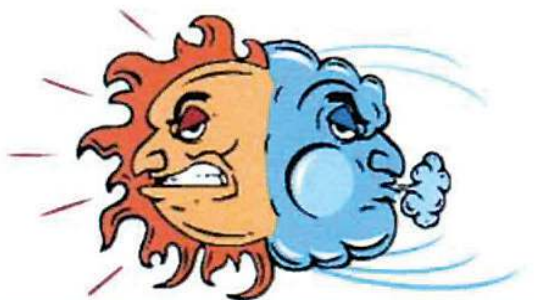




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## School board adopts new transgender student policies

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**  
**The Patriot**

The Pulaski County School Board on Monday evening unanimously approved the adoption of a new model policy on the treatment of transgender students as advocated by Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

Without any discussion, the board voted to approve the Virginia Department of Education's Model Policies on Ensuring Privacy, Dignity and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia's Public Schools.

This replaces the policy ratified in 2021 that came from the Department of Education under the Gov. Ralph Northam administration.

That policy was debated for months and was highly controversial before it was finally approved.

It allowed biological males access to female restrooms, locker rooms and changing facilities.

Following Gov. Glenn Youngkin's election in 2021, the state's Department of Education embarked on what it called a "thorough review" of the 2021 Model Policies adopted by the department during the Northam administration.

The department found the 2021 Model Policies promoted a specific viewpoint aimed at "achieving cultural and social transformation in schools."

The department this year also found that the 2021 Model Policies "disregarded the rights of parents and ignored other legal and constitutional principles that significantly impact how schools educate students, including transgender students."

With the passage of the new Model Policies, the department withdrew the 2021 policies, which it stated, "shall have no further force and effect."

Until Monday's vote, the Pulaski County School System was still operating under the 2021 Northam administration's policies.

The new policies approved Monday require minor students to be referred to by the name and pronouns "appropriate to the sex appearing in the student's official record – that is, male pronouns for a student whose legal sex is male, and female pronouns for a student whose legal sex is female."

The policies say a student's participation in school activities and the use of school facilities

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## Phase 1 complete for Smith Park - the 'Central Park of Fairlawn'

By **WILLIAM PAINE**  
**The Patriot**

Local dignitaries, along with several county officials gathered, in Fairlawn for a ceremonial ribbon cutting to mark the completion of Phase 1 of the Smith Trail. The event took place on the newly resurfaced tennis court/pickleball court in front of the Pulaski County Youth Center, formally known as Riverlawn Elementary School.

Bill Cunningham, President of the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, began the proceedings by noting that the late Margaret Virginia Smith had donated her 106 acre farm, "so the land could be used someday as a public park with ball fields, walking trails and recreational activities."

The newly completed first phase of the Smith Trail begins at the Pulaski County Youth Center parking lot and continues for another ½ mile until it meets the New River. Phase Two will extend the trail another ½ mile to the Memorial Bridge and Phase Three will bring the Smith



Trail to termination at Sheffey Park. Sheffey Park was named after former county supervisor Joe Sheffey, who was present at the day's proceedings.

"Our construction crews were led by Mark Bentley," said Pulaski County Engineer Jared Linkous, who is in charge of the Smith Trail project. "We hired a contractor to cut through some of the heavy rock. There's some nice opportunities for pictures with those retaining walls. There are some really pretty spots down there. It's a cinder trail, which is a real fine stone ... very conducive for walking. We're working with DEQ now to get our stormwater permits and that sort of thing. Once the permits are completed, our

crews will start phase two."

In addition to the trail, the ribbon cutting was meant to mark the newly refurbished paved area in front of the old school, which now features two brightly colored basketball courts, which can double as pickleball courts, as well as a new combination tennis/pickleball court.

The speakers at Tuesday's ceremony focused much of their commentary on how Smith Park came to be, and on Miss Margaret Virginia Smith, the woman who donated the land.

"We extend our thanks first and foremost to the late Margaret Smith for her unique vision and commitment to ensure public use and enjoyment of this property for both our youth and adult citizens," said Laura Walters, Chairwoman of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. "Margaret was a good friend of mine, I always called her Maggie, and I'm sure she's smiling down on us right now."

The Smith Farm was a 300-acre

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# Policies

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like bathrooms and locker rooms should be based on their biological sex.

“Single-user bathrooms and facilities should be made available in accessible areas and provided with appropriate signage, indicating accessibility for all students,” the policies state.

The new policies also say school divisions may not encourage teachers to conceal information about a student’s gender from his or her parents.

Also, the policies state “Parents must be informed and given an opportunity to object before counseling services pertaining to gender are given.”

Youngkin’s desire to give parents more say in their children’s public education was a major factor in his election in 2021 over former governor, Terry McAuliffe – a Democrat.

During one of their debates, McAuliffe’s campaign was derailed after he made the now-famous comment, “I don’t think parents should be telling schools what they should teach.”

Youngkin’s “Parents Matter” message resonated with voters in Virginia and in Pulaski County where the Republican candidate won with 75 percent of the county’s vote.

Only one resident addressed the board about the transgender policy issue prior to the board’s votes.

Pulaski resident Pat Guthrie told the board she came to the meeting Monday to urge school board members to do the right thing and adopt the new policies on transgender students.

“You know Attorney General Miyares has approved these new policies as ‘being fully in compliance with the law,’” Guthrie stated.

“It’s not just common sense, it’s law,” Guthrie quoted Miyares as saying.

# School Board Recognitions



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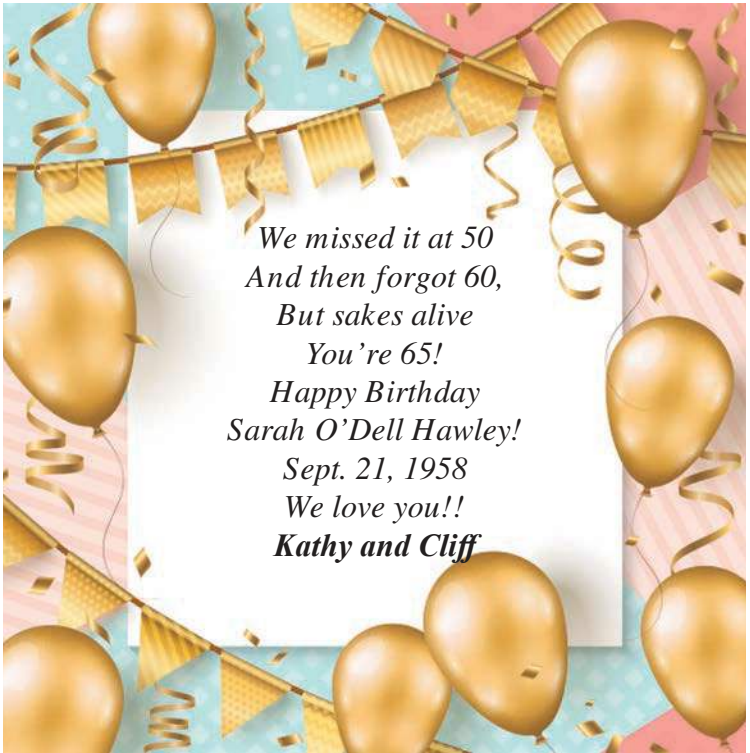
A special thanks to the employees of LewisGale Hospital in Pulaski for their donation of school supplies to Pulaski County Public Schools.

## At Right


Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski Elementary were proud to have Carter Peterson leading the Pledge of Allegiance for Pulaski Elementary during Monday’s meeting of the Pulaski County School Board. Carter is the son of Scott and Keri Peterson. Carter is a 5th Grader, and a Safety Patrol member. Carter is always eager to please, and is a great student for the younger students to look up to. He has infectious and happy personality. Every teacher he has had has raved about his work ethic, kindness to others, and ability to talk to anyone. He loves any kind of sport especially football and soccer, and is an avid Virginia Tech fan. His favorite subject is Va. Studies.

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# Dailey and Vincent Return to NRCC this Month

Bluegrass musicians Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent will perform on Friday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. at New River Community College in Dublin. The event is part of the NRCC 2023-2024 Concert Series.

Reserved seating tickets are \$35 and available for purchase online only at [www.nr.edu/concerts](http://www.nr.edu/concerts). General seating tickets are \$25 in advance and available online or in-person at the NRCC Business Office, 23 Godbey Hall (cash and checks only for in-person sales). General seating tickets will be \$30, and reserved seating tickets will be \$40 when purchased at the door.

Five-time Grammy award winners individually, three-time Grammy award nominees collectively, four-time DOVE Award Winners, and winners of 35 IBMA Awards

altogether (including 3-time IBMA Entertainer of the Year Award winners and 3-Time Vocal Group of the Year Award winners), Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent, backed by one of the best bands on tour today, are some of the most reputable and elite entertainers in American music; bluegrass, traditional country and gospel music. The concoction of the fantastically instinctive vocal blends of Dailey’s tenor and Vincent’s reedy harmonies has gained them well-deserved praise for their own distinctive style and worldwide recognition as American music gold. Dailey & Vincent has garnered world-wide attention with their first national, top-rated television series, “The Dailey & Vincent Show,” on RFD TV and over 500 airings of their PBS special “Dailey & Vincent ALIVE - In Concert.” Their CD, Dailey & Vincent ALIVE, de-

buted at #1 on the Billboard Bluegrass charts and remained at the top position for over 15 weeks. In 2017, the duo was inducted into the prestigious Grand Ole Opry, an exhibit in the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame celebrating “A Decade of Dailey & Vincent – an All-American Music Journey,” along with other standout performances including their third appearance at Carnegie Hall, plus hosting their annual music festival LandFest in The Mountains in Hiawassee, Ga. Fans can also catch Dailey & Vincent appearing on the world-famous WSM, as they host their monthly radio program.

NRCC is a Crooked Road, Virginia’s Heritage Music Trail, affiliated venue. Doors will open for the show at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.nr.edu/concerts](http://www.nr.edu/concerts). Questions may be directed to Tim Jones at 540-674-3625.

# Constitution Week observed

Count Pulaski Chapter, National Society Daughters of the Revolution has been busy was activities to promote Constitution Week.

Proclamations declaring the week of Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week have been signed in the Town of Pulaski by Mayor Shannon Collins, Town of Dublin by Mayor Benny Skeens and Pulaski County by County Administrator Jonathan Sweet. The proclamations have also been signed by the principals of all the county’s schools.

Also, 150 bookmarks have been distributed to Pulaski County’s libraries and schools to celebrate Constitution Week.

Public Law 915 was enacted on Aug. 15, 1955 by President Dwight Eisenhower so this is the 68th anniversary of Constitution Week.

All persons in Pulaski County are

urged to celebrate this observance and make themselves aware of its contents by studying the U.S. Constitution.

*“Our safety, our liberty, depends upon preserving the Constitution of the United States as our fathers made it inviolate. The people of the United States are the rightful master of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.”*

**-Abraham Lincoln**

Count Pulaski Chapter, NSDAR meets on the first Monday of each month at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Newbern. If you are interested in joining the DAR please contact Ms. Peggy Hemmings, Regent, at 540-674-6125 or Elinor Farmer, Registrar, at 540-239-1601.

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## BETTY JEAN HANDY THOMAS

Betty Jean Handy Thomas, age 81 of Dublin gained her wings Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at the Commonwealth Assisted Living Facility, Christiansburg. Born February 3, 1942 she was the daughter of the late Howard Luther Handy & Mary Kathleen Bell Handy. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Bobby Lee Thomas.

She was a graduate of Dublin High School and graduated from New River Community College with a computer science degree.

Betty is survived by her Children – Rena (Brad) Wilson – Pulaski Pam (Richard) Palmer – Dublin Karen (James) Boone – St. Augustine, FL

Grandchildren Caleb (Natalie) Wilson, Courtney Wilson (Winston Zeperlein), Joshua Palmer, Lauren Palmer, Jordan Boone and Nathan Boone \*serving in U.S. Navy\*

Great Grandchildren – Ella and Lucas Wilson Sisters – Claudine (Sonny) Lawton, Joyce (Paul) Morris,



Brother – Harold (Evelyn) Handy

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM – Friday, September 15, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Jim Linkous officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

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

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

## LAURA ANN BENTLEY LAMB

Laura Ann Bentley Lamb, 58, native of Pulaski and beloved daughter of Stanley and Mary Ann Bentley departed this world on Sept. 9, 2023 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Preceding Laura in death are her paternal grandparents Fred and Elsie Bentley, maternal grandparents Kyle and Sallie French, uncles Rex, Gene and Eddie French, all late of Pulaski and Laura's cherished fur children Barney and Holley.

