considered to replace the old streetlights on West Main Street – This model is 27 feet tall and overhangs the street. The old street lamps are 16 feet tall with a light on top and do not overhang the street.



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Ginkgo trees were chosen to replace the existing trees on West Main Street as part of the Streetscape Project

Surratt

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ed her love and energy to helping both family and friends when there was a need. Her door and heart were always open.

She is survived by son George Allen and wife Barbara of Galax; four grandchildren David Allen Surratt, Jason Paul Surratt, Paul Kevin Surratt II and Phillip Young; daughter-in-law June Anderson Surratt of Speedwell; sister-in-law Loretta Horne Surratt; brother Arvin Daniel “Ronnie” Childress and wife Jan of Sacramento CA; and many cherished nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday 10:00 A.M. September 6, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski.

Violet Ann will be laid to rest along side Chester at the Surratt Cemetery in the Sylvatus Community, Carroll County, Virginia. <https://www.newriversnotes.com/surratt-cemetery/>

To send the family your online condolences, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com.

Eversole

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Funeral services were held Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

He would love for others to drive their street rods to the service

In lieu of flowers, please consider make a donation to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church (1946 Medallion Drive, Pulaski, VA 24301)

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

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Casework

One role I have as a Member of Congress is to serve as a liaison for constituents with the federal government, including providing help with problems related to the federal government.

To help me serve you, I have a team of people in the district who specialize in assisting constituents, overlapping with my D.C. staff who coordinate on a variety of requests.

My casework team can intercede on a constituent's behalf to answer questions and find solutions.

The district staff is based in my one of my two Ninth District offices, located in Abingdon and Christiansburg and are at multiple locations around the district.

Given the district is larger than the land mass of nine separate states, and to make it easier for you, we have traveling staff office hours, where someone from the Griffith office team is in every county and city at least once a month.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

You can conveniently find the location and timing of our traveling staff office hours on my website. I encourage constituents to reach out to my staff via email, phone, through our website, or by scheduling appointments.

My team and I can assist on a variety of issues, whether it be claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs, problems receiving Social Security benefits, or tax related issues with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

We were recently contacted by a constituent regarding the IRS' refusal to waive penalties and interest fees for her mom who had missed the filing deadline due to dementia. My team worked with the Taxpayer Advocate Service, who asked the IRS to drop the penalties due to the mom's dementia. The IRS agreed to do so.

We also help constituents request or renew passports, asking for the expedited processing of these documents, or deal with issues involving travel visas.

A woman and her son were about to board a plane to Italy when she realized her son's passport expired in four months (six months is needed to travel). The airline changed her flight and sent her to get help from the passport agency office, but the agency wouldn't help because they didn't have an appointment. After our team made a few phone calls, we were able to get them into the agency and the son was able to get an extension on his passport.

We are still seeing delays with passport processing, which first arose during the pandemic, so please reach out as early as you can for help.

Additionally, my staff can help navigate the process of applying for grants from the federal government or with requests pending with the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the U.S. Postal Service, etc.

We also help students seeking a nomination from me to the U.S. Service Academies. Each year, I host an in-person Service Academy Day where students and parents can learn more about their options.

Please know that Members of Congress and our staff are generally not permitted to get involved in legal matters, override decisions made by a federal agency, or force an agency to expedite a case. We will do what we can to encourage an agency to consider a case and to advocate for a decision for the constituent.

When you reach out to my office for assistance, we will need your written authorization so we may comply with privacy requirements. Our privacy consent form can be found on my website, or you may contact us by phone or mail to obtain the form.

When returning this form to my team, do not forget to include any pertinent information and claim numbers that might be needed.

If you come to Washington, D.C., my office is available to answer questions or inquiries regarding your trip. We are able to set up tours at the U.S. Capitol, the Supreme Court, Bureau of Printing & Engraving, Library of Congress, and so on.

While White House tours are very limited, we can try to assist with getting you White House tour tickets. We encourage you to submit your request as early as possible.

Constituents can also reach out to our office to purchase American flags—including ones flown over the Capitol. In addition, an American flag for burial purposes may be obtained from my office for a veteran's casket at no charge if you have a completed VA27-2008 form.

No matter the federal issue, please reach out to my office. It is my honor and privilege to serve you and assist in your interactions with the federal government. My team and I will do whatever we can to help.

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

OPEN FORUM

Common Sense, Period!

Neighbors and Friends, two years ago our County School Board Voted in Favor of a "Transgender Model Policy" much to the concern of a large portion of the attendees present and I believe as well the majority of our County's population.

It Was a Somber Day Indeed!

Now, Parents are taking their Children and Youth out of Public schools (which means lost funding) at an alarming rate, to Homeschool, or for Private School, and much

Has to do with this current policy that is still in place in Counties across Virginia.

Just read recently of a Private School Started in Loudoun County, Va. and in its FIRST year of operation, has an enrollment of over 500 students!

Many of those 500 students I feel confident live in that county

Why the exodus from Public Schools? Because Many Parents are Frustrated with policies that:

a) Allow Boys and Girls into each others restrooms and locker rooms

b) Could indoctrinate Young Elementary Children on their Sexual Identity much earlier than they are prepared to handle, or should be exposed to at all.

c) Wreak Havoc on Teachers, who are called and gifted to teach, but instead are detracted by proper preferred gender identification, or face repercussions due to misgendering.

Folks, standing up against this policy is Not De-humanizing, or being Exclusive, or Discriminatory, or Even Un-American as some Clergy in the Area have accused This pastor of being.

It is Simply Protecting the Minds and Bodies of All of our Students that fill our Schools hallways every day!!

The Policy has already been Replaced at the State Level by the VDOE with a More Reasonable Policy and is available on VDOE website for review, enacted July 18, 2023.

Note: To Date this policy HAS NOT been enacted in Pulaski County.


So VOTE November 7th, (Sept. 22nd begins early voting) and let us make sure that our Voices are heard at the Ballot Box!

Lets End this Policy in Pulaski County

#Common Sense over Nonsense

#Safe Education for Pulaski's Kids

Pastor Donald Jones



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

GOP race not quite over yet

If it "got late early" in the old majestic Yankee Stadium with its long shadows, as the famous Yogi Berra quote had it, it's gotten late before about the fourth inning in the Republican presidential race.

In 2016, Donald Trump loved to pump out the results of unreliable online polls that showed him trouncing his competitors by ridiculous margins.

Now, he doesn't need to bother with the shoddy polls; he can do the same thing with blue-chip media polls. The new national CBS poll has him leading second-place Ron DeSantis by 46 points, 62-16. The latest Fox News poll had a more modest 37-point Trump lead. (Vivek Ramaswamy is third in both surveys, at 7% and 11% respectively.)

It's sometimes said that Trump is the de facto incumbent in the race, and indeed these are the kind of numbers you'd expect of a sitting president who is sweeping marginal opponents to the side as he secures his party's re-nomination.

The top-line results aren't that different from the primacy race -- such as it is -- on the Democratic side. The Fox poll has Joe Biden beating Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. 64 to 17, with Marianne Williamson at 9.

Is there a mercy rule in presidential politics?

Trump could be forgiven for looking at his opponents and seeing: a highly touted governor whose campaign has steadily sunk in national polls as he's shed staff and fired a campaign manager; a young, smooth-talking entrepreneur who isn't a threat to him but is helpfully soaking up some share of the non-Trump vote; a sunny senator who has made some gains but certainly hasn't broken out; a former vice president who is hated by MAGE (for all the wrong reasons); a former governor who is a gifted political pugilist but is unpopular in the party; and a bunch of others whose names he doesn't necessarily need to know.

What's not to like?

Even if one of the candidates surges and sweeps up all the current non-Trump vote, there's simply not enough of it to get to 50 right now. No wonder Trump is talking as if the race is over, the Trump super PAC is running spots hitting Biden, and Trump says there's no need for him to show up at the Republican debates.

The cockiness could well be justified, but a sense of inevitability can be a two-edged sword. On the one hand, it disheartens the opposition and communicates strength; on the other, it can fade into a high-handed sense of taking the voters for granted.

And Trump still has to win Iowa, where his support is a little softer. After all the talk of having the election stolen from him in 2020 and the chest-beating about his dominance now, a defeat there -- in a clean process overseen by fellow Republicans -- would be a stinging setback that might change the dynamic everywhere else.

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Election Letter Policy

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

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Founders' Belief About God and Government

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This week, I heard individuals pontificating on the secular foundations of our nation; and I just had to refresh my memory of what the Founders actually believed. I found some enlightening excerpts from their own writings.

Our first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, like our other Founding Fathers, was a prolific writer. As the author of five of The Federalist Papers, a framer of the Constitution, first Chief Justice of the United States, diplomat, abolitionist, signatory of the Treat of Paris (ended the Revolution), he knew something about the other Founders' beliefs and intentions.

Here are a few excerpts from letters he wrote:

In this same letter, Jay stated: "It is to be regretted, but so I believe the fact to be, that except the Bible there is not a true history in the world. Whatever may be the virtue, discernment, and industry of the writers, I am persuaded that truth and error (though in different degrees) will imperceptibly become and remain mixed and blended until they shall be separated forever by the great and last refining fire.

Jedidiah Morse received this letter from Jay written on August 16, 1809: "A proper history of the United States would have much to recommend it: in some respects it would be ... unlike all others; it would develop the great plan of Providence, for causing this extensive part of our world to

be discovered, and these 'uttermost parts of the earth' to be gradually filled with civilized and Christian people and nations.... The historian, in the course of the work, is never to lose sight of that great plan.

You may remember from your American history lessons that the English Quaker, William Penn, founded the Colony of Pennsylvania in 1682. British King Charles II granted him a charter of over 45,000 square miles to establish a colony that would be a safe haven for Quakers and various religious groups (Christians) fleeing persecution in Europe.

Penn had been educated under the influence of the Gospel and studied the origin of government, the nature of civil liberty and the rights of man, in the light of the pure Word of God. When assuming leadership of the Colony, Penn avowed his "purpose to be the institution of civil government upon the basis of the Bible and to administer it in the fear of the Lord -- so to serve the truth -- and the people of the Lord that an example may be set to the nations."

The Preface of Penn's frame of gov-

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

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Streetscape

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The Town will only be responsible for purchasing new streetlights for the Streetscape project and the Town Council, with the help of Project Manager Austin Painter, will decide which streetlight design to choose in the coming weeks. As a result of the new lighting, West Main Street should look significantly brighter by the time Streetscape is completed. The 14 streetlights currently situated on West Main Street will be replaced with 24 new streetlights.

Whether the new streetlights will have electrical outlets or will be able to hold hanging baskets has yet to be determined.

The old sidewalks, which have a pebble texture on their surface, will be replaced with sidewalks with a smooth surface with the same size curbs and gutters. The most significant change in the configuration of the sidewalks will occur at the intersection of Washington and Jefferson Avenues, where ADA compliant ramps will provide access across both roadways.

According to Aust, part of the reason the red lights were removed on Washington and Jefferson Avenues, was to be able to make these streetcorners ADA compliant.

The Streetscape project will also result in taking down the 10 trees that currently line this block of West Main Street and replacing them with four Ginko trees, two on either side of the road.

After considering several different species of tree, town engineers chose the Ginko Tree to be the best tree to adorn this section of the street. Though native to the far east, Ginko trees have become increasingly popular in western countries. Ginkos were chosen because they are easily

maintained and their foliage turns an attractive yellow color in the fall.

“Since there will be considerably less trees, there will now be Biobeds which will contain shrubbery and flowers,” said Aust. “These Biobeds help with drainage so instead of the runoff going directly into the storm water system, they’ll sit in the Biobed. Every five years those Biobeds will be turned over and rebuilt. The runoff waters the plants in the BioBeds. This limits the amount of runoff that goes into Peak Creek, as well, and so we’re trying to be more ecofriendly and not dump stuff into Peak Creek.”

The plan is to place four Biobeds at either end of West Main Street. The Biobeds on the Jefferson Avenue side of the street will sit across from each other, while the Washington Avenue Bio Beds will be staggered.

After project approval is given by state and federal authorities, the town will begin the bidding process for the project. Given these stipulations, construction on the Streetscape project will not occur until late 2023 at the earliest but it’s more likely it will begin in early 2024.

Once the project is begun, Aust estimates that it will take about 10 weeks to complete. The work will be completed in sections and construction will alternate from one side of the street to the other.

“We’re going to make sure every business has a way in,” said Aust. “If they’re working in front of the business, there will be metal access plates, so that any citizen can access that business.

Even if these guys are working right in front of the door, they will still have a way to get inside those businesses. One of us with the engineering department will come down and tell the business about when the project gets to their property.”

Nation

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ernment included this statement: “When the great and wise God had made the world, of all his creatures, it pleased him to chuse man his Deputy to rule it: and to fit him for so great a charge and trust, he did not only qualify him with skill and power, but with integrity to use them justly.”

The frame of government which Penn completed in 1682 for the government of Pennsylvania was derived from the Bible. The first legislative act stated: “Whereas the glory of Almighty God and the good of mankind is the reason and end of government...to make and establish such laws as shall best preserve true Christian and civil liberty.”

Thomas Jefferson, was an American Founding Father, the principle author of the Declaration of Independence and the third President of the United States.

Here is what Jefferson wrote in The State of Virginia and also

in letters to George Wythe and to George Washington (1786). “God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with his wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever.”

James Madison was the chief author of the Bill of Rights and thus of the First Amendment; and the champion of religious liberty, freedom of speech, and freedom of the press in the Founding Era. Remember, the prevailing Religion at that time was Christianity. When the Founders referred to Religion, it was understood that it was the Christian religion.

Here is an excerpt from James Madison: “That Religion, or the



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Dublin High Class of 1970 Makes Donation

Recently, alumni of the class of 1970 from Dublin High School donated \$400 to Randolph Park to go toward paint and supplies for the repainting of the Dublin High School Alumni Shelter. In 2008, numerous DHS alumni collectively raised \$30,000 to go toward the construction of a shelter in honor and in memory of those that attended Dublin High. The shelter was in need of repainting and Parks and Recreation staff did a great job completing the job. Pictured are Parks and Recreation Staff and some members of the class of 1970. Pictured from left to right are: P&R staff Rachel Parker, DHS Alumni Patricia Hale, Linda Linkous, Bill Mabry, Karen Brown, Patty Simpson, P&R staff Shay Dunnigan, Brayden Morris and Chase Dunnigan.

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Lowry

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Moines Register poll has Trump at 42%, with DeSantis at 19% and South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott at 9%. That’s a substantial lead, but both DeSantis and Scott have large portions of the electorate saying they are their second choice or that they are actively considering them. Both also have high favorable ratings comparable to Trump’s.

In the portion of the survey conducted prior to the Georgia indictment, his lead was 38 -- 20 over DeSantis -- again, sizable, but not nearly enough to say he has this thing put away, not in the

middle of August.

Iowa can break late. Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, who won Iowa in 2012, didn’t really start moving until late December. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who won four years earlier, started his upward march around November. If someone is going to replicate this kind of climb, the big upward move may still be months away.

So it looks late out there, no doubt, and has for some time, but it’s not over.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

duty we owe to our Creator, and the manner of discharging it can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence, and therefore all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of Religion, according to the dictates of conscience; and that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love and charity towards each other.”

We can end this short article with another quote from the Founders: “Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

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NRCC's Covey honored with statewide leadership award

Angie Covey, executive director of the New River Community College Educational Foundation and Pulaski County resident, was recently honored for her extraordinary leadership in helping students gain access to higher education.

The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) presented Covey with the Kathleen H. Smith Distinguished Service Award at the Virginia Community College (VCCS) 2023 Chancellor's Retreat in early August at the Hotel Roanoke.

"Angie is passionate about serving students and her community," remarked Dr. Jennifer Gentry, VCCS vice chancellor of institutional advancement. "Her work ethic is second to none. Angie is strategic, enthusiastic, genuine, and as a first-generation student, she understands the challenges that face many of our students entering the doors of the community college."

The award is named for Kathleen Smith, a legendary leader in institutional advancement at Patrick & Henry Community College and the VCCS.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this award," said Covey. "I feel truly blessed to follow in Kathleen Smith's footsteps and give back to the community that

raised me." Covey continues to represent Smith's legacy, advocating for a better future for every New River Community College (NRCC) student.

"One word sums up Angie's commitment to NRCC—passion," said Dr. Pat Huber, NRCC president. "Angie's passion for assisting students and serving the community college is rooted in her own experiences as a first-generation college student from a rural community. Whether it is with the loan of a laptop, a referral to the college's food pantry, or the purchase of a pair of steel-toed shoes so that a student can attend welding classes (all these funded through the Foundation), Angie is a driver for much good that occurs on this campus."