Surviving are Laura's husband, Kevin Lamb of Little Rock, Arkansas, her parents Stan and Mary Ann of Pulaski and brother Kevin Bentley of Radford.

Also surviving are nephew Jakob Bentley of Christiansburg and niece Kerra Beth Bentley and her children, great-nieces Addy and



Blake and great-nephew Gage, all of Dublin, also uncle Duane (Juanita) Bentley of Pulaski and life-long best friend Margia Cook.

No service is planned at this time. No flowers, please. If anyone so desires to remember Laura, please consider a contribution to your local pet rescue organization.



## MICHAEL DUANE SHOCKLEY

Michael Duane Shockley, age 62 of Max Meadows passed away Friday, September 8, 2023 at the New River Valley Medical Center.

He was born October 16, 1960 in Radford to the late Vadie Colleen Shockley Smith. He was a past employee of Carilion New River Valley hospital with over 19 years of service. Mike was a talented musician, singer, songwriter and could play any type of instrument. He was a member of the Faith Baptist.

He is survived by

Sister & Brother-in-law – Sherry and James Meredith – Dublin

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Memorial services will be held 6:00 PM – Sunday, September 17, 2023 at the Faith Bible Church with Pastor Jim Linkous officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00-6:00 PM Sunday before service time.

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

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



## DR. RAYMOND EUGENE KING, SR.

Dr. Raymond Eugene King, Sr., age 86 of Pulaski County met his Savior Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the New River Valley Medical Center in Radford. Born August 27, 1937 in Austinville, Virginia, he was the son of the late Thelma Ethel King. He is also preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Glenna Josephine King, sisters, Ellen Freeman, Louise Clowers and Rose Smith.

Raymond loved his precious Savior, whom he served faithfully for 33 years. For 30 years of his ministry, he worked extensively on the islands of Trinidad and Tobago. He will be remembered for his unwavering love, faithfulness to God and willingness to share the gospel with everyone he met.

Raymond was saved for over 60 years.

Raymond is survived by his Daughter & Son-in-law – Anita & Dean Eibert – Basin, Wyoming

Sons & Daughters-in-law – Raymond King, Jr – Bassett, VA, Allen & Debee King – Phoenix, AZ, Joe & Selena King – Dugspur, VA, Douglas & Lori King – Critz, VA, Robin & Joye King – Lexington, VA, Todd King – Bassett, VA

18 Grandchildren, 32 Great Grandchildren, 5 Great, Great Grandchildren

Sister – Shirley Alley – Pulaski Co.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. David King and Bishop Randal Lawrence officiating. Interment followed at Sunrise Cemetery, Fairlawn.

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

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

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Loved and missed by wife, Mary Owens, daughters April O. Villone (Dennis) and Geneva O. Simpkins (Ray), grandchildren and sister, Rhonda Lafon.

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## DORIS ANN HARRISON WOOD

Doris Ann Harrison Wood passed away peacefully on Friday, September 8, 2023, in the home of her loving daughter in Shawsville, Virginia.

Doris was a very kind and loving individual who devoted herself to the care of others while working in the Meadowbrook Nursing Home, also in the Shawsville area. Doris was born to Lizzie Ellen McPeak and Willis Harrison on July 19, 1937 in Montgomery County, Virginia.

Left to carry on her legacy are her daughters Rhonda Wood of Shawsville, Va; Lynn Cressell (Kevin) of Shawsville, Va; Jo Ann Maul (Dave) of Leesville, SC; and Donna Ramos (Lazaro) of Rose Hill, NC.

Also cherishing the memories are her grandchildren Victor Jones, Hannah Cressell and Hayley Odum and a great grandson Lincoln Odum.

Doris is also survived by a brother, Joe Harrison (Norma) of Pilot and Ruby Buckner of North Carolina.

Doris was also fortunate enough to have a forty-year relationship and companionship with Roger Huff Sr.

Doris had a special friendship with her loving Dachshund Rocky who had remained by her side for the last 12 years.

Funeral Services were held September 14, 2023 at Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel with Pastor Nolan Alley officiating. Interment was at the Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

The family is in the care of Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel located at 815 Randolph Avenue. Online condolences may



# New River Valley G.O.A.T. Sheep and Goat Festival Returns

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, the New River Valley Sheep and Goat Club will be hosting the Third annual G.O.A.T. [Greatest of All Time] Sheep and Goat Festival from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New River Valley Fairgrounds.

After bringing home the 2023 Outstanding One Day Event of the Year Award at the 2023 Friends of Southwest Virginia Tourism Awards on August 1, the Sheep and Goat Club promises to up the ante by bringing their "biggest and best" event yet right here to Pulaski County.

With over 270 member farms and over 740 members throughout the New River Valley as well as West Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, the mission of the New River Valley Sheep and Goat Club has always been to support and promote agribusiness education and appreciation for the public's benefit. Founded in 2014, the club hosted its first festival in 2021.

The festival, which was forced



to move venues due to an increasing number of festival-goers, has been held at Thee Draper Village for the past two years. In those two years, upwards of 2,000 visitors attended the festival and were greeted by over 150 club volunteers.

This year, the festival will include a variety of attractions including live music; live demonstrations including sheep and goat shearing, goat milking, yarn spinning and dog trials; a petting zoo; kid's crafts and activities areas; a photo booth; a sheep and goat breed display; artisan, craft and food vendors; education-

al booths and displays; a prize wheel; and much more.

After two successful festivals, the Sheep and Goat Club is set to host their most exciting event yet. Pulaski County is proud to act as a home for this festival and looks forward to showcasing its thriving agritourism industry at the Third Annual G.O.A.T. Sheep and Goat Festival.

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**PEGGY ANN PHIBBS METZ**

Peggy Ann Phibbs Metz, age 82 of Denton, NC, departed this world to be with our Lord, at 6:00 a.m., on September 1, 2023.

After graduating from Pulaski High School, Peggy attended Bridgewater College for one year, as well as Concord College for three years. She spent her career in Finance and Banking until her retirement. Peggy was a long-time member of the Valley Harvest Ministries in Dublin, Virginia, and loved working tirelessly in the ministries and always serving the Lord in all she did. She also loved singing hymns and praising the Lord singing in the choir.

Peggy is preceded in death by her husband: Kenneth Larue Metz: her mother and father, Arby and Katherine Phibbs from Pulaski, VA: a sister, Jean Phibbs Burgwald from Nokesville, VA, and brother-in-law, Ronald S. Vaughan.

She is survived by her beloved son: Michael E. Patterson of Denton, NC: her brother, William (Bill) M. Phibbs of Arkansas, her sister, Earleen Phibbs Vaughan of Denton, NC, and a brother-in-law, Bill Burgwald of FL, and a special grandson, Canaan J. and Madison Metz of MD. Nieces and nephews, Christina Phibbs and Bob Carpenter of VA, Terry and Phil Whitmer of VA, Tammy and Mike Holcomb of Arkansas, Ted and Crystal Burgwald of FL, and Bryan and Amy Vaughan of FL, and special care givers, Michael and Betty Herzberg of Denton, NC. Peggy is also survived by and loved by many great-nieces and great-nephews and many, many cousins.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at Seagle Funeral Home. Interment followed at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery. Peggy's husband Kenneth, retired from the United States Navy, and died during the Covid pandemic, and was buried at the Veterans Cemetery with no service or military honors. He was given full military honors at the cemetery on Wednesday preceding Peggy's committal service.

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

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**ELLEN COVEY MOORE**

Ellen Covey Moore, 81, originally of Pulaski County, died September 6, 2023, at home surrounded by her family at Warm Hearth Village. She is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, Frank B. Moore, and two daughters and sons-in-law, Leslie and David Asher of St Marys, Georgia, and Nicole and John Long of Radford. Also surviving are three granddaughters, SSG. Sydney Wampler of Louisville, Kentucky, Hannah Long and Beth Long of Radford; one sister, Ruth Covey Withers of Lynchburg, Virginia, one sister-in-law, Jane Moore of San Antonio, Texas, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas W. and Vera H. Covey of Snowville; and two brothers, Albert W. and William D. Covey of Snowville.

Ellen was retired from Pulaski County Department of Social Servies, where she was Social Work Supervisor. She was a 1964 graduate of Radford College. A member of Dublin United Methodist Church. Ellen was active in the Dublin and Draper local units and on the district level in United Methodist Women. She held numerous offices in her local unit, including that of Wytheville District UMW President and Holston Conference level UMW President. When able, Ellen was active in other areas of her church and community. She was an avid reader of mysteries and loved her many cats through the years. Ellen and Frank enjoyed traveling, accomplishing their goal of visiting all 50 states.

A celebration of Ellen's life was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at Dublin United Methodist Church, officiated by Rev. Don Shelor. Burial will take place on Friday, September 15, 2023 at 2 PM at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. In lieu of flowers, Ellen wished for donations to be made to Dublin United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 577, Dublin, VA 24084. The family would like to thank the staff of both Lewis Gale Hospital Montgomery and Good Samaritan Hospice for their care and support.

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

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# Biden Policies Make the U.S. Look Weak Abroad

All Americans have personally felt the negative consequences of the Biden Administration's domestic policy choices. Rampant inflation, spurred in large part by the multi-trillion-dollar spending packages touted by the President, is now costing families an extra \$700 per month in spending.

And then there are the Biden Administration's energy policies, which have severely hampered domestic oil and gas production and made permitting new fossil fuel projects extremely difficult (including recently canceling Alaskan drilling leases). As a result, everyone continues to pay more at the pump.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

Everywhere we go, prices are up and in turn, life is more difficult. Unfortunately, the Administration's flawed policies are not only seen here in the U.S. – they also extend to the world stage.

This past August marked the two-year anniversary of Biden's chaotic and deadly withdrawal from Afghanistan. Ghani had fled, and control of the country ceded to the Taliban.

The Administration's poor planning led to troops abandoning Bagram Airfield in the middle of the night, leaving behind approximately \$7 billion worth of military equipment, including guns, ammunition, military vehicles, aircrafts, etc.

In addition, our chaotic exit led to the death of 13 U.S. service members, after two ISIS-K suicide bombers, freed from prison by the Taliban, detonated bombs at the Kabul International Airport, where our military was leading evacuation efforts.

And now I believe we've seen our failure to withdraw in an orderly manner, that would be expected of a professional military, has opened the door to aggression elsewhere by our adversaries.

Our failed withdrawal has allowed Iran to push the narrative that the West is unreliable, its policies destined to fail, and that they themselves are the only reliable actor in the Middle East.

Many argue, including myself, that our country's failure in Afghanistan essentially gave Vladimir Putin a green-light to invade Ukraine. Putin's National Security Advisor Nikolai Patrushev publicly argued that given what happened in Afghanistan, Ukraine could not rely on the U.S. as it lacked the patience to achieve a military victory and, in the end, we would be disloyal to our allies in Ukraine, just as we were in Afghanistan.

Within weeks of the Afghanistan withdrawal, Putin began a buildup of Russian troops and weapons on the Ukrainian border. By February 2022, Russia invaded.

However, what was projected to be a war lasting little more than a few weeks by both Russia and the American military establishment, has turned into a prolonged war.

Now with the war raging on, Russia's supplies have dwindled and many of our other adversaries have come to their rescue.

U.S. intelligence reports say that China has been a huge supporter of Russia's war effort, helping them evade Western sanctions. China has increased their purchase of Russian oil, gas, and other energy exports. Additionally, they are allowing Russia to use their financial system to conduct transactions otherwise blocked by Western sanctions. China has also sent Russia navigation equipment, parts for fighter jets, and drones/drone parts.

Iran has also helped by supplying Russia with drones and other military equipment.

Further, North Korea and Russia are close to reaching an agreement, in which North Korea would supply Russia with artillery shells and anti-tank missiles, in return for access to Russian technology for satellites and nuclear-powered submarines and supplies of food.

While our previous Administration was able to ease tensions with North Korea, this Administration's actions are leading to a strengthened North Korean economy and their unpredictable military becoming more lethal.