One of Covey's most notable career accomplishments thus far is the inception and subsequent creation of the Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program at NRCC. ACCE is an economic development public/private partnership that makes college available debt-free to high school and home-schooled graduates by funding NRCC tuition for two years. ACCE supports the youth of participating counties by making college within reach. With the support of ACCE, students graduate from NRCC prepared to join the



Photo courtesy of NRCC

From the left, VFCCE Chair Ben Davenport, NRCC Educational Foundation Executive Director Angie Covey, VFCCE Executive Director Jennifer Gentry, and VCCS Chancellor David Doré.

workforce or transfer to a four-year college or university without college debt. ACCE students provide volunteer service hours in their local communities in exchange for tuition funding. The ACCE program started with one county, Giles, and 33 students and has now expanded to include the college's entire service region (Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski counties and Radford City).

ACCE has served 1,691 students so far, with 366 in the 2022-2023 academic year. These students have provided 192,620 hours of volunteer service to organizations in the New River Valley, with

30,280 in the 2022-2023 academic year.

Covey is a graduate of NRCC and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Virginia Tech. Her tenure with NRCC spans nearly 30 years. She initially began working at NRCC in 1993 as an adjunct faculty member before joining the college's workforce development team full time in 1999.

In 2009, she transitioned from associate vice president of workforce development to associate vice president of advancement and then executive director of the college's foundation in 2010. When Covey began this role, the Foun-

dation's net assets were approximately \$6 million. Presently, the Foundation's total assets stand at more than \$25 million.

"Angie has lived, learned, worked and raised her family in the NRV; she knows the specific needs and challenges of the college's service region, and she has dedicated her career to serving those needs and responding to the challenges by providing access to education to all who live here," said Huber.

For more information about the NRCC Educational Foundation, visit www.nr.edu/foundation/.

Kentland Farm Field Day set for Sept. 12

On Tuesday, September 12, Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will host the 2023 Kentland Farm Field Day. This event will highlight current research projects at Kentland Farm as well as focus on livestock and horticulture production. This year's livestock track includes:

- Small Ruminant Production and Parasite Resistance

(Presented by Dr. Scott Greiner)- This session will focus on current management practices and research results related to parasite management in small ruminants.

- Market Analysis (Tara & Aaron Helmick)- Learn about managing a high turnover livestock enterprise with beef and sheep, sell-buy livestock marketing, and real-world perspectives from a first-generation

farm family.

- Fencing Essentials (Jonathan Kidd, Pasture Systems)- This session will focus on rotational grazing infrastructure, wood post manufacturing and treatments, and an overview of fencing types available for livestock systems.

The horticulture track (presented by Lori Robertson, Dr. Tom Kuhar, Dr. Steven Rideout) will include information on:

- Integrated Pest Management (Conventional and Organic)
- Seasonal Cover Crops
- High Tunnel Production
- Flower Production, etc.

Speakers from VCE, Virginia Tech, and industry will also provide exhibits and demonstrations on soil health, invasive insects, weed identification, etc.

Kentland exists to support the research, teaching, and Extension programs of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, which include many of Virginia's major agricultural crop and livestock species. Programs are conducted at the farm by many

different colleges and departments of the university, including Engineering, Science, Veterinary Science, and Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. The farm is rich in local history, and Virginia Tech has maintained that history through the manor house, enslaved people's cemetery, Native American sites, and other early farm buildings.

Registration: \$20 - includes lunch and ice cream

To register:
Call: Pulaski County Extension (540-980-7761)
OR Online: <https://tinyurl.com/Kentland2023>

State probing fatal crash in Carroll County

Virginia State Police is investigating a fatal crash in Carroll County. The crash occurred Aug. 8, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. on Route 58, less than a mile east of Partridge Rd.

A 2021 Daix PMZ50 scooter was traveling east on Route 58 when it was struck from behind by a 2008 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

The scooter's operator, Jeanie L. Darrh, 54, of Galax, Va.,

was transported to Wake Forest Baptist Hospital in Wake Forest, N.C. On Aug. 12, 2023, she succumbed to injuries sustained in the crash. She was wearing a helmet.

The driver of the Jeep, Isaiah S. Thompson, 31, of Galax, Va., was not injured in the crash. He was wearing a seatbelt.

Thompson was cited for driving on a revoked operator's license, for expired registration, and for operating an uninsured vehicle. The crash remains under investigation.

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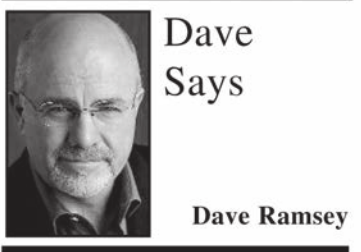
The 7th Annual Wayne Zellers Virginia Wounded Warrior Project Region III Golf Tournament was hosted at Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech on Monday, Aug. 7. The event offers direct support to veterans and their families, in our local region, that suffer short and long term effects of their service to our country. This annual event has raised \$54,000 since its inception. Its founder, Wayne Zellers, was an avid golfer with a true passion for helping fellow veterans and their families in the New River Valley. The Pulaski County DAR chapter continued to sponsor and support our troops by lending time and resources to ensure that this important event is sustained. Pictured at right are (left) Fran Davis, Business Manager of the Pete Dye River Course and Vice Regent of the Count Pulaski Chapter DAR and Peggy Hemmings, Regent, Count Pulaski Chapter DAR.

Life Insurance Isn’t a Baby Step

Dear Dave,
I just discovered you and your teachings a couple of weeks ago. I’m already on Baby Step 2, and I was wondering if I should buy life insurance now or wait until I’ve finished paying off debt. I’m single with no children, and I owe a total of \$44,700. I have a \$25,000 company-funded life insurance policy through my employer. What do you think I should do?

— Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,
If you have a life insurance need, it’s not a Baby Step. It’s a necessity in your budget and something you need to put in place as soon as possible. But from what you’ve told me, you don’t have a great need for life insurance at this point. No one, except you, is depending on your income, and the \$25,000 policy you have through your employer is more than enough to take care of any final expenses if something happened to you.
The main purpose of life insurance is to take care of those you leave behind when you die. If someone is financially dependent on your income, I recommend having 10 to 12 times your annual income wrapped up in a good level term life insurance policy. That means if you make \$80,000 a year, you should have a policy worth anywhere from \$800,000 to \$960,000.
If I were you, I wouldn’t buy another life insurance policy at



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

all right now. If you get married or have kids somewhere down the road, then buy it immediately. In that case, both you and your spouse should have 15- to 20-year level term policies of 10 to 12 times your individual incomes.
And never buy anything except level term life insurance. The reason? That covers you until you’re out of debt—should a spouse bring some into the picture—and the two of you have so much cash piled up that you don’t need to pay for a life insurance policy anymore. It’s called being self-insured, and that’s a great place to be.
Good question, Elizabeth!
— 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.

Susan Hayes Named to Dean’s List at University of Maryland Global Campus

ADELPHI, MD -- Susan Hayes of Dublin was named to the Dean’s List for the spring semester at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN RATES
CASE NO. PUR-2023-00008

On June 30, 2023, Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos” or “Company”) filed an application (“Application”) with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) for a general increase in rates pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia (“Code”), the Commission’s Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings, 20 VAC 5-201-10 *et seq.* (“Rate Case Rules”), the Commission’s Rule of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”) 5 VAC 5-20-80 and consistent with the Commission’s Order on Request For Waiver dated January 31, 2023. In its Application, the Company requests authority to increase its rates and charges, revise the terms and conditions applicable to natural gas service, and to implement its proposed rates, charges, and revised terms and conditions on an interim basis, subject to refund, effective for service rendered on or after November 30, 2023.

The Company indicates that the Commission last granted Atmos an adjustment to its rates on March 11, 2019, which required a \$400,000 reduction to the Company’s operating revenues, authorized a 9.2% return on equity (“ROE”), and accepted the partial stipulation between Atmos and Staff, which addressed the impact of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (“TCJA”) on the Company’s rates, and included an agreement to the return of excess deferred income taxes (“EDIT”) to customers. The Company states that the Application in this instant case reflects the completion of the Company’s unprotected EDIT approved in the 2018 Final Order, as well as to reflect the capital investments and other changes in its cost of service that have occurred since the last rate case.

In its Application, the Company is seeking a rate increase that will produce additional annual jurisdictional revenues of \$3,178,349, or an overall increase of approximately 26.42%, based on an 11.15% ROE. Among other things, Atmos is proposing an increase in the monthly customer charges for schedule 610 residential customers to \$16.00 from the current rate of \$10.24, with similar changes in the monthly customer charges for other rate classes.

Additionally, the Company is also proposing revisions to its tariffs and Terms and Conditions of Service, to include: (i) modernization of the Company’s terms and conditions of service to align with current operations and consistent with those of existing Virginia local distribution companies; (ii) clarification of the responsibilities of the utility and its customers; (iii) a proposal to remove late payment fees and miscellaneous service fees and instead include these in base rates; and (iv) a proposed new provision to its general terms and conditions, Section 8.1(c) (4) related to the construction of line extensions by the Company to serve new customers.

Interested persons are encouraged to review Atmos’s Application and supporting public documents in full for details about these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company’s Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on Atmos’s Application. On March 12, 2024, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned will hold the telephonic portion of the hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses, with no witness present in the Commission’s courtroom. On or before March 5, 2024, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission’s website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on March 12, 2024, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On March 12, 2024, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the Company’s Application also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Timothy E. Biller, Esq., and Andrea D. Gardner, Esq., Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, tbiller@huntonak.com and agardner@huntonak.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the Application and other documents filed in this case from the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before March 5, 2024, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00008.

On or before November 3, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00008.

On or before January 16, 2024, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness’s testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Commission’s Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission’s Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2023-00008.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.

The public version of the Company’s Application, the Commission’s Rules of Practice, the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the Commission’s website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION



Team Rubicon, county work to mitigate wildfires

On Saturday, August 27, Pulaski County Emergency Services joined forces with Team Rubicon in the Draper Estates area to mitigate wildfire hazards on the mountain.

Pulaski County Emergency Services Coordinator, Brad Wright, stated, "Wildfire is a real threat to residents in Pulaski County that is mostly overlooked, the same could be said for Maui and Louisiana. These two locations are currently reeling from historic wildfires that raged in these areas in the past month, causing the loss of life and destroying structures. Our goal for Pulaski County is to continue to educate residents on the risk of wildfires and to work to mitigate the risk before the fire starts."

In 2016 a brush fire spread across Draper Mountain, threatening several homes. Leading up to the 2016 fire, several years of mitigation work was completed in the Draper Mountain Estates area. This work provided a "defensible space" around the homes in that area and allowed firefight-



State Farm Agent Deanie Hall (center right) makes a \$500 donation to cover the cost of feeding the wildfire volunteers.

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ers to save them. Safety is one of the county's main priorities and is why, each year, it holds a Community Wildfire Preparedness Day event.

Team Rubicon graciously stepped in to provide their volunteer services alongside Pulaski County Emergency Management staff for the second time in three years to prevent a fire like 2016's from occurring again. The group is led by U.S. military veterans from all over the country who are dedicated to serving their country and keeping its people safe. Since 2013, the group has saved communities across the country over \$35 million from their volunteer services and has provided volunteers and services for both disaster relief and mitigation.

Groups from both Pulaski County and Team Rubicon gathered at

Central Gym in downtown Pulaski for a briefing session before they took off up the mountain to get started. Once there, the teams split into different groups to tackle the assigned tasks for the day. Tasks included the construction of fire breaks, dropping of hazardous trees, thinning of brush, and stacking of hazardous materials into piles.

Other groups and individuals also contributed to the project including New River Highlands RC&D and State Farm Agent, Deanie Hall, who donated \$500 to cover the cost of feeding the volunteers. Wright stated, "We are happy to have the partnership with Team Rubicon, State Farm Agent, Deanie Hall, and the New River Highlands RC&D with our yearly Community Wildfire Preparedness Day event. Without these partners we would not be able to achieve the objectives that are identified in our County Wildfire Protection Plan."

Wright continued, stating, "Pulaski County continues to chip away at the highest priority projects by assessing conditions and updating our plans as needed. If you would like to learn more about your home's risk for wildfire, please contact Pulaski County Emergency Management at 540-994-2574.

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New River Crime Watch group holds ‘Jamboree’

The New River Crime Watch Committee organized a Saturday Evening Jamboree for the community on Saturday, August 26th. Audrey Lee coined the phrase “Jamboree”. It was a perfect fit for the evening!

The Committee sold hotdogs for one dollar, but all other food was free! They were very grateful for all the food donations. Robert Rollins was the head chef of turning out the best hotdogs in the neighborhood. As fast as anyone could give an order, Marie Walker and Jeanette Sheffey would have the hotdogs in your hands.

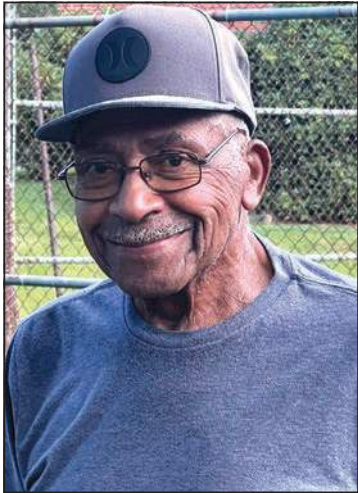
Randy Miles, from the Fairlawn Fire Department, brought a tanker to the festival, and kids and adults enjoyed checking it out.

Free bingo was enjoyed by many, and winners selected their prizes from a table of “white elephant” items. Charles Damron had the perfect voice for calling bingo!

Raffle tickets were sold for one dollar each for a few items displayed near Sherman Lee and his assistant, who collected money for the hotdogs and raffle tickets. The happiest people at that time were the ones with the winning raffle number.

Besides good old-fashioned sitting around and visiting, people also had an opportunity to play corn hole and horseshoes. Amid laughter and good-natured kidding, the many smiles proved that all had a great time.

Morgan’s Chapel UMC will provide their fellowship hall for the community’s annual Christmas party on Monday, December 4th, at 6:00. More details will follow later.



Story and Photos Submitted by Linda Hanshew

35 Students named to NRCC President’s and Dean’s lists

At New River Community College, 35 students were recently named to the President’s List and Dean’s List in recognition of their academic excellence during the summer 2023 session. Certificates will be mailed to the recipients in the coming weeks.

To be placed on the President’s List, a student must have taken 12 college-level semester hours or more, attained a grade point average of 3.5 for any one semester, and earned a minimum of 20 semester hours at New River

Community College.

A Dean’s List student is one who has taken 12 college-level semester hours of credit or more and attained a grade point average of 3.2 for any one semester.

Those named to the President’s List are: Sara Albert; Damont Brooks, Jr.; Caileigh Chaffin Gearhart; Mykkel Connelly; Samantha Conner; Ashley Custer; Sara Dunford; Samantha Dunn-Hite; Alexander Eiler; Joshua Faw; Jack Hartley; Dana Johnson; Ja-

cob Keefer; Alexandre Lachance; Megan Lineberry; Mikhail Mann; Griffin McClain; Allison Peters; Gavin Richardson; Megan Saunders; Leda Stubbs; and Che Yang.

Those named to the Dean’s List are: Lanette Austin; Matthew Brown; Devin Campbell; Julietta Crowder-Parera; Andrea Hagen; Shativa Hubbard; Avery McDaniel; Briannah Mills; Jessica Nwachukwu; Holden Perry; Samuel Sproat; Brittany Sutphin; and Julian Taylor.

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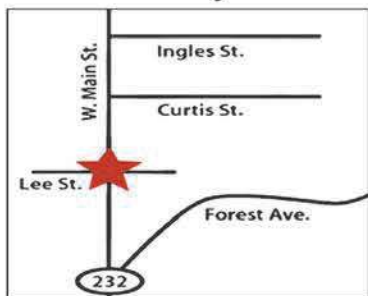
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Cougars dominate Northside in season opener

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Cougars opened their 2023 campaign with a big win in Roanoke last Friday, beating Northside, 42-7.

Head coach Cam Akers' charges were good on both sides of the ball, rolling up 417 yards of total offense, while giving up only 151 to the Vikings.

The Cougars' ground attack seemed to take right to the new turf field at Northside, rushing for 257 yards on 42 attempts – 6.1 yards per carry.

Senior quarterback Chris Gallimore led the Cougars' ground attack with 88 yards on 13 carries, while scoring two touchdowns on the night.

Junior fullback Trevor Gallimore churned out 80 yards on 18 carries and scored three TDs himself.

Pulaski County had a decent night in the air as well, as Chris Gallimore connected on four of six passes for 160 yards.

All four completions went to senior tight end Marcus Reed.

Everything was clicking Friday night for the Cougars who – in their first game of the season – had just four penalties for only 30



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

See COUGARS, page B4 Pulaski County quarterback Chris Gallimore leaves Viking defenders behind as he runs for some of his 88 yards rushing on the night.