On China, we already know that since 2021, they have "employed multiple diplomatic tools in an attempt to erode U.S. and partner influence, such as highlighting the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and criticizing U.S.-backed security partnerships," according to the Department of Defense's 2022 report to Congress.

Perhaps that's why earlier this year China was emboldened to deploy a spy balloon over the U.S. in order to collect intelligence.

And the Biden Administration showed weakness when it didn't intercept the offending balloon until it crossed the whole daggone country. What's next? Taiwan.

Right now, China is watching us, calculating how we will respond if they invade Taiwan.

I worry our missteps on the world stage these past two years have indicated to China that invading Taiwan might be a sound move.

Why wouldn't they? From a foreign viewpoint, our country's President and his Administration are too weak to do what is necessary to defend Taiwan and other allies in the South Pacific.

# Race for ACCE

It has been a week now and the soreness throughout my body from the weekend's activities has finally subsided. Much like the first-ever SRX Race we held on ESPN this year, Pulaski County hosted the first ever American Jet Sport Association (AJSA) race on Claytor Lake.

We had professional competitors from three different continents and riders from all around the country here running skis on Friday, September 8th, Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th, to determine the Champion of the AJSA Summer Series.

As one of the newest members of the AJSA, I raced in my first official jet ski race on Sunday against some of the top runabout riders in the country. Needless to say, I did not win any medals, but I did enjoy some of the best adrenaline rushes I have had since I raced against two of Pulaski County Motorsports Park track champions earlier this summer.

The talent level competing on the lake this past weekend was world-class and the AJSA is one of the finest professional organizations I have had the pleasure of partnering with.

But like most everything we do as a County, we look to elevate and maximize our opportunities and this event was no different. With the leadership of Laura Walters and the Board of Supervisors, the efforts of Erika Tolbert and our tourism department, and good friends of the sport like Mark Armentrout, Sheriff, Radford City, we pursued hosting an AJSA Jet Ski Corporate Challenge as a way to raise funds for the Pulaski County ACCE program, a County-funded education investment program that makes college available debt-free to our high school graduates by funding New River Community College tuition for two years. This is a program we successfully started in 2020 and have worked hard to annually fund.



Patriot's Post

Jonathan Sweet  
Pulaski Co. Administrator

After issuing a region-wide challenge to our business community, we had 17 teams participate in what turned out to be one of the most memorable and successful events we have held to date.

Pulaski County submitted several

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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.

The Patriot



## Our Constitution: Fixed Meaning or Open to Interpretation?

You probably won't find this historic date noted on many calendars, but after six grueling months of discussion and negotiations, the writing of the United States Constitution was completed on September 17, 1787. It became the official framework of the newly formed government of the United States of America.

Initially, the purpose of the Constitutional Convention, held in Philadelphia, was to amend the Articles of Confederation which were established after the American Revolution. Under the Articles, the 13-Colonies/States were functioning more like sovereign countries, and some of the nation's leaders realized a stronger and more stable centralized government would be needed to ensure the future existence of the Republic.

Alexander Hamilton recommended a Constitutional Convention to reevaluate the effectiveness of the Articles of Confederation. Instead, the outcome was the creation of a Representative-Republic with three branches of government as checks-and-balances to ensure no usurping of power by any one branch. Seventy-Four delegates were selected but only 55 from 12 of the 13-states attended the Convention, beginning on May 25, 1787. The Convention concluded on September 17th when 38 of the 41 remaining delegates signed

## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

the document. Article VII stated that the Constitution would not be binding until ratified by nine of the 13 states.

There was more work to be done before ratification in 1789. James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay (first Supreme Court Justice appointed by President George Washington) wrote and published the Federalist Papers, which were a series of 85 essays encouraging the ratification of the proposed U.S. Constitution. You can find the full text of the Federalist Papers at: <https://guides.loc.gov/federalist-papers/full-text>.

James Madison, who later became the fourth President of the United States is considered "the Father of the U.S. Constitution." So can we presume he knew what he was doing when he appointed Joseph Story as an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court? Story graduated from Harvard Law School and was only 32 at

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

# No, we aren't Rome

An op-ed in The New York Times warns, as the headline puts it, that "America is an empire in decline," and finds a precedent in imperial Rome.

The piece, written by the co-author of a new book, "Why Empires Fall: Rome, America, and the Future of the West," shows that the cottage industry in comparisons between the United States and Rome is as robust as ever.

It is an irresistible temptation to superimpose the history of Rome and especially its decline and fall -- an enduring subject of fascination -- on top of our own experience and future.

Both conservatives and progressives are prone to their own versions of this narrative, tending to emphasize either moral decline or imperial over-stretch respectively.

But the most important thing to know about us and our supposed imperial forbear is that we aren't Rome and aren't experiencing any of the most direct, spectacular causes of its fall.

It's become fashionable among some scholars to argue that there was no fall. There were no barbarian invasions. There was no material decline. Nothing to see here -- simply evolutionary change.

It is true that Rome's fall -- a long, messy process -- didn't unfold with the pleasing cinematic simplicity that the popular imagination might believe; the extent of the barbarian population transfers has been exaggerated and the Eastern half of the empire lived on for another 1,000 years.

Still, the Western Roman Empire unquestionably fell, with disastrous consequences for a long time. It's just that dragging us into it is wildly off base.

Rome tore itself apart with constant assassinations, usurpations, and civil wars. It weakened itself economically and militarily, while confronting challenges from armed bands on its borders that it became incapable of handling as it steadily lost its territory and sources of financial support to barbarian groups.

At the same time, it had to grapple with the Persian Empire to the East.

Is this happening to the United States? Well, an armed contingent of Quebecers isn't (like the Visigoths) wandering throughout the United States, fighting periodic battles with the U.S. military and seeking subsidies from the U.S. Senate before besieging -- and eventually sacking -- Washington, D.C.

Migrants to the United States don't settle en masse in national groupings led by military leaders seeking power and preferment. They disperse throughout the country and take illegal jobs as busboys and the like.

U.S. presidents have to worry about declining poll numbers, a recalcitrant congressional opposition, and reelection campaigns.

They don't, like Roman emperors, need to think all the time about potential assassinations and armed usurpers. They don't need to worry that if they assign

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# Nation

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the time of his appointment; but was an accomplished educator, instructor, writer, lawyer and legal scholar.

Justice Story wrote many important and educational treatises but one of his most notable is “A Familiar Exposition of The Constitution of the United States” which was, in his words, “designed to aid the cause of education and to promote and encourage the study of the Constitution of the United States, By Her Ingenuous Youth...” (I personally think it should be a required textbook in our high schools!)

Throughout the book, Story points out that judges are obliged to apply the fundamental Law of the Land according to the plain meaning (original intent) as understood by the society that ratified the laws. The Constitution is not to be usurped by any political party or judge who may have a personal or political agenda in mind.

“We shall treat (our Constitution), not as a mere compact, or league, or confederacy, existing at the mere will of any one or more of the States, during their good pleasure; but, (as it purports on the face to be,) as a Constitution of Government, framed and adopted by the people of the United States, and obligatory upon all the States, until it is altered, amended, or abolished by the people in the manner pointed out in the instrument itself. It is to be interpreted, as all other solemn instruments are, by endeavoring to ascertain the true sense and meaning of all the terms; and we are neither to narrow them, nor to enlarge them, by straining them from their just and natural import, for the purpose of adding to, or diminishing its powers, or bending them to any favorite theory or dogma of party. It is the language of the people, to be judged of according to common sense, and not by mere theoretical reasoning. It is not an instrument for the mere private interpretation of any particular men. The people have established it and spoken their will; and their will, thus promulgated (decreed), is to be obeyed as the supreme law.”

Edwin Meese, former US Attorney General and Counselor to President Reagan stated, “Unfortunately, several modern jurists and scholars have rejected Justice Story’s vision of the Constitution...They view constitutional provisions not as having a fixed meaning that can be identified and applied, but as nothing more than vague generalities and empty vessels that can be made to carry the political values of the judges who interpret them.”

I wonder what the men who wrote the Constitution would think. What would Washington, Madison, Hamilton, Jay and Story think about many of the decisions being made by our modern-day judges? Would they say “Well done” or “Shame on you! Go back to the founding principles and re-establish the original intent and meaning of We the People”?

# Sweet

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teams to take on the regional challenges and the efforts our participants put into running the course was commendable.

Our Pulaski County Sheriff’s Office took home the gold, but it was teams like RDL, Camrett Logistics and Fontaine that provided the entertainment. Radford University showed up in a big way, as did the law enforcement community from Montgomery County and the City of Radford. The Chamber of Commerce took home second with their unsanctioned team, and Pulaski County Administration was third.

There were also some very unexpected riders that showed up and showed off that defied all expectations; you would have had to see it to believe it!

The event turned out to be a great networking activity and was an even bigger team-building exercise. I cannot express how grateful I am to all the folks that came out to take part in this monumental event and helped to make it a truly special day.

I am hopeful next year’s AJSA/Pulaski County ACCE Corporate Challenge will enjoy the same success and I am already looking forward to issuing a new “Challenge” to the corporate community.

Pulaski County is...The Place to Race!

# Youngkin pardons Loudoun Co. man in appeal of disorderly conduct charge

By Morgan Sweeney

(The Center Square) — Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin granted an absolute pardon to a Loudoun County father who was sentenced to a trial by jury for his behavior at a school board meeting in June 2021.

Just weeks before, on May 28, 2021, Scott Smith had been called to Stone Bridge High School, where school officials notified him that his then-freshman daughter had been sexually assaulted in a bathroom by a male student wearing a skirt.

The well-attended school board meeting was held to discuss schools’ policies regarding transgender students. Smith got into an argument with another woman at the meeting, who claimed she did not believe his daughter had been assaulted.

Police officers had crowded around Smith during the altercation; as he leaned forward with a clenched fist at his side, an officer grabbed Smith’s arm. Smith attempted to free himself from the officer’s grasp and struggled as officers approached him to arrest him. He was convicted of disorderly conduct and was to be



tried on appeal by a jury later this month.

Youngkin’s pardon wasn’t the first time Smith’s case captured the attention of the state. Sen. Bill Stanley of Franklin County represented Smith. On his first day in office, Youngkin issued Executive Order Number Four, authorizing Attorney General Jason Miyares to “conduct a full investigation into Loudoun County Public Schools” as a result of the case and the subsequent sexual assault the male student committed five months later, at another Loudoun County high school.

“Upon careful deliberation

and review of the circumstances of the matter, I have decided it is just and appropriate to grant this absolute pardon that reflects Scott Thomas Smith’s factual innocence of Disorderly Conduct,” Youngkin wrote.

“While we did not seek a pardon from Governor Youngkin, and while we were very confident that we would have been able to prove that Scott Smith was innocent of the criminal charges placed against him if the matter had gone to trial, we are nevertheless grateful that the governor also recognized the wrong done to Scott by the judicial system, and that he has now taken this bold step of action to right that wrong by this pardon,” said Smith’s attorneys in a statement.



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## OPEN FORUM

### Supports Stafford for Cloyd District Supervisor

To the Editor,

There are people that I’ve been acquainted with that have characteristics that are admirable that have left a lasting impression. Chris Stafford is one of those people!

Chris Stafford is currently seeking re-election for the Board of Supervisor’s seat for the Cloyd District of Pulaski County.

I’ve known Chris Stafford for more than twenty years profes-

sionally and as an esteemed colleague and friend. He served as the former Director of Finance and Assistant Superintendent for Pulaski County Public Schools.

He has a vast knowledge of the complex financial decisions that are required for school divisions and understands the role of a leader is to serve people. These areas of expertise has and will continue to be an asset to our county government as a Board of Supervisors elected official.

Chris is a person of integrity

and commits himself to excellence in thoughtfulness of decisions he is responsible for and has a part in making.

His purpose is to serve the Cloyd District and the citizens of Pulaski County with fairness and a desire to improve community awareness on important issues that make a difference in the lives of Pulaski County residents.

Chris is a person that will advocate for the “right”, and will also say “no” to decisions that

would not be in the best interest of Pulaski County and the citizens he represents.

All registered voters should cast your vote on November 7, 2023 for the candidate of choice. Personally, I believe Chris Stafford is that candidate! He has the best interest of the citizens at heart and is a lifelong resident of Pulaski County.