Radford humbles George Wythe, 42-7

By ELIZABETH KANIPE
The Patriot

Game time was moved back to 8 p.m. on Friday to avoid the heat, but even that could not cool off the Radford offense as they rolled to a 42-7 win over George Wythe.

Returning QB Landen Clark continued his momentum from last season to lead the Bobcats to the victory.

Radford opened the scoring in the first quarter after receiving a punt at the Maroons 49-yard line. Clark scored from ten yards out. Clark's pass to Brandon Thomson added the 2-point conversion. After forcing George Wythe to punt, Radford scored its second touchdown, when Clark hit Max Kanipe for a 38-yard TD pass. Clark ran the 2-point conversion to put the Bobcats up 16-0.

Bobcat Isaih Austin recovered an onside kick for Radford to give the Bobcats possession at

midfield. Clark connected with a wide open Kanipe to again get to the redzone. Radford scored on a 6-yard run by Clark. The two-point conversion failed, but the Bobcats extended their lead to 22-0.

Kanipe intercepted a George Wythe pass to give Radford possession deep in Maroon territory. Clark ran from 22 yards out to give the Bobcats the halftime score of 28-0.

Both offenses cooled off in the third quarter after halftime defensive adjustments.

Radford's Josh Porter recovered a George Wythe fumble early in the fourth quarter to get things going again for the Bobcats. Clark threw to Keymoni Kimbrough out of the backfield for an 18 yard score. Luciano Pugliese added the PAT and Radford led 35-0.

George Wythe finally got on the board when Tandom Smith passed



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

Max Kanipe waltzes into the end zone on a 38-yard pass from QB Landen Clark.

See RADFORD, page B6

WEEK 1 Schedule

Week 2 of the region's high school football games for Friday, Sept. 1:

- Lord Botetourt at Blacksburg
- Northside at Cave Spring
- William Byrd at Hidden Valley
- Christiansburg at Abingdon
- Patrick County at Bassett
- Grayson County at Carroll County
- Pulaski County Open
- Geo. Washington at Amherst
- Brookville at Halifax County
- Franklin County at Salem
- Patrick Henry at E.C. Glass
- Jefferson Forest at Staunton River
- Fort Chiswell at Floyd County
- Glenvar at Liberty (Bedford)
- Giles at Radford
- Graham at Galax
- Auburn at Craig County
- Rural Retreat at East Montgomery
- Narrows at Holston

Note: All games start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

High School Football Scores

- WEEK 1
- Alleghany 25, Waynesboro 7
 - Appomattox 23, Buckingham County 6
 - Arcadia 53, Windsor 36
 - Bath County 54, Mountain View 8
 - Battlefield 62, C.D. Hylton 6
 - Bayside 17, Salem-Va. Beach 21
 - Bishop O'Connell 10, Virginia Academy 7
 - Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot 30, Rappahannock Co. 6
 - Brentsville 28, Sherando 21
 - Briar Woods 27, John Champe 13
 - Broadwater Academy 26, Chincoteague 24
 - Brunswick 16, Mecklenburg County 13
 - Bruton 41, Northampton 3
 - Carroll County 22, Grundy 16
 - Cave Spring 42, Western Albemarle 3
 - Central - Wise 14, Eastside 7
 - Central of Lunenburg 26, Altavista 14
 - Centreville 28, Alexandria City 3
 - Chantilly 37, Falls Church 0
 - Chatham 44, Prince Edward County 30
 - Chilhowie 21, Marion 9
 - Christiansburg 42, Floyd County 0
 - Clarke County 42, Rock Ridge 7
 - Colonial Forge 48, Woodbridge 22
 - Courtland 40, Orange County 14
 - Craig County 32, Bland County 6
 - Dan River 43, Tunstall 7
 - Dinwiddie 52, GW-Danville 7
 - Douglas Freeman 45, Atlee 0
 - E.C. Glass 14, Lord Botetourt 0
 - East Rockingham 28, Luray 14
 - Eastern View 49, Culpeper 7
 - Essex 24, Sussex Central 6
 - First Colonial 27, Kellam 25
 - Fluvanna 28, Broadway 27, OT
 - Fort Chiswell 14, Rural Retreat 12
 - Frank Cox 41, Princess Anne 14
 - Franklin County 28, Bassett 24
 - Gainesville 56, Potomac 20
 - Gar-Field 41, Unity Reed 6

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The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 58, 408 E. Main Street, Dublin will be having a yard sale Sept 15 and 16 from 7 a.m. till 3 p.m. Will also have baked goods and the American Legion Post 58 guys will be doing Hotdogs on the Grill.

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Inside Yard Sale: Sept. 23 from 7 a.m. to ??? at Bradley Ridge Apartments off Hatcher Road, Dublin. To be held in the community room next to the office. Plenty of parking, lots of stuff.

Yard Sale: Saturday, Sept. 2, 6th Street, Dublin, boys 3-4 toddler clothes and smaller, women's XL clothes, household items and more. 9 a.m. until ???

InSide Garage Sale: Friday, Sept. 1 and Saturday, Sept. 2. 4805 Barton Drive, Dublin. Furniture, tools, clothes, beds, dining room items.

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REAL ESTATE:

For Sale: Three lots on Alum Spring Road. Call 540-629-3391.

Two burial vaults in Roselawn cemetery in Christiansburg. Includes openings and closings, \$7,500 or best offer. Call or text (540)553-6700

Cemetery Plots for sale. Two each, side-by-side located in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. Lot No. 220, Block D, Units 1 and 2, Section 6 in Garden of the Gospels. Call 336-858-8265.

For Sale - Burial plots at Highland Memory Gardens - Two adjoining plots, 2 steel vaults w/ installation fee - \$4800 (current cost at HMG is \$9570) Call 309-333-6148.

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For Sale: Cemetery plot for two people in Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Dublin. Asking \$8,000. Paid \$10,000 for them 18 years ago. Call 540-250-0264.

Cemetery plots for sale: Cemetery plots for sale at Highland Memory Gardens in the Garden of the Last Supper. Sold for \$2,895 each, will sell for \$800 each. Call 210-416-7986.

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VEHICLES FOR SALE

Car For Sale: 2004 Chrysler Sebring convertible, 123,000 miles. Newly inspected, new battery. Runs good. \$3,700. Call 540-980-3203.

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Newbern Methodist Church is in need of canning jars. Each year the church makes apple butter for the Newbern Fall Festival. The church is asking for donations of pint and quart canning jars. If anyone has jars to donate, we would appreciate them and will pick them up. We need jars, lids and rings. Please call 540-616-4300, 703-477-8795 or 540-674-6339. Thank you!

FOR SALE: MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale: Shark Deluxe Vacuum Cleaner, two twin bed frames, many bed comforters and blankets. Call 540-230-5386.

For Sale: Stove with conventional oven for \$140 or best offer. Full-size refrigerator, good condition for \$140 or best offer. Washer and dryer package deal for \$160 or best offer. Must go. Call 540-629-9003.

Professional nail tech supplies, lots of stuff, all in good used condition, many new unused items. Includes two drying lights. Perfect for a new tech or student. \$700 Call 540-616-7016, leave a message.

For Sale: Two curio cabinets with dolls, a metal bed, and cookie jars. Call 540-980-2943.

For Sale: Used vinyl soffit, beige in color. 55 pieces. Call for more information. Call 540-392-1224.

For Sale: Stainless steel chimney cap for 12” x 12” flue. 3/4” diamond mesh with four SS set screws. New - \$75.00 (540) 980-3877

For Sale: Dorm size refrigerator, several pieces of Princess House crystal, pet cages and more. Call 540-230-5386.

For sale: Two burial vaults in Roselawn cemetery Christiansburg, includes opening and closing, \$6,500; Deering Goodtime banjo with soft case, \$400. Call 540-553-6700

For Sale: Round oak table for sale with pedestal and claw feet. Four high-backed chairs. \$250. Call 540-250-7110.

For Sale: Trailer hitch with sway bars. Cost \$500, will sell for \$250. New. Call 540-927-4759.

For Sale: Full-size bed with mattress, with remote. Easy to get into. Made for handicapped individual. In good condition. \$300. Call 540-629-9003.

For Sale: Round maple table with six chairs. Like new, with leaf. \$160. Call 540-629-9003.

For Sale: Table with four chairs, \$175; storm door, 32”x80”, \$75. Call 980-2291.

For Sale: Two grandfather clocks and milk glass. Call 980-2943.

For Sale: Many bed comforters, blankets and throws; book shelves and other furniture, and crochet yarn. Call 540-230-5386.