Sincerely,  
Ethelene W. Sadler  
Dublin

# Lowry

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a general to take over, say, CENTCOM, he will use the position to muster the troops and resources to challenge for power himself. They don’t need to consider the positioning of military forces with an eye to checking internal enemies.

Jan. 6 was a disgraceful day but a blip hardly worth mentioning relative to the perpetual, large-scale internal disorder in imperial Rome.

The 1st Infantry Division isn’t marching on Washington, D.C., from Fort Riley, Kansas, and fighting a pitched battle with the 4th Marine Division devastating to the countryside somewhere in Ohio.


TITLE: None of this is to deny that the United States and the West may have entered a period

of what will ultimately prove to be terminal decline or that rivals, most notably China, are on the rise. It is to say that unless our representative democracy degenerates into an unelected dictatorship with no reliable means of succession and Canada and Mexico begin to eat away at our territory, the story of our decline is not going to track closely with that of Rome, a vastly different polity, at a different time.

By all means, study the history of Rome for its own sake and for the insights it affords into human nature and the roots of the Western world. But the moral of the story needn’t be about 21st-century America.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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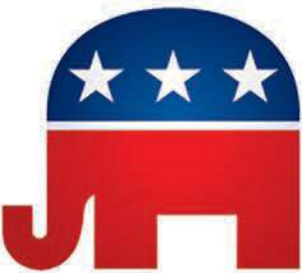


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# House opens impeachment inquiry into President Biden

By Casey Harper

(The Center Square) – House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., on Tuesday opened a formal impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. McCarthy directed a House Committee to open the inquiry, pointing to the mounting evidence that the president’s son, Hunter Biden, and associates took millions of dollars from foreign interests and that President Biden knew about it. “House Republicans have uncovered serious and credible allegations into President Biden’s conduct,” McCarthy said during the announcement. “Taken together, these allegations paint a picture of a culture of corruption,” he added. McCarthy pointed to ongoing House investigations, saying Biden knowingly lied about his knowledge and involvement in the foreign business dealings of his son, Hunter Biden.

“Eyewitnesses have testified that the president joined on multiple phone calls and had multiple interactions, dinners resulted in cars and millions of dollars into his son’s and his son’s business partners,” McCarthy said. Biden has repeatedly dismissed questions about him benefiting from an overseas payments, but has not yet responded publicly to the impeachment inquiry. McCarthy also pointed to testimony from IRS whistleblowers, who testified that during their investigation into Hunter Biden, who faces gun and tax charges, they uncovered about \$20 million in payments to the Biden family and associates. According to bank records testimony, those payments came from entities in Ukraine, Russia, China, and more to various shell companies. “The Treasury Department alone has more than 150 transactions involving the Biden fam-

ily and other business associates that were flagged as suspicious activity by U.S. banks,” McCarthy said. “Even a trusted FBI informant has alleged a bribe to the Biden family. Biden used his official office to coordinate with Hunter Biden’s business partners about Hunter’s role in Burisma, a Ukrainian energy company.” House Oversight Committee Chair Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., has spearheaded this investigation, raising concerns about an array of issues, including whether Air Force Two was used by Hunter Biden for his deals and whether President Biden’s Department of Justice interfered in Hunter’s case. McCarthy said the impeachment inquiry is about getting to the bottom of the allegations and finding the facts. He encouraged Biden and his team to fully cooperate. The impeachment committee will be led by Comer as well as Jim Jordan of the Judiciary

Committee as well as Rep. Jason Smith, R-Mo., who leads the Ways and Means Committee. “I do not make this decision

lightly,” McCarthy said. “Regardless of your party and who you voted for, these facts should concern all Americans.”

## New River Health District to Participation in National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) annual preparedness outreach event sponsored by FEMA’s Ready Campaign. The New River Health District has committed to participate in NPM to increase preparedness in the community by offering educational resources to the public, providing training opportunities to local health department staff and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers, and providing Stop the Bleed training to community members across the district. This year, National Preparedness Month will focus on preparing older adults for disasters. Older adults have specific needs during a disaster, specifically those who are disproportionately affected by all hazards. Older adults face greater risks associated with disasters, especially

those who live in rural areas, live alone, are low-income, or have a disability. National Preparedness Month is a perfect time to create or review your own emergency plans, or those for our parents, grandparents, and elderly friends and neighbors. Preparedness is a shared responsibility that takes the Whole Community. Learn ways you can take action by visiting [www.ready.gov/older-adults](http://www.ready.gov/older-adults) and [Ready.gov/prepare](http://Ready.gov/prepare). “The importance of preparedness cannot be overstated. Outcomes are far better with these simple measures on the front end versus picking up the pieces on the back end,” said Dr. Noelle Bissell, Health Director for New River Health District. For more information about the Ready Campaign and National Preparedness Month, visit [Ready.gov/September](http://Ready.gov/September).

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# Park

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piece of property along the New River in what is now Fairlawn. Margaret Smith’s father sold 109 acres of the farm in 1941, so that houses could be built for the employees of the newly opened Radford Army Ammunition plant. Margaret’s father died in 1944 and she inherited the farm at the age of 18. She then sold 14 acres of the farm, so that Riverlawn Elementary School could be constructed.

Margaret Smith was an only child, who never married and never had any children of her own. She worked at St. Albans for 45 years until she retired. She lived at the Smith Farm house, which is located above the New River, her entire life.

Ruth Babylon, of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, also spoke at Tuesday’s event. Several years ago, Babylon moved into a house located on part of that same tract of land Mr. Smith sold in 1943. Babylon decided to make Miss Margaret Smith’s acquaintance.

“I sent her a note and I said I’m your neighbor on South drive,” Babylon recounted. “I can see your farm from my porch and I just happened to be in the business of protecting family farms, as well. So, if you’re interested in protecting your farm, then contact me.”

After some time passed, Miss Smith decided to contact Ruth Babylon.

“In 2008, we had our first phone call and I remember her saying ‘I certainly have no intentions of selling to a developer,’” said Babylon. “Then as I got to know her better, it evolved into ‘I really want it to be a public park’ and that just took it to the next level because there were not many landowners that said that to me.”

As a result of Babylon’s efforts, in 2019, ownership of the Smith Farm passed to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

Assistant County Administrator Anthony Akers explained that Shay Dunnigan, Pulaski County’s Director of Parks and Recreation was on jury duty and could not attend the event but thanked him and County Engineer Jared Linkous for their work on the project.

Akers, too, has a personal connection to Margaret Smith.

“I had the honor of meeting Miss Margaret Smith at Radford Health and Rehab and Ruth was instrumental in setting up that meeting,” said Akers. “Margaret had earlier tried to give her property to the county but it didn’t work out but when Margaret and I talked again, we found we had a whole lot in common. We knew a lot of the same people in the Radford and Fairlawn area. So we hit it off, big time. We became very good friends prior to her death in 2016.”

“Many years ago, she sold this property for the school and she wanted to make sure it was preserved and maintained with an apple orchard with open space, almost like a Central Park, if you will, in the middle of Fairlawn,” Akers continued. “I made a promise to Miss Margaret, much as I did with Evelyn Alexander, when she dedicated 90 acres of land for Randolph Park. I looked her in the eye and said, Miss Smith, we



Local Dignitaries and county employees mark the completion of Phase 1 of the Smith Trail. County Supervisor Chris Stafford, who represent the Cloyd District, wields the oversized scissors used to cut the ribbon. (William Paine/The Patriot)



William Paine/The Patriot

As part of Phase 1 of the Smith Park project, the pavement in front of the Pulaski County Youth Center (formerly Riverlawn Elementary School) was resurfaced.

will fulfill your wishes. It’s going to be a place where kids have fun and adults will use it and everyone will enjoy the property that she preserved for this great community. So, she contacted the Virginia Outdoors Foundation and got them to put in a Conservation Easement.”

Pulaski County now owns the Smith Farm, as well as the 14-acre grounds of the Pulaski County Youth Center, which adjoins the property. As part of the agreement for this transfer of ownership, seven acres at the edge of the farm were set aside for future development, which will likely result in more residential housing. In exchange for this, the county’s Economic Development Authority agreed to rezone the adjoining 14-acre property, so that it could not be used for heavy industry, which would run counter to the spirit of Smith Park project.

“This farm was everything to Margaret Smith,” said Babylon. “Now back in 2008 I’m pretty sure we didn’t talk about pickleball courts because ... who knew? But she would be so happy about that because she was a big sports fan. She loved the Hokies and she loved the Radford Bobcats. Sorry Cougars’ fans but she lived up on the hill there and she could hear all the sounds from the Radford Bobcat game. She could hear the band and the PA system and she loved the Bobcats. So, while she didn’t know about pickleball courts, she definitely knew about the trail because that went way back. We started talking

about that in 2014, when she was still alive. She knew every inch of this farm. It’s great that people can walk here. We don’t even need a bigger parking lot, just some bike racks.”

“Let me stress, this is a work in progress and we’re going to add many other amenities,” said Akers. “We’re going to meet the demands of the public.”

“And we need a dog park,” said Babylon.

“I can make that happen,” said well-known dog over Laura Walters.

“She would be so happy,” said Babylon. “It’s very exciting. This truly is Fairlawn’s Central Park.”

“To have the fortitude to say no to development is a testimony to her commitment to the community,” said Bill Cunningham. “Once this park is completed, it’s going to be one of the most exciting things this county has seen in many, many years.”

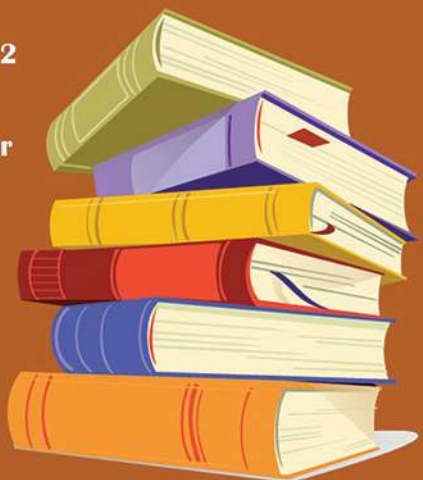


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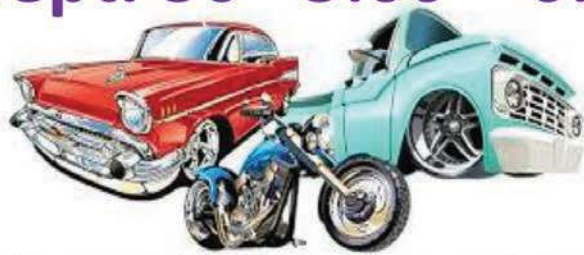


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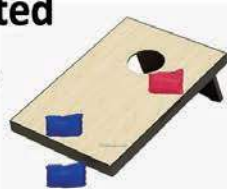
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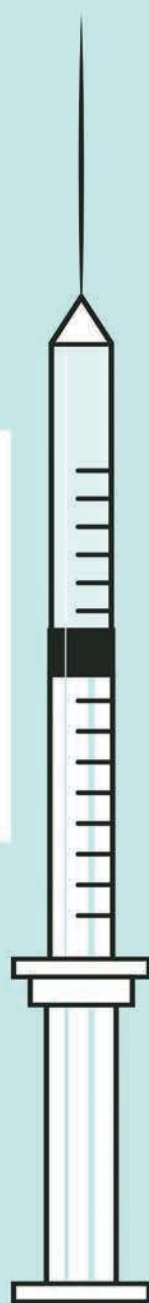
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## School Board Recognitions



Pulaski County Public Schools

### Employee of the Month

Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski Elementary are proud to announce that Ashlan Akers has been named the Employee of the Month for September 2023. Mrs. Akers is a Pulaski County graduate where her favorite class was Psychology. She has been employed by Pulaski County Schools for 6 years. She is the Office Manager at PES, and she keeps everything organized and running smoothly. She always greets visitors with a smile, and basically knows every student, parent, and teacher at PES. She never gets frustrated or upset when so much is happening at the same time. She prioritizes her tasks very well. She does whatever she can to take workloads off teachers and other office staff. She can even calm the Principal and Assistant Principal down when they are having a heated discussion. She is always professional, makes sure each student is safe, and is one of the hardest workers in the school. Ashlan is married to Cam and together they have two amazing daughters, Cami and Blake. In her free time, she enjoys the beach and spending time with her family.