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Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing to consider two applications for the Month of September. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing on this petition at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

1. Rezone Application submitted Debbie Gardner, rezone of Tax Map 091-001-0000-0055,55A from Low Density Residential (LR) to Commercial (CM) located at 3163 Greenbriar Road, Draper VA, 24324 Draper District
2. Proposed text amendments to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Article 5, 7,10, and 11
3. 15.2-22-32 Substantial Accord of Comprehensive Review for new AEP Substation located at Tax Map #076-001-0000-0049, 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, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

For disabled individuals who may require 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 to arrange for these special accommodations.

LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Regarding Budget Appropriation

The Town Council of the Town of Pulaski, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday September 5, 2023 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 42 First Street NW to appropriate the following funds:

Re-Appropriation of Grant Account

DCJS Law Enforcement Grant - Vehicles	\$138,384.00
Lead Service Line Inventory & Replacement	\$750,000.00

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

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

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Applications received by 7:00 PM on Monday October 2, 2023 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201 Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

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Public Hearing Notice - Pulaski County Public Service Authority Budget Amendment

The Pulaski County Public Service Authority will hold a public Hearing pursuant to Section 15.2-2057 of the Code of Virginia, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building located at 143 Third Street NW, in the Town of Pulaski on an amendment to the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget as follows:

PSA Fund Revenues:	
State Revenue	\$ 1,881,971.43
Transfer from Reserves	3,099,139.96
Total Revenues	\$ 4,981,111.39

Expenditures:	
Refuse	\$ 1,723,795.72
Administration	46,900.91
Water	1,913,631.23
Water Treatment Plant	856,712.81
Sewer	440,070.72
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,981,111.39

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, September 19, 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:

1. Petition by Texas Republic 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.
2. Petition by Cat Scale Signs, 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.
3. Petition by Debbie Gardner, The Draper Village, Variance to Article 5.1 Signage, in a Commercial/Low Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 3163 Greenbriar Road Draper, VA 24324, Tax Map # 091-001-0000-0055A, Draper 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.

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Cougars

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yards. In contrast, Northside got flagged nine times for 51 yards.

The Cougars got on the board first when, with 9:01 to go in the first quarter, Chris Gallimore scored on a 20-yard run. The PAT was missed.

Northside answered immediately, taking the kickoff back 87 yards to paydirt to jump in front, 7-6.

But that was pretty much all she wrote for the Vikings, who – going into the game – felt like they could improve on their showing of last season when they lost to the Cougars in the 2022 opener, 43-0.

It wasn't to be, however, as Pulaski County would regain the lead near the end of the first quarter and never look back.

Chris Gallimore scored his second TD of the game with 4:48 to go in the quarter. Bryant Nottingham added the PAT and Pulaski County led, 13-7.

It was more of the same in the second quarter when Trevor Gallimore scored the first of his three touchdowns on the night on a two-yard run with 9:22 to go in the quarter. Nottingham was again good on the PAT and the Cougars led, 20-7.

Isaiah Odell got in on the fun with 17 seconds to go in the half, scoring from 12 yards out. Nottingham's PAT made it 27-7 Cougars at halftime.

Pulaski County's senior tight end Marcus Reed 10 eyes a pass from quarterback Chris Gallimore before hauling it in for one of his four pass receptions on the night against Northside.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot



PCHS Player Of The Week

Quarterback
Chris
Gallimore

Chris rushed the ball 13 times last Friday against Northside for 88 yards, scoring two TDs from 20 and 2 yards out. He also went 4 of 6 passing for 160 yards as the Cougars won their opener.

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If the Vikings made any adjustments at the half, they didn't work as the Cougars kept rolling in the third quarter.

Trevor Gallimore scored again midway through the third on a three-yard run. Nottingham's kick was good, and the Cougars' lead climbed to 34-7.

With just over five minutes left in the quarter, Trevor Gallimore drove the last nail into Northside's coffin on a 1-yard rush. Tyler Underwood was good on a two-point conversion, and the Cougars left no doubt with a 42-7 victory. It was Pulaski County's third straight win over Northside to open the season.

Underwood finished the game with 78 yards on three carries and Odell had 12 yards on the one touchdown carry.

In another sign of crisp play on the part of the Cougars this opening night, they finished the opener with no turnovers.

The Cougars are open this week and it's probably a good thing.

Next week they travel to Botetourt County to take on powerful Lord Botetourt in the first game of a tough stretch that sees Pulaski County follow Lord Botetourt with games against Princeton, Christiansburg, Patrick Henry and Salem.

The Cougars' first home game is still weeks away – Sept. 22 when they host the Blue Demons.

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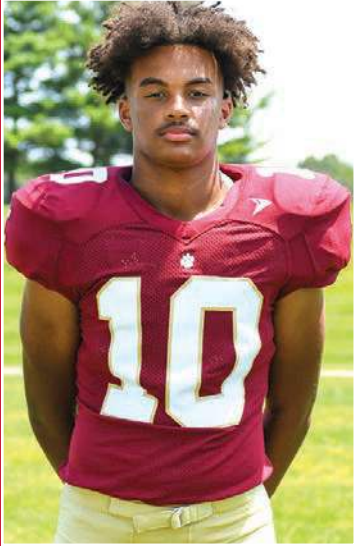
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Meet The Cougars

This is another installment of our weekly “Meet the Cougars” feature in which we go a little further in introducing the Cougar players and coaches beyond just what position they play or coach.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot
Bryant Nottingham goes up to defend a Northside pass play.

Scores

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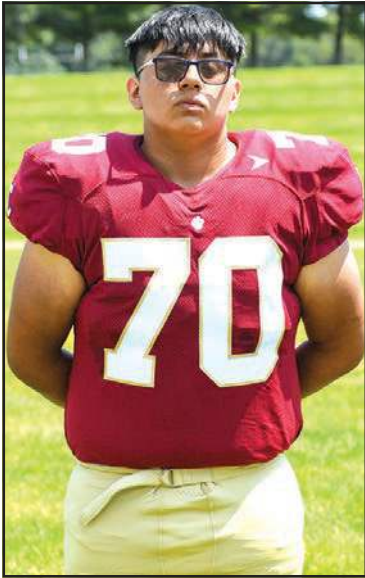
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Assistant Coach
Taylor Akers
Split End, Wide Receiver Coach
Wife or significant other: Kasey Johnston
Children:
Lives in Pulaski
8 Years in Coaching
Outside of football, taylor likes to lift weights, hike, visit breweries and wineries
He is a Pulaski County graduate
Greg is a UVa and Dallas Cowboy fan
As a coach, the thing he likes most is inspiring the kids to do their best, teaching them to be good men when ball is done.
Future plans: Go back to school, keep coaching



Emmanuel Gomez
Age: 17
Grade: 12
Parents/Guardians: David Gomez and Maria Mora
Siblings: Rodrigo, Joe, Ian
Lives on Wysor Road
Favorite Subject in School: Science
Hobbies/Things you do outside football: Playing video games
Positions: Defensive end, offensive left guard
Other sports: None
Like most about football: teammates
Favorite college, pro teams: 49ers
Future plans: College for a business degree



Chris Gallimore
Age: 17
Grade: 12
Parents/Guardians: Michelle Lawson
Siblings: Austin, Ethan
Lives in Pulaski
Favorite Subject in School: Math
Hobbies/Things you do outside football:
Positions: Quarterback, Anchor/Outside linebacker
Other sports: Basketball
Like most about football: Running Fiftths
Favorite college, pro teams: Va. Tech, Pittsburgh Steelers
Future plans: College