Pulaski County Public Schools

### Student Representative

Jeremiah Turner has been selected to serve as the School Board Student Representative for the 2023-2024 school year. Jeremiah is the first junior to serve in this capacity. He is the son of Charity Warden and Rajai Hines of Hiwassee and Allan Turner of Dublin. Jeremiah is participating in the New Cougar Scholars Program, a member of the National Honor Society and plays on the Pulaski County High School basketball team. We are honored to have Jeremiah serve in this position.

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The Campus Cruise-In will feature classic cars from regional car club members. The event is sponsored by the NRCC automotive technology department, and automotive students will judge the cars. Trophies will be awarded for the first three places.

The event is family-friendly, open to the public and free of charge.

Registration will be held on the day of the event and is a \$10 donation per competing vehicle. Call (540) 674-3600, ext. 4285 for more information.



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**Dear Dave,**

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— Meagan

**Dear Meagan,**

Take the bigger check! That’s a quick and easy decision, but give me a minute to explain why. It’s not about being greedy—it’s a little more complicated than

## Recognition of a local farm boy’s achievement

John R. Phillips was born in 1936 at home and raised on a small farm in the Snowville area of Pulaski County. After graduating from Dublin High School in 1954, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. With an honorable discharge in hand he returned briefly to his parents’ farmhouse before going to New York City in 1959 for his nursing education. He obtained his diploma, baccalaureate, master’s, and doctorate of philosophy degrees in nursing.

John practiced nursing in the Bellevue Hospital Center in New York City for several years giving nursing care to patients, of which many were indigent. His positions as staff nurse, head nurse, and supervisor enabled him to experience all levels of nursing care and its complexity.

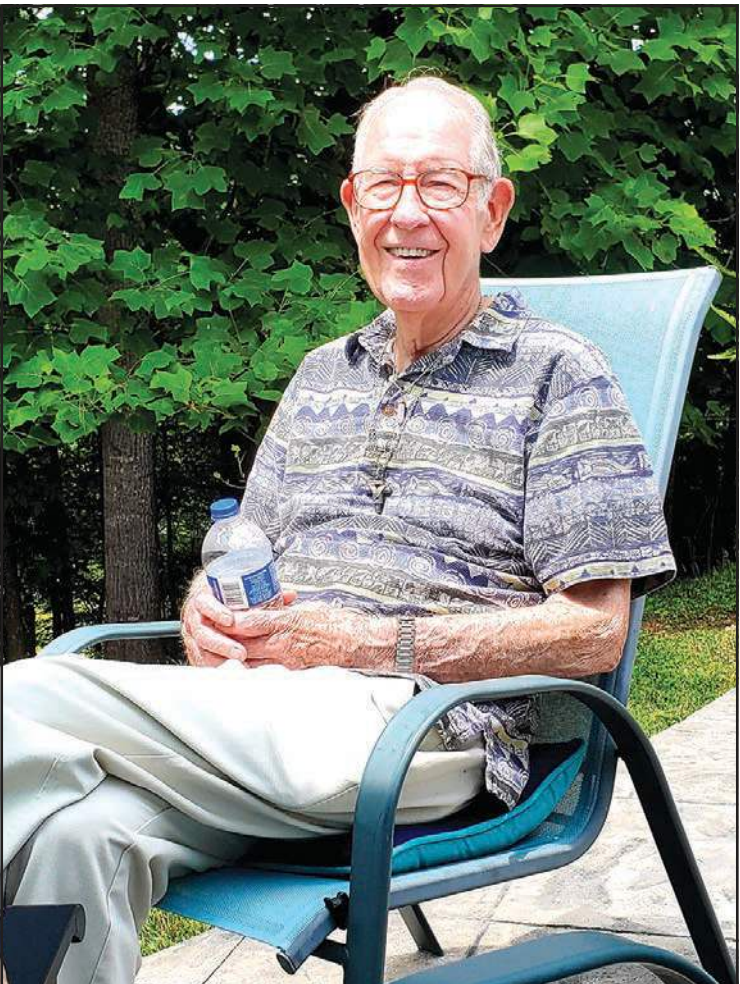
After receiving his doctoral degree he was given the opportunity to teach nursing in an university setting. He taught nursing to all levels of nursing education at what is now known as the Rory Meyers College of Nursing, New York University for 25 years. His excellence as a teacher is verified by the honors and awards he received.

Some of the honorifics given

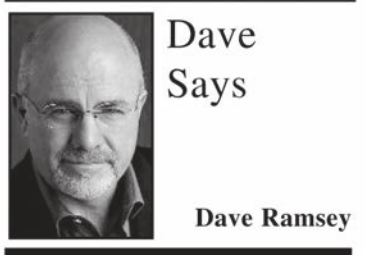
by the universty and nursing organizations include professor of the year award, Rose and George Doval education award, distinguished alumni award, Jacqueline Fawcett nursing theory award, and the Martha E. Rogers award by the National League of Nursing. John is one of the founders of the Society of Rogerian Scholars, a nursing society to honor Martha E. Rogers.

John was highly lauded for his numerous nursing presentations and publications, paricularly those in the Nursing Science Quarterly journal. Once he received the best paper of the year. Probably the capstone of his professional nursing career is the publication in August 2023 of his professional nursing writings in the book *Evolving Rogerian Nursing Science: John R. Phillips’ Unique Contributions*. John will be giving a requested online presentation on October 20-22 at the annual meeting of the Society of Rogerian Scholars.

John is now living a life of leisure in his “golden years” attending programs and concerts at Radford University and the Moss Arts Center in Blacksburg and enjoying “shopping” in all of the thrift stores in the area.



John R. Phillips



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

that.

If you had \$19,000 in your pocket, would you go buy a \$6,000 hail-damaged, salvage-title vehicle for everyday driving? Of course, you wouldn’t do that! The insurance company is probably hoping you’ll overlook the \$19,000 offer and essentially pay \$6,000 for this beat-up car. No. Thank. You. I’ll pass on that deal.

With \$19,000, you’ll have plenty of cash to rent a car for a couple of weeks and take time to find a great-quality used car at a good price. You might even be able to negotiate with the insurance company to give you a little time to look for another ride

before they come pick up the old one.

But no, you don’t want that messed up, old car. Why would you? That thing probably looks like a kid with a bad case of acne right now. Go find yourself a nice car, hon. There are plenty of affordable, slightly used vehicles on the market right now. There’s no reason for you to drive around in something that’s all beat up if you don’t have to.

Best of luck, Meagan!

— Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show.” He has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CBS This Morning,” “Today,” Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.



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2. In Revelation 8, what’s the falling star called when the third angel sounded? Armageddon, Wormwood, Rapture, Zabulon

3. Who carried a letter from the king of Syria to the king of Israel? Stephen, Naaman, John the Baptist, Delilah

4. From 2 Chronicles 11, Rehoboam took 18 wives and how many “score” of concubines? One, Two, Three, Four

5. What name did the apostles give to Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus?

Barnabas, Cephas, Amos, Gideon

6. In 2 Corinthians, who traveled to Corinth to help pick up an offering for needy saints? Vitas, Timothy, Philemon, Titus

**ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Wormwood, 3) Naaman, 4) Three, 5) Barnabas, 6) Titus**

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# Big cats to battle Friday in Princeton

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The 1-1 Pulaski County Cougars take to the road again this Friday – this time to West Virginia as they face the Princeton Senior High School Tigers.

The Cougars are coming off a 48-20 loss to Lord Botetourt.

Both the Cougars and Cavaliers chewed up yardage on the ground, with Pulaski County gaining 251 yards rushing, while Lord Botetourt piled up 314 yards.

Only six passes were thrown during the game – all by Pulaski County. Quarterback Chris Gallimore completed two of four passes for 33 yards. Bryant Nottingham went 0 for 2 with an interception.

After the Cavaliers jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter, the Cougars opened the second quarter with a 28-yard pass from Gallimore to senior Marcus Reed for their first score. The extra point was no good and the score stood at 6-6 with 10:18 to go in the first half.

About 2:30 later, Lord Botetourt scored what would be the first of three touchdowns in the second quarter on runs of 2, 10 and 1 yard to build a 28-6 half-time lead.

After the Cavaliers added another TD for a 35-6 advantage, Trevor Gallimore scored from



Antonio Nottingham/The Patriot  
Trevor Gallimore gains tough yardage last Friday against Lord Botetourt. He gained 135 yards on 32 carries.

# Radford rolls over Virginia High, 43-0

By Elizabeth Kanipe  
The Patriot

The Bobcats made their first road trip of the season to take on the Virginia High Bearcats in Bristol, VA.

The Bobcats entered the game 2-0 and had only given up one touchdown.

Virginia High came into the game 1-1 after a big win over John Battle the week before. Start time for the game was delayed 50 minutes due to lightning.

Radford would strike first. After a successful on-side kick, Landon Clark scrambled 41 yards down the right sideline to give the Bobcats an early 6-0 lead. The rest of the first quarter would be possession exchanges from both teams.

In the second quarter, the Bob-



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot  
Bobcats defense stifled the Bearcats all night: #28 Brandon Thompson, #22 Sam Khandan-Barani, #18 Max Kanipe, #1 Sincere Taylor team up to bring the Bearcat player down for a loss in the backfield.

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## WEEK 4 Schedule

Week 4 of the region's high school football games for Friday, Sept. 15:

Rockbridge Co. at Blacksburg  
Salem at Northside  
Heritage at Jefferson Forest  
Lord Botetourt at Appomattox  
Abingdon at Richlands  
William Byrd at Bassett  
Magna Vista at Franklin County  
Cave Spring at Christiansburg  
Glenvar at Hidden Valley  
Pulaski County at Princeton  
Carroll County at Geo. Wythe  
Floyd County at Grayson Co.  
Galax at Radford  
Union at Graham  
Tazewell at Fort Chiswell  
East Montgomery at Auburn  
Narrows at Giles  
Montcalm W.Va. at Craig Co.  
William Fleming at Patrick Henry

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

## High School Football Scores

Abingdon 17, Gate City 14  
Alleghany 55, Rockbridge County 8  
Altavista 42, Cumberland 14  
Amherst County 28, Mecklenburg County 7  
Armstrong 54, John Marshall 0  
Atlantic Shores Christian 53, Norfolk Christian School 13  
Bassett 35, Dan River 12  
Battlefield 39, Gar-Field 14  
Benedictine 42, Woodberry Forest 13  
Blacksburg 40, Floyd County 14  
Broadway 21, Waynesboro 6  
Brooke Point 36, Independence 14  
Bruton 35, West Point 6  
Buckingham County 33, William Campbell 6  
Charlotte Country Day, N.C. 30, North Cross 27  
Chatham 34, Martinsville 16  
Christiansburg 14, William Byrd 10  
Churchland 28, Booker T. Washington 6  
Clarke County 40, Buffalo Gap 7  
Collegiate-Richmond 31, Nansemond-Suffolk 20  
Colonial Forge 35, Potomac 14  
Colonial Heights 40, Nottoway 0  
Douglas Freeman 33, Mechanicsville High School 13  
E.C. Glass 27, GW-Danville 14  
Eastern Montgomery 22, Northwood 16  
Eastside 14, River View, W.Va. 6  
Fairfax 40, Centreville 14  
Fauquier 55, Culpeper 35  
First Colonial 36, Princess Anne 26  
Frank Cox 14, Bayside 9  
Gainesville 34, Woodbridge 20  
Galax 21, Carroll County 13  
George Marshall 34, Justice High School 0  
Glen Allen 14, Patrick Henry 6  
Glenvar 7, Cave Spring 3  
Grafton 21, Poquoson 16  
Graham 37, George Wythe 0  
Green Run 56, Kellam 0  
Gretna 49, Tunstall 0  
Hampton 54, Gloucester 13  
Hanover 38, King William 0  
Hayfield 50, Annandale 0  
Heritage (Lynchburg) 20, Appomattox 6  
Heritage 21, Denbigh 0  
Herdon 63, Osbourn Park 0  
Holston 13, John Battle 12, OT  
Honaker 40, Rye Cove 32  
Hopewell 42, Lake Taylor 25  
Hurley 39, Van, W.Va. 14  
Indian River 33, Hickory 0  
James Madison 26, James Robinson 10  
James River 41, Parry McCluer 15  
Jefferson Forest 42, Halifax County 0  
Kempsville 28, Ocean Lakes 20  
King George 37, Riverbend 13  
Lafayette 46, New Kent 7  
Lake Braddock 9, Westfield 7  
Lawrence Academy, N.C. 45, Greenbrier Christian 2  
Liberty Christian 49, Franklin Co. 6  
Liberty-Beaeton 46, James Monroe 6  
Lord Botetourt 48, Pulaski County 20  
Manchester 54, Powhatan 28  
Maret, D.C. 51, St. Stephens-St. Agnes 17  
Marion 40, Lebanon 20  
Massaponax 33, Louisa 14  
Maury 23, Highland Springs 14  
Midlothian 16, Cosby 0  
Mountain View 22, TJ-Alexandria 8  
Nansemond River 53, Deep Creek 14  
Narrows 40, Chilhowie 15  
Norcom 34, Northview 13  
Norfolk Academy 42, Catholic 6  
Northside 34, Hidden Valley 27  
Northumberland 35, Charles City County High School 0  
Oscar Smith 48, Great Bridge 6  
Patrick Henry 49, Albemarle 6  
Patrick Henry 60, J.I. Burton 7  
PHELPS, Ky. 20, Bland County 6

See SCORES, page B3



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## YARD SALES

Church Indoor Yard Sale: Friday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 16 at First Church of God in Dublin at 6330 Courtney Lane, Dublin. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Everything A to Z, food including hotdogs, drinks, homemade candies, cakes and breads.

7 Family Yard Sale: Loads of stuff. All nice. Buy at good prices. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept. 23 off Lowman's Ferry Road and onto Lizzie Gunn Road. Follow signs.

Gigantic Yard Sale: Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 1018 Wilson Avenue, Pulaski. 7 a.m. until ???

Several Family Yard Sale: Sept. 15 and 16, 7:30 a.m. until ??? at 312 Pearce Avenue, Pulaski.

Yard Sale: Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. until ?? 6th Street, Dublin. Downsizing to smaller home.

Huge Yard Sale/Multiple Family: Cypress Ave, Dublin (neighborhood behind ACE Hardware). Household, decorations, linens, books, jewelry, much more. Friday, Sept 15, 2023 (8am - 3pm) and Saturday Sept 16, 2023 (8am - 3pm).

Yard Sale - Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 8 am to 3 pm, 4339 Horseshoe Loop, Dublin, VA. Items include clothing, shoes, bed linens, bed quilts and comforters,



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rugs, and many other household items. Also, a Pulaski Furniture dining table and 6 chairs, chest of drawers, night stand, chairs, computer desk, and refrigerator. Other items include books, stuffed toys, some children games, fishing poles, and golf clubs.

RIVER OF LIFE MINI FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE Please join us Friday & Saturday, Sept. 15 & 16 for our bi-annual flea market & yard sale at the entrance to Black Hollow Road in Dublin. We have a huge variety of vendors! Also delicious hot dogs with homemade chili, BBQ and nachos with a great outdoor venue to eat and take a break sponsored by ROL Youth Group.

Yard Sale: Big Red Barn, Route 11, across from middle school. Thursday, Sept. 14 and Friday, Sept. 15 starting at 9 a.m. Lots of useful items, living room suit, dresser, dinette set, kitchen stove, two antique bicycles, etc. Questions call (540) 250-1677.

Huge Garage Sale: Friday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 16. Lots of ladies shoes, clothing and handbags. Domestic, religious books, linens, vacuum cleaners, sewing machine, etc. Park on lawn or drive. Route 99 onto 3934 Craig Loop, Pulaski.

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.

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.

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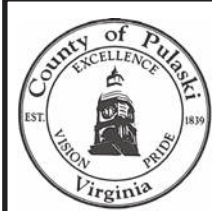
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## Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Super visors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing to consider two applications for the Month of September. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing on these petitions at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 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;

- 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
- Proposed text amendments to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Article 5, 7,10, and 11

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.

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# ACC This Week

Upcoming ACC Football Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 14 Time, TV SiriusXM App/Web  
Bethune-Cookman at No. 22 Miami 7:30 p.m., ACCN 136 or 193 955  
Series: Miami leads series, 6-0; Last meeting: Miami, 70-13 (2022)  
ACCN: Jorge Sedano (play-by-play), Orlando Franklin (analyst), Marilyn Payne (sideline)

Friday, Sept. 15 Time, TV SiriusXM App/Web  
Virginia at Maryland 7 p.m., FS1 138 or 193 955  
Series: Maryland leads series, 44-32-2; Last meeting: Maryland, 27-26 (2013)  
FS1: Eric Collins (play-by-play), Devin Gardner (analyst)

Saturday, Sept. 16 Time, TV SiriusXM App/Web  
Louisville at Indiana Noon, BTN 113 or 194 956 or 965  
Series: Indiana leads series, 2-0; Last meeting: Indiana, 21-0 (1986)  
Big Ten Network: Connor Onion (play-by-play), Brock Vereen (analyst), Megan McKeown (sideline)

No. 3 Florida State at Boston Col-

lege Noon, ABC 158, 193 or 389 955 or 979

Series: Florida State leads series, 15-5; Last meeting: Florida State, 44-14 (2022)  
ABC: Dave Pasch (play-by-play), Dusty Dvoracek (analyst), Tom Luginbill (sideline)

Wake Forest at Old Dominion Noon, ESPN2 104 or 201 964  
Series: Wake Forest leads series, 1-0; Last meeting: Wake Forest 42-10 (2021)  
ESPN2: Roy Philpott (play-by-play), Roddy Jones (analyst), Taylor McGregor (sideline)

VMI at NC State 2 p.m., The CW 111 or 204 967  
Series: VMI leads series, 11-7-1; Last meeting: NC State, 49-7 (1946)  
The CW Network: Tom Werme (play-by-play), James Bates (analyst), Tabitha Turner (sideline)

Northwestern at No. 21 Duke 3:30 p.m., ACCN 113, 194, or 384 956 or 974  
Series: Duke leads series, 12-10; Last meeting: Duke, 31-23 (2022)  
ACCN: Chris Cotter (play-by-

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# ACC

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play), Mark Herzlich (analyst), Sherree Burruss (sideline)

Virginia Tech at Rutgers 3:30 p.m., BTN 104 or 201 964 or 965  
Series: Virginia Tech leads series, 12-3; Last meeting: Virginia Tech, 13-10 OT (2012)  
Big Ten Network: Joe Beninati (play-by-play), Adam Breneman (analyst), Taryn Hatcher (sideline)

Minnesota at No. 20 North Carolina 3:30 p.m., ESPN 85, 158, or 193 85 or 955  
Series: First meeting  
ESPN: Beth Mowins (play-by-play), Kirk Morrison (analyst), Stormy Buonantony (sideline)

Pitt at West Virginia 7:30 p.m., ABC 84 or 391 971  
Series: Pitt leads series, 62-40-3; Last meeting: Pitt, 38-31 (2022)  
ABC: Sean McDonough (play-by-play), Greg McElroy (analyst), Molly McGrath (sideline)

Georgia Tech at No. 17 Ole Miss 7:30 p.m., SECN 81, 113, or 194 956 or 973  
Series: Ole Miss leads series, 3-2; Last meeting: Ole Miss, 42-0 (2022)  
SECN: Tom Hart (play-by-play), Jordan Rogers (analyst), Cole Cubelic (sideline)

Syracuse at Purdue 7:30 p.m., NBC 85 or 390 85 or 970  
Series: Series tied at 1-1; Last meeting: Syracuse, 32-29 (2022)  
NBC: Noah Eagle (play-by-play), Todd Blackledge (analyst), Kathryn Tappen (sideline)

Florida Atlantic at Clemson 7:30 p.m., ACCN 158 or 193 955  
Series: Clemson leads 1-0; Last meeting: Clemson, 54-6 (2006)  
ACCN: Wes Durham (play-by-play), Tim Hasselbeck (analyst),

# Cougars

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three yards out to put Pulaski County back on the board. Bryant Nottingham added the PAT and the score was 35-13, LB.

The Cavaliers would score again as the horn blew to end the third quarter for a 41-13 lead.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Trevor Gallimore would run it in from 7 yards out. The Nottingham PAT made the score a more respectable 41-20.

On the ensuing kickoff, however, the Lord Botetourt return man took the kick back 97 yards to paydirt. The extra-point made it the final, 48-20.

Individually for Pulaski County, Trevor Gallimore rushed 32 times for 135 yards against Lord Botetourt. Chris Gallimore added 76 yards on 18 carries.

Chase Lawrence carried four times for 11 yards, Isaiah O'Dell added 3 yards on a single carry, and Nottingham had two carries for minus-6 yards.

Reed had one catch for 28 yards and Tyler Underwood had a catch for 5 yards.

Friday night in Princeton, the Cougars will face a Tiger team that has started its season at 3-0 – including a big win in week two against rival Bluefield, 27-6.

The Tigers to date have never defeated Pulaski County, with the Cougars winning the battle of the big cats all three times they've played. The Cougars have won 33-0, 26-10 and 41-7 in the final game between the two back in 1985.

However, this Princeton team appears to be far more formidable this time around.

First-year head coach Keith Taylor is no stranger to a lot of Cougar fans, as he is a former Cougar football assistant coach.

Under their former head coach, the Tigers last year made it to the West Virginia state playoffs, falling in the opening round.

A return trip to the playoffs is expected this season.

# 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.



**Assistant Coach**  
**Brad St. Clair**  
Quarterbacks Coach  
**Wife or significant other:** Lisa St. Clair  
**Children:** Elijah and Carter St. Clair  
**Lives in Riner**  
**Coached at Auburn 2018-20, PCHS 2022-23**  
Outside of football, he enjoys traveling, attending concerts and playing golf. He is a Christiansburg graduate Brad is a fan of Virginia Tech, Florida and the Dallas Cowboys. As a coach, he enjoys working with the young men to have an impact on their futures.  
**Future plans:** Retirement. Coach and expand our trophy and awards business.



**Tyler Underwood**  
**Age:** 17  
**Grade:** 12  
**Parents/Guardians:** Christy and Johnny Underwood  
**Siblings:** Caleb and Zane  
**Lives in** Dublin  
**Favorite Subject in School:** Welding  
**Hobbies/Things you do outside football:** Hunt, Fish  
**Positions:** Middle linebacker, full-back  
**Other sports:** None  
**Like most about football:** Playing home games.  
**Favorite college, pro teams:** Virginia Tech and the Steelers  
**Future plans:** College for football or go to New River CC.



**Brett Jones**  
**Age:** 17  
**Grade:** 12  
**Parents/Guardians:** Ben and Beth Jones  
**Siblings:** N/A  
**Lives in** Dublin  
**Favorite Subject in School:** Social Studies  
**Hobbies/Things you do outside football:** I like to play my PS4 and lift weights  
**Positions:** A-Back  
**Other sports:** Track  
**Like most about football:** Being a part of a team and playing with my brothers.  
**Favorite college, pro teams:** Auburn and Carolina Panthers  
**Future plans:** Like to go to college, but don't know where yet.



Antonio Nottingham/The Patriot

The Cougar defense swarms around this Lord Botetourt ball carrier last Friday night.

## Four ACC teams ranked in AP top 25


TheACC.com

For the second consecutive week, the ACC had four teams ranked in the AP Top 25 poll (Sept. 10). Florida State moved up to No. 3 in the Week 3 poll, while North Carolina (No. 20), Duke (No. 21) and Miami (No. 22) also ranked in the top 25 for the week. After 20 consecutive weeks in the AP Top 25, the Clemson Tigers fell out of the poll, receiving 68 votes overall.

Florida State also moved up to the No. 3 spot in the USA Today Sports AFCA Coaches Poll (Sept. 10), while North Carolina came in at No. 18 overall. Duke moved up to No. 20 overall in the coaches poll, ahead of both Clemson at No. 22


and Miami at No. 23. Wake Forest, Syracuse and Louisville also received votes.

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## PCHS Player Of The Week

ILB/Fullback  
Trevor Gallimore



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# Truex faces uphill fight in playoffs

By Reid Spencer  
NASCAR Wire Service

Two races into the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs, we have a certain degree of clarity.