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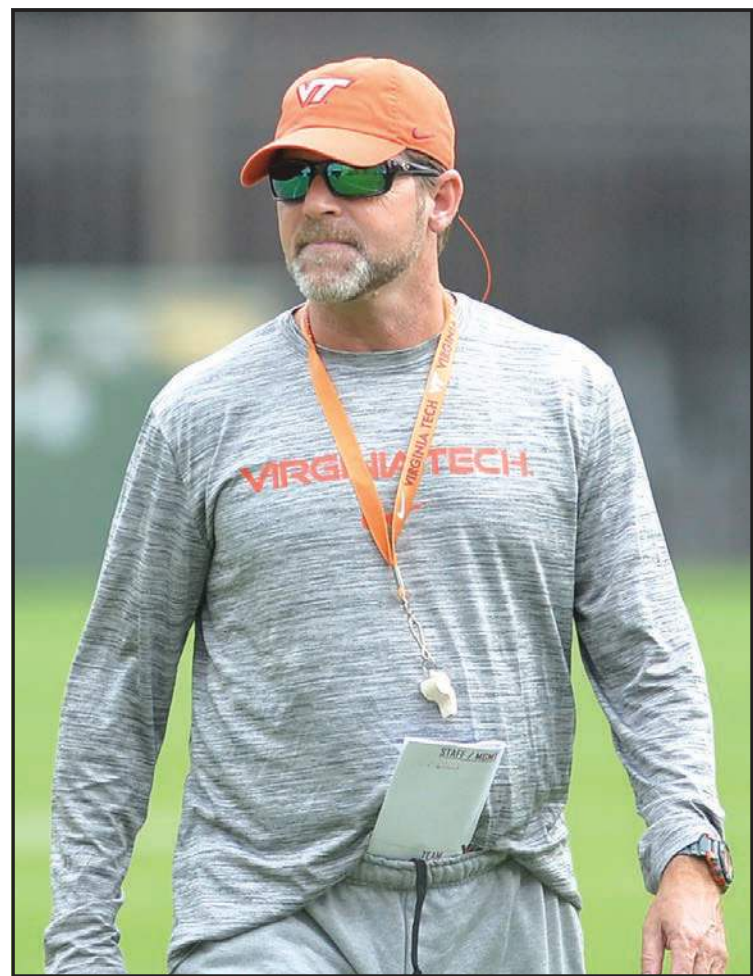
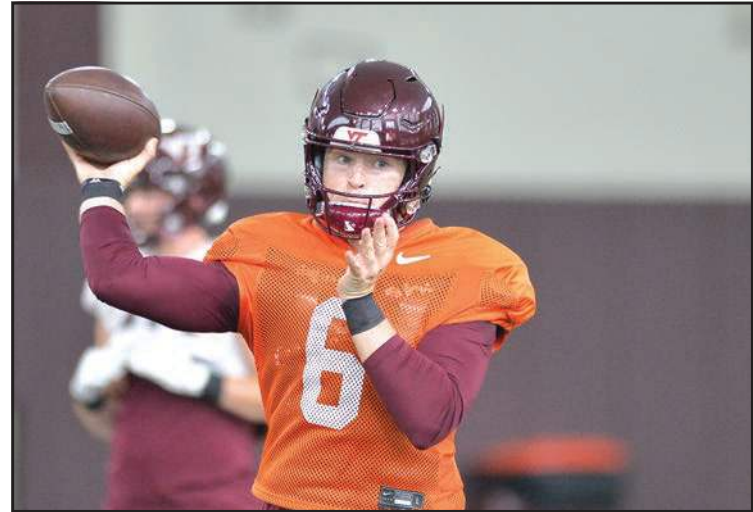
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Brian Bishop/The Patriot



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

Landen Clark takes the QB-keep into the endzone for the Bob-

Radford

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to Laden Houston for a 55-yard score. Thomas Mitchell added the PAT to reduce Radford's lead to 35-7.

Kimbrough closed out the scoring with a 40-yard TD run and Radford wins 42-7.

Clark finished 12 for 24 for 183 yards and 2 TDs through the air. Kanipe had 145 yards on 7 catches with 1 TD. Kimbrough finished as the leading rusher with 85 yards on 7 rushes.

For George Wythe, Smith finished 14-21 for 145 yards and 1 TD. Houston finished with 34 yards rushing and 69 yards receiving.

Radford will host Giles next Friday at Bobcat Stadium at 7pm.



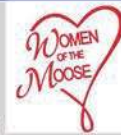
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Sept. 3

Homecoming

Bread of Life / Assembly of God on Robinson tract will have its Homecoming on September 3. Service will start at 3:00 pm and will be followed by a time of fellowship and meal. There will be

no Sunday School that day. Public is invited.

Sept. 4

Town of Dublin holiday schedule

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

Pulaski County Schedule

Monday, September 4, 2023, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023, in observance of Labor Day. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin

and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

Sept. 8

EmPOWERINT Domestic Violence Survivors and Their Advocates...Finding a Path Forward Free Zoom Webinar

Sept. 8, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Attendees will learn about domestic violence issues faced by our community and where victims can find resources. Register at Webinar Registration - Zoom (zoomgov.com)

Sept. 12

PSA Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 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) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

Planning Commission

PC Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, September 12, 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). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

Sept. 19

EDA Board to meet

Tuesday, September 19, 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). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

BZA Meeting

Board of Zoning Appeals to meet Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 6:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions and the interpretation of the County's Zoning Ordinances.

Sept. 25

Board of Supervisors to meet

Monday, September 25, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

Sept. 26

Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board to meet

Tuesday, September 26, 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.

Oct. 6

22nd Annual Domestic Violence Conference

Hosted by SW VA Legal Aid Society Oct. 6th, 8:45am – 4:30pm, Wytheville Meeting Center Fee: \$40 More info. and to register, visit <https://svlas.org/event/beyond-skin-deep/> More info, contact Gary Cody, gcody@svlas.org CLE/CEU available.

Oct. 20-21

Crafts Fair

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

Nov. 9

S.O.S. – Signs of Strangulation Conference

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Nov. 11

Community Prayer and Praise Service

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

On going:

Alcohol Anonymous

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

Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

Lifestyles Changes

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

Celebrate Recovery

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

Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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



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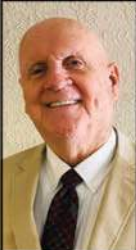
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Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Why, some may ask, would God save such as us? And the answer is because He is the God of grace. Grace is one of the most outstanding attributes of God.

The reason we are saved today, if we are, is found totally in God. God is rich in mercy, and it pleases Him to show us His great love, by saving our souls from destruction, by His amazing grace.

We sometimes wonder why God loved us enough to save us? No human would ever be able to answer it sufficiently. One thing is certain, however. God does not love us because we are lovable, or because we deserve His love.

Jeremiah 17:9 describes man’s inner condition: “The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. Who can know it?”

Before we were saved, we were so corrupted by sin that even we didn’t even realize the extent to which sin has tainted us. In our natural state, we did not seek God; we did not love God; and we did not desire God.

Romans 3:10-12 “There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; There is none who doeth good, no, not one.”

How then, is it possible, for a holy, righteous, and perfect God to love such creatures? To understand this we must understand something of the nature and character of God.

1st John 4:8 says “God is love.” His very nature is love. And being Love, it follows that He likes to demonstrate Love. He shows His great love by lavishing it on people who are undeserving of love. God’s love is a self-sacrificing love. He demonstrated His love by sending His only begotten Son to die upon the cross for us; by drawing us to Himself; by saving us from our sins; by giving to us, His Holy Spirit to dwell IN us.

So the answer to the question, why does God love us, it is because of Who God is. God is love.

Romans 5:8 says, But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Where it says God commended His love toward us, it means God demonstrated His love toward us. He showed His love for us. He proved His love for us.

The good work that Jesus did on the cross for us, is God’s ultimate proof of His love for us. He may give additional proof, but He can give no greater proof.

The greatness of His love for us, is not just that Jesus died on the cross, but that He died for undeserving sinners.

Frederick Lehman wrote a wonderful song entitled “The love of God.”

The love of God, is greater far, than tongue or pen can ever tell, it goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest Hell.

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!

It shall forevermore endure— The Saints’ and Angels’ song.

The last verse of this song was found penciled on the wall of a patient’s room in an insane asylum, after he had been carried to his grave.

The man who wrote them had a concept and a grasp of the love of God that few are able to attain.

“Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parch-

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Pastor: Alan Pearce
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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com
www.drapervalleybaptist.org
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552 E. Main Street
Dublin, Va. 24084
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674-1762
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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
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Phone: 980-2046
- Draper Methodist Church**
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Pastor: Lee Wiggins
Email: office@draper-methodist-church.com
Primary Service Times:
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Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday
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Email: christ24301@gmail.com
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Allisonia, VA
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- First United Methodist Church**
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135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing)
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ment made, were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;

To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry;

Nor could the scroll, contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.”

We'll probably never be able to fully understand the height and breathe, and depth of the love of God; if we live to be a hundred; but what we can do is accept it.

1 John 4: 19 says, “We love Him because He first loved us.”

God's love for us is from everlasting to everlasting. His love for us precedes our love for Him.

Let no one ever doubt the love of God the Son for us. As Spurgeon said, “Let us remember that Jesus loves us; Jesus chose us; Jesus redeemed us; Jesus called us; Jesus has pardoned us; and Jesus has taken us into union with himself.”