Kyle Larson and Tyler Reddick have earned spots in the Round of 12 with their respective victories at Darlington Raceway and Kansas Speedway.

With hard-fought finishes of 11th and seventh in the first two Playoff races—both from the back of the pack because of brushes with the wall in practice—Kyle Busch is 24 points above the current cut line for the Round of 12 coming to arguably his best track for Saturday's Bass Pro Shops Night Race at Bristol Motor Speedway (7:30 p.m. ET on USA, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

With a pair of top-10 runs and a stage win at Kansas, RFK Racing co-owner Brad Keselowski currently is the top Ford driver in the Playoffs, 33 points above the Round of 12 cut line.

With results of 32nd at Darlington and 26th at Kansas, Michael McDowell is 16th in the standings, 40 points below the cutoff and almost certainly in need of a victory at Bristol to advance to the Round of 12.

That said, there also is considerable uncertainty.

For Martin Truex Jr., the first two races of the Playoffs have been an unmitigated disaster. A loose wheel at Darlington led to an 18th-place finish—and that was the good news. After cutting a tire on Lap 4 at Kansas, Truex shot into the Turn 3 wall and finished 36th, dropping seven points behind Kevin Harvick for the last berth in the Round of 12.

Now Truex must fashion a strong run at a track that has not been kind to him in the past. In 32 starts at Bristol, Truex has posted two top-fives and four top 10s for an average finish of 20.8—though he did finish seventh from the pole in the 2021 Night Race.

"The points situation is the same as every other race," Truex said. "This weekend, we just need to qualify the best we can, run up front and hope for good things to happen, but we really just have to control what we can control..."

"Bristol hasn't been my favorite place, but we've had some good runs there, too. I think we've been competitive there over the years... Hoping we can have a strong run there and get to the next round of the playoffs. We'll see how it plays out."

Harvick, on the other hand, has a formidable record at Thun-

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## Volleyball

The Cougars seniors came up big against Floyd Co. beating them in 4 sets on Tuesday night. Jacey Hendrix (bottom left) had five aces and two kills as she is returning to action from knee surgery. Elaina Aust (top right) had three aces and Madison Williams (top left) had four digs and two kills. The Cougars record now stands a 3-6 with matches against Hidden Valley and Patrick Henry later this week.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot





**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**Tuesday**  
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**Voter Registration and Elections**

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**Monday-Friday, September 22, 2023 – November 4, 2023:**  
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**Saturday, October 28, 2023: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, November 4, 2023: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
Last day to vote an Early In-Person ballot at the Pulaski County Voter Registration Office.

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cats got rolling to put the game away. They reached the red zone after Sincere Taylor threw a pass to Clark who was tackled at the 2-yard line. After a loss of yards, Clark ran it in from the 5-yard line. Clark also ran the two point conversion to put the Bobcats up 14-0. On the next Bobcat possession Clark hit Max Kanipe for two long first downs before JD Grubb plunged in from 6 yards to put Radford up 22-0. The Bearcats were able to get on the scoreboard with a Dexter Barnett 23-yard field goal. Radford put the game out of reach for the Bearcats when Clark hit Kanipe on a go route for a 51-yard touchdown with 22 seconds left in the half. Radford led 29-3 at halftime.

The Bobcats continued to roll in the third quarter. Clark scored from 14 yards out to give Radford a 36-3 point lead. The Radford defense forced the Bearcats to quickly punt which allowed the Bobcats to drive the ball 59 yards and a subsequent score when Clark ran it in from 11 yards out. Radford led 43-3 which would be the final score.

Clark led Radford in passing, throwing 14 completions for 196



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

**QB Landen Clark takes it to the end zone on a 41-yard run for the first score of the game.**

yards and one touchdown. He also ran for 80 yards and 4 TDs. Kanipe finished with 7 catches for 158 yards and one touchdown.

The Radford defense was the player of the game. They held the Bearcats to four first downs and 42 yards for the entire game.

Radford will host Galax at home next week where they will also be honoring the RHS Hall of Fame inductees.

## Radford's legendary hoops coach Cormany retiring

By **RODNEY YOUNG**  
**The Patriot**

Radford – For the first time in 31 years Radford High School will be needing a new boy's basketball head coach. Rick Cormany has announced he is retiring.

The last 30 years Cormany had been their head man. His record over those years is a remarkable

609-177.

In his 40 years as a head coach, he compiled a 773-249 record. He was head coach at then Rocky Gap High School in Bland County from 1983-1987. He then took over as head coach at Grayson County for five years, 1989 to 1993. Then he became Radford's head coach in 1994.

Coach Cormany played basketball at George Wythe under former Pulaski County Head Coach Pat Burns.

While at Radford he guided the Bobcats to six Virginia High School League state titles. Winning the championships in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2017 and again in 2019. The 2019 season saw the Bobcats go 30-0.

Under Cormany, Radford also had five VHSL state-runner up finishes and made the final four 15 times. Radford won 12 Region C titles and 22 of the last 23 district regular season championships. They won 16 of the last 17 district tournament championships.

The last two years Radford lost in the state title game to John Marshall High School.

Radford in the last couple months lost 6-7 big man Elijah Kelly as he transferred to Miller School, and then 6-3 guard Gavin Cormany transferred to Oak Hill Academy. Both will repeat their junior years.

Coach Cormany said, "Those transfers didn't have anything to do with this decision. I really felt like it's time. I'm at peace with the decision. The last three or four years it's been a year-to year thing."

Two of Radford's assistant coaches, Tommy Hilton and Bill Nichols also will not return for the upcoming season. Ben Fisher, one of Cormany's assistants, has been recommended to take over as the boy's head coach.

Radford's only other boys' title before Coach Cormany came back in 1949.

Cormany was inducted into Radford's Hall of Fame in 2021.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

**Radford's Rick Cormany retires with a career record of 773-249.**

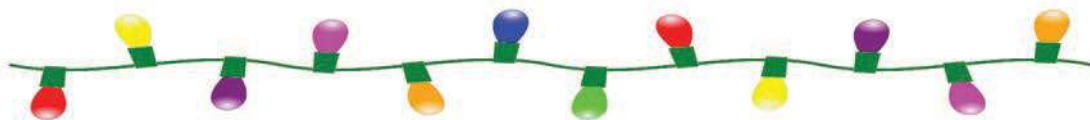
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#### Pulaski Public Library

Tuesday, October 24, (10am – 12pm) and (4pm – 6pm)

#### Riverlawn Elementary School

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der Valley. The driver of the No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford has three victories at the track, the last coming in 2020. Harvick has finished in the top-10 in 10 of his last 13 races on Bristol's concrete surface.

Accordingly, he seems well-equipped to protect his seven-point edge in the first elimination race of 2023.

"I think the thing that people kind of lose track of in these Playoffs, and especially in this particular instance with Bristol, is that a lot of your strategy is dictated off of what happened the first two weeks," said Harvick, who is retiring from Cup Series racing at the end of the season. "Last year for us, going into Bristol we needed to win because of what happened at Darlington when the car caught on fire, and then you were behind right off the bat."

"The 'just survive' strategy at Bristol is great as long as you're up in the points or in the middle of the pack in the points. But if you're in the bottom third of those points, you've got to make some stuff happen and try to get points in the stages and try to win the race."

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# ‘Dinged-up’ VT faces 2-0 Rutgers Saturday on road

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**  
**The Patriot**

The Virginia Tech Hokies will leave the friendly confines of Lane Stadium this week for their first road game of the season as they travel to Piscataway, N.J. to face the 2-0 Rutgers Scarlet Knights.

The 3:30 p.m. Saturday contest marks the third straight home game for Rutgers, who has wins against Northwestern (24-7) and Temple (36-7).

No doubt, Hokies Head Coach Brent Pry will miss the Virginia Tech faithful who have turned out large and loud for the first two games of the season in Blacksburg.

“I want to start out by thanking our fans again,” Pry said during Tuesday’s weekly press conference. “I thought it was outstanding the way they came back for the remainder of the game [after the rain storm] and they were loud. I appreciate that.”

“The administration, our operations crew, the event staff, concessions, everybody. When I left out of here that night, those people that were still around had put in 14 – 15 hour days,” Pry continued.

He noted that even with all the rain the stadium got, Worsham Field was in really good shape.

“That was my biggest concern early in the delay, with the amount of rain expected, could we play this thing,” Pry wondered. “Would it be safe for our players. So, thank you to everybody for that.”

About this week’s opponent, Pry said he is excited about the opportunity in front of the Hokies, adding he has great respect for Rutgers Head Coach Greg Schiano.

“We need to get better obviously,” Pry said about the Hokies following the loss last week to Purdue.

The Hokies will have to do it without one of their star receivers – Ali Jennings – who was hurt last Saturday.

“Yeah, he’s out this week and then we’ll have to evaluate it as we go,” said Pry who said he didn’t know as yet if Jennings’ injury is long-term or not.

“Hey that’s Jaylin (Lane), that’s Grant (Wells), Nasir (Peoples). (Keyshawn) Burgos – he had an elbow deal. Cole Beck ... we’ve got some guys who are dinged up. We’ll see how things go today and tomorrow,” Pry said.

Pry has talked about wanting to get the Hokies’ running game better, but it will be a big challenge against Rutgers who held Northwestern to just 12 yards rushing in their season opener.

Pry says he thinks he has the

right backs in Bhayshul Tuten and Malachi Thomas. The key to success is having a good plan.

“What are the runs that make the most sense against this Rutgers bunch,” Pry said. “We’ve got to continue to get better up front. I think we’re improved over last year, but we’ve got to go play to the level I think we’re capable of up front.”

Rutgers so far this season has been successful at ball control.

“I think they’re second in the nation at 36 minutes. Third down conversion percentage is very high. They’ve converted on all three of their fourth downs. They don’t ask too much of their quarterback. They have good size up front,” Pry continued.

Against Purdue, Tech battled back from being down 17-0 in the second quarter to tie it early in the fourth quarter.

“We battled back in that thing and in adverse conditions and tied the ballgame up and just needed to close it out. We need to do a few things better down the stretch and it could be the difference in the game,” Pry said.

“But you know, I don’t want to take any credit away from Purdue. I thought they had a nice football team. But I was proud of the way we battled back. I think that’s the sign of a good football team. Those are qualities you look for and it just didn’t go the way we wanted at the end there,” he said.

If Wells isn’t able to start this week, the Hokies will go with Kyrion Drones, who Pry said looked good against Purdue.

“I was very pleased with the way Kyrion operated,” Pry said. “I thought he was level-headed. He wasn’t rattled.”

“You know I love the way he runs, and I think we saw on that one run he had where he lowered his shoulders. He’s a big, physical guy. It’s not just that he runs well, he is also big and physical. I think he can take hits and I think he can deliver some hits. I think Grant runs pretty good. He doesn’t have the size, but I think he runs pretty good. You have to run the quarterback enough that the defense has to defend it. If I’m a defensive coordinator and I have my druthers, I’d love a one-dimensional guy versus a guy that can do both,” Pry said.

Virginia Tech leads the all-time series against Rutgers, 12-3. Their last meeting was Dec. 28, 2012 in the Russell Athletic Bowl in Orlando when Tech won in overtime, 13-10.

The last time Rutgers beat Tech was on Halloween in 1992 in Piscataway when the Scarlet Knights won, 50-49.

Rutgers has yet to surrender a point in the first half in both of their first two victories this season.



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Hokies head coach Brent Pry liked what he saw from quarterback Kyrion Drones last Saturday.