God love us, He really does. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less, and nothing that we can do to make God love us more. The best thing we can do is to return His love, by living our lives for Him; and by serving Him in the beauty of Holiness; and by allowing the love that He has shed abroad in our hearts through and by the Holy Ghost, to flow forth from out of us, and into others.

Verse 8 . “For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.”

We cannot be saved by works of any kind. We are saved by grace, through faith, in the shed blood of Jesus. As Rev. Jim Angle said, “it takes the blood, plus nothing, to save us from our sins.”

If it took something else added to the shedding of His blood to save us from our sins, then His blood wouldn't be sufficient to save us from our sins.

God's amazing grace is available to everyone. Salvation is all inclusive. “It's not God's will that any should perish but that all should come unto repentance.” His grace truly is amazing.

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Amos (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Exodus 16, what wilderness did the Israelites come unto between Elim and Sinai? Nod, Lot, Dan, Sin

3. In a letter to Christians at Corinth, what did Paul say was the greatest? Faith, Love, Charity, Tithes

4. What king wrote a letter to Hezekiah concerning surrender? Sennacherib, Artaxerxes, Belshazzar, Jabin

5. In Judges 1, who fed 70 kings at his table? Samson, El-isha, Adonibezek, Neco

6. Who were Nadab and Abihu the sons of? Joshua, Aaron, Moses, Mordecai

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Sin, 3) Charity, 4) Sennacherib, 5) Adonibezek, 6) Aaron

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Alpha & Omega Pentecostal Spanish service
10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

Pulaski First Church of the Brethren
1749 Newbern Road
Pulaski, VA 24301
Pastor Frank Peters
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
980-3798

New Hope Church
3050 Lee Highway
Pulaski, VA 24301
Services:
Sunday's 1st Service - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday's 2nd Service - 11 a.m.
Wednesdays - 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
For: Kids, Teens, Adults
Lead Pastor: Rev. Randy Lawrence Jr.
Church Phone: 540-980-5506

Hilltop Pentecostal Holiness Church
4892 Veterans Hill Road
Pulaski, VA
Pastor Todd Garwood
(540) 250-3741
ttgarwood674@gmail.com

First Christian Church of Pulaski
524 N Jefferson Ave
Pulaski, VA 24301-4618
(540) 980-7144
www.firstchristianpulaski.org
Pastor: Timothy Moore
Men's Sunday School: 10 am
Worship: 11 am

Aldersgate United Methodist
1946 Medallion Drive
Pulaski, VA 24301
(540) 980-1349
Pastor Jim Goddard
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Pathway to Heaven Worship Center
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434
Dublin, VA 24084
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.
Dublin, VA 24084
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

St. Edwards Catholic Church
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and
7th Street N.W., Pulaski
Phone: 980-6511
Fax: 980-6511
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

Warriors for Christ II
Bishop Sherman Buckner
600 Skyline Circle
Pulaski, VA
540-315-2317
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

Community Christian Church
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084
540-674-4308
Pastor: Bill Neeley
Children's Director: Kristen Edwards
Youth Director: Ashley Coake
www.C3family.org; Facebook: Community Christian Church|Dublin, VA; email: triplecsecretary@gmail.com
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; C3Kids and C3Youth meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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

Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church
3826 Bob White Boulevard
Pulaski, VA.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Preaching: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.
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First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084
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Pastor:
Mary Ann Armbrister
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

New Dublin Presbyterian Church
5331 New Dublin Church Road
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 27:10-11

Though my **father** and **mother** forsake me, the **LORD** will **receive** me. **Teach** me **your way**, LORD; **lead** me in a **straight path** **because** of my **oppressors**.

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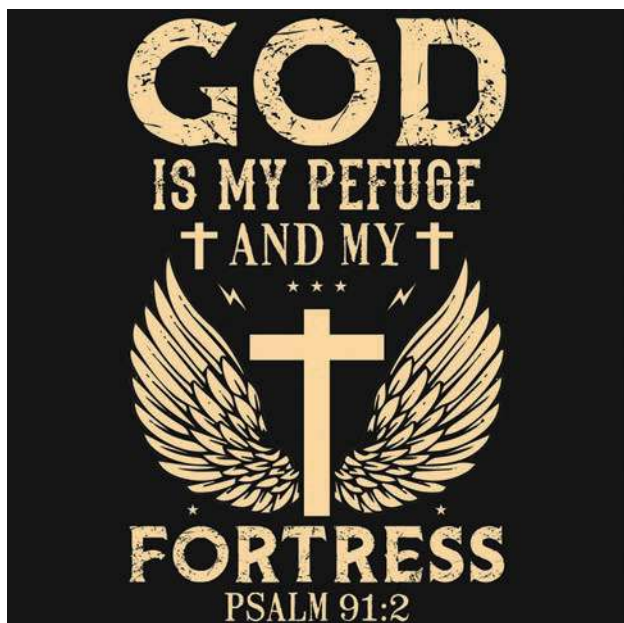
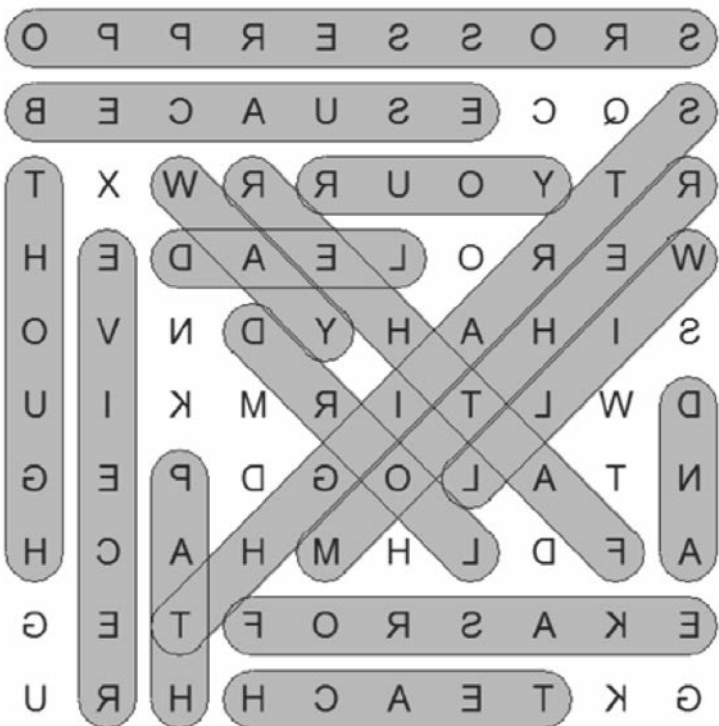
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They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,
down and diagonally.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

LUKE 15:20

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...SIR ROGER RUNETINE, "PRINCE VALIANT AND
SIR GAWAIN OF CAMELOT? COME TO REVIEW
THE STATE OF GRUNYARD'S LANDS? BRING
THEM TO ME."

THE KNIGHTS FROM
CAMELOT CANNOT HELP BUT
NOTE THE RICH TRAPPINGS WITHIN
THE CASTLE, IN CONTRAST TO THE
DREARY CONDITIONS WITHOUT.

AND IT IS IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS
THAT SIR ROGER IS A MAN WHO TAKES
HIMSELF - AND HIS PROWESS WITH A BOW -
VERY SERIOUSLY: "PLEASE EXCUSE ME WHILE I
COMPLETE MY DAILY REGIMEN. ONE CANNOT
BE TOO WELL-PRACTICED."

NEXT:
Field of play

KING VULTAN

RULER OF THE CITY IN THE CLOUDS

FLASH GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE 8-27

FLASH, DALE AND ZARKOV ARE BROUGHT BEFORE KING VULTAN.

MY FRIENDS! IT'S BEEN AGES!

I CAN TELL BY THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYE, THE EARTHMAN INTERESTS YOU.

I ADMIRE HIS BRAVERY

I DOUBT THAT'S ALL YOU ADMIRE

WINGLESS, THAT DEATHLY PALLOR TO THE SKIN... PATHETIC-LOOKING, REALLY.

HE FACED DEATH WITHOUT SHOWING FEAR...

...I SINCERELY DOUBT YOU'D FARE AS WELL.

SUDDENLY...

MY LIEGE, AN ALANIAN TRANSPORT APPROACHES...

THEY DEMAND YOU HAND OVER THE FUGITIVE, "FLASH GORDON!"

NEXT:
TRAITOR IN OUR MIDST!

TIGER

BY BUD BLAKE

LEMMIE HIT ONE

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THE ANSWER

be older, never the man's.

— Jane Fonda

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

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