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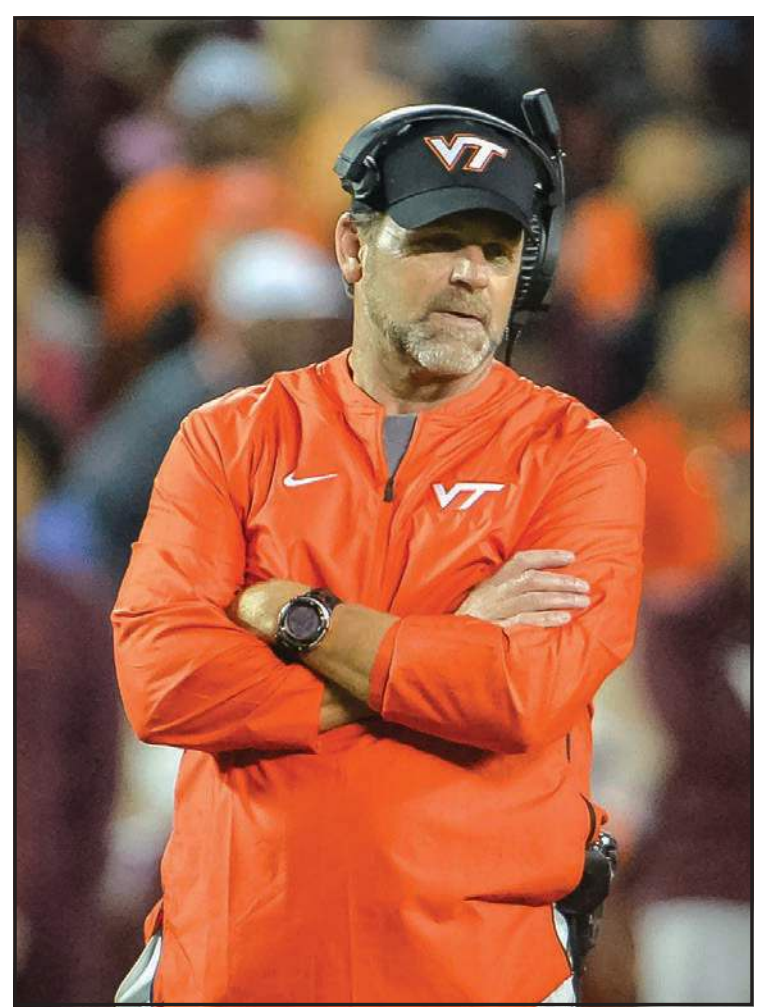
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**Fri. Sept. 29th: Minister Bennie Bedsaul**  
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Virginia Tech head coach Brent Pry thanked fans, staff, Lane Stadium workers for their efforts on a long day last Saturday.

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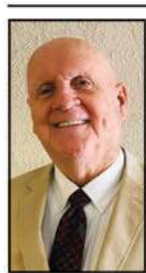
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# Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

## Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:32. “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

Kindness is a Christian Virtue. It’s being affable, polite, courteous and compassionate. It’s doing for others without the expectation of anything in return.

As born again, Spirit filled, believers in Christ Jesus, we should always be busy doing acts of kindness for others. One of the kindest things of all that we can do for our fellow human beings who are un-regenerated, is to invite them to come to join us at Church. For this is where they will hear the word of God taught and preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and be drawn to Christ for salvation.

A good friend invited me to come to Church when I was unsaved with no inclination of even wanting to be saved. I accepted his invitation as a favor to him, and a very strange and wonderful thing happened to me. Jesus got ahold of my heart and wouldn’t let me go. I was born again and it was the best day of my whole life.

There was absolutely nothing this friend could have done for me that was any better or any kinder than inviting me to come to Church. It resulted in the changing of my whole life!

Never sell short, the power of God to convict and save. God can take the word of God, the sword of the Spirit, and pierce the heart of an individual, and cut through the blockages that Satan and the flesh has built, and open up the way for the light of God’s love to shine in and work a miraculous change in anyone’s life.

If a person has unsaved loved ones, they should never doubt that God can save them because God can and does save the most unlikely of individuals.

He saved Saul of Tarsus, who was, before he met Christ Jesus, by his own admission, the chief of sinners.

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me, first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.” (1 Tim. 1: 15, 16.)

Even the worse of sinners are not beyond the grace and mercy and power of God to save. Of such were some of us. God’s forgiveness is full and free. And so should our forgiveness be also.

When someone wrongs us, the natural response is to strike back. To repay in kind. But once we become born again of the Spirit of God, our old nature, our carnal nature, the old man as the bible calls the sinful nature, is forever changed. God gives us a brand new nature fashioned after His own nature.

God gives us grace after we are saved, to be able to suffer wrong without striking back. Jesus said we must forgive others their offences before we can be forgiven ourselves.

Matthew 6: 14, 15. “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Now unless we are going to be able to live the rest of our lives in a completely sinless manner, we’d better forgive those who trespass against us, lest we fail to obtain forgiveness when we sin.

There are sins of commission and sins of omission. Sins of omission are things we should have done that we left undone. We all need forgiveness from time to time. Since God has forgiven us for so much, we should be like Him and forgive those who ask us for mercy and for-

# Church Directory

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Pastor: Alan Pearce  
Service Times:  
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Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.  
email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com  
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552 E. Main Street  
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Pastor: Doug Testerman  
674-1762  
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11 a.m. Sunday worship  
Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  
Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study

## Open Door Baptist Church

4576 Miller Lane  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.  
Phone: 980-2046

## Draper Methodist Church

3080 Greenbriar Road  
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Pastor: Lee Wiggins  
Email: office@draper-methodist-church.com  
Primary Service Times:  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Worship, 11 a.m.

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144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski  
P.O. Box 975  
Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday  
Phone: 980-2413  
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## Jordan Chapel Methodist

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

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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
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website: www.fumcpulask.org  
FACEBOOK@FirstUMCPulaski and  
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Belspring, VA 24058  
Pastor Darrell Linkous  
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and  
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Darrell Linkous: 353-0081  
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

## Mountain View United Methodist Church

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Phone: 540-392-2702  
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Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
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Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
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website - www.dvpca.org  
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540-980-3624  
Pastor: Rev. Jessica Darty  
trinitypulaski@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
(Sept. - May)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
(June - Aug.)  
Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook  
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon  
www.trinitypulaski.org

## Trinity United Methodist

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Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
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## Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy

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Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485  
www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
Pastor Mike Williams  
Children's Ministry  
Aaron & Becky Sampson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Free Breakfast 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 5-12  
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

## Faith Bible Church

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Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox  
540-980-5433  
www.facebook.com/faithbiblechurch  
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
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Sunday Evening Youth and Children's  
Meetings 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and  
Children's Classes 7:00 p.m.

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Hiwassee, VA 24347  
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Sunday School: 10:00 am

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www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist  
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Youth Minister: Charlie Prince  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
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Pulaski, VA 24301  
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Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.

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Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 7 p.m.  
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7 to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday  
Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

## New Hope Chapel

1555 Case Knife Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
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giveness. God’s forgiveness of our many sins ought to move us to be compassionate and forgiving of those who have offended us.

In the model prayer that Jesus taught, it says, “Forgive us our trespasses, “AS” we forgive those who trespass against us.” The Apostle Paul said in Colossians 3:13, “Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”

When we were sinners and yet unsaved, we were undeserving of God’s love. We were unworthy of the blood that Jesus shed for us on the cross of Calvary. And yet, God, in his great love and mercy loved us anyhow and saved us by His grace.

“God commended His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8.)

While we were dead in sins and trespasses, unable to save ourselves, God, in His amazing grace, because of His great love for us, reached way down to where we were, looking up through the bottom, and lifted us out. We were down as low as anyone could get, when God reached down and lifted us out of the deep miry clay, the quagmire of sin, and planted our feet on the solid rock and on the heavenly way.

The word of God doesn’t just say we must tolerate those who trespass against us. It says we must forgive them, as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven us. Forbearing one another is being patient with one another; making allowances for one another; bearing with one another; and accepting one another in love.

The key word is love. If we love others as Christ loves us and gave his life for us, we’ll forgive others when they need forgiveness. Peter came to Jesus one day and asked the question, “Lord how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times: but, until seventy times seven.” (Matthew 18: 21, 22)

Multiplied out seventy times seven is four hundred and ninety times. Does the Lord mean we should keep count of how many times we are required to forgive someone? Certainly not! Love does not keep count of injustices. Jesus undoubtedly gave such a high number that it would be inconceivable for anyone to trespass against another that many times. So in effect, Jesus was saying, there shall be no limit to how many times you will forgive another.

“God’s mercy to us is the motivation for showing mercy to others. Remember, you will never be asked to forgive someone else more than God has forgiven you.” ~Rick Warren.

Our blessed Lord, our example, voiced the most forgiving of all statements, from the cross. He said, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”

Forgiveness is not just something we should do for others. We should do it for ourselves as well. One of the most difficult things for a person to do sometimes is to forgive themselves. If God has forgiven us, then we should forgive ourselves. We may not be able to forget hurtful past incidents, but forgiving ourselves will help us to move on with our lives. Forgiving ourselves keeps us from experiencing guilt which can pull us down spiritually and emotionally.

Forgiveness is necessary before the healing process can be completed. “To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.” Lewis B. Smedes.



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### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalms 27:13-14

I **remain confident** of **this**: I **will see** the **goodness** of **the LORD** in the **land** of the **living**. Wait **for** the **LORD**; be **strong** and **take heart** and **wait** for the **LORD**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.  
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,  
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10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

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Sunday School: 9:45  
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Worship: 11 am

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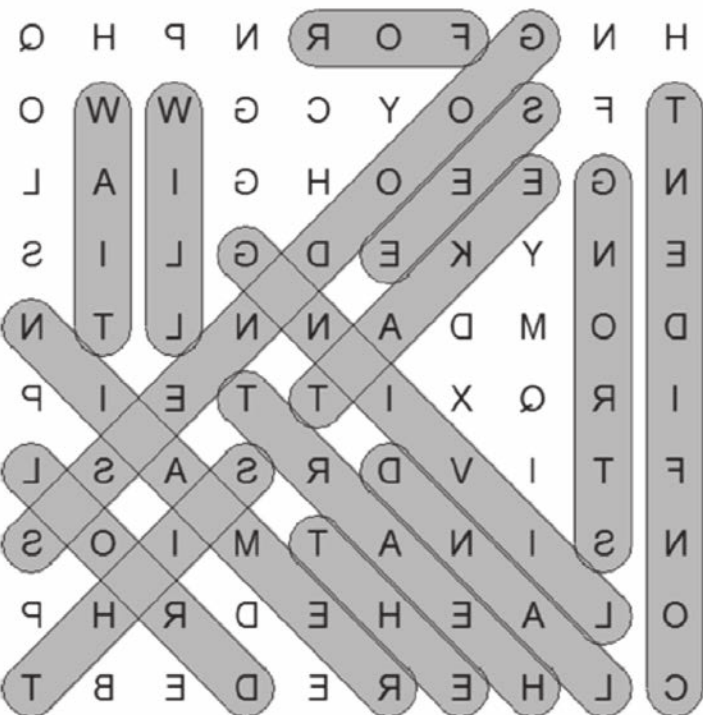
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Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers





Amber Waves

WHAT A GREAT DAY FOR CATCHING US A WHOLE BUNCH OF BIG FISH.

THIS TIME I KNOW JUST WHAT TO USE. THE BAIT SHOP GUY TOLD ME.

OF COURSE, IT'S NOT ABOUT THE CATCHING. IT'S ABOUT SPENDING TIME TOGETHER.

THAT'S GOOD, SINCE WE DEFINITELY SPEND A LOT OF TIME OUT HERE WITH NO FISH.

Out on a Limb

SERIOUSLY, DANIELLE...HOW MANY PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 50 ARE NAMED "WALTER"? WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

SAVE THE WALTERS

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The Spats

NEVER LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH.

WHICH PART SHOULD I LOOK IN??

TIGER

HUGO, I DON'T LIKE YOUR LAZY ATTITUDE

I DON'T LIKE THE SLOPPY WAY YOU WEAR CLOTHES

I DON'T LIKE YOUR POSTURE, HUGO

AND I DON'T LIKE YOUR EATING HABITS

AND I DON'T LIKE YOUR MANNERS

OKAY, I'LL TRY TO IMPROVE

AND I DON'T LIKE YOUR TONE OF VOICE

OLIVE

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT, OLIVE?

THE GHOSTS OF A COUPLE OF MERMAIDS.

IT MUST BE NICE TO KNOW YOU HAVE A FRIEND TO WHILE AWAY ETERNITY WITH.

"OH, LOOK! THAT SHIP HAS A BIG SPINNING FLOWER!"

LIKE YOU KNEW WHAT A PROPELLER WAS?!

HOCUS-FOCUS

NO SWIMMING

NO SWIMMING

Just Like Cats & Dogs

MAYBE I SHOULD GET SOME ASSEMBLY DIRECTIONS BEFORE I CONSIDER GETTING INTO BED.

CryptoQuip

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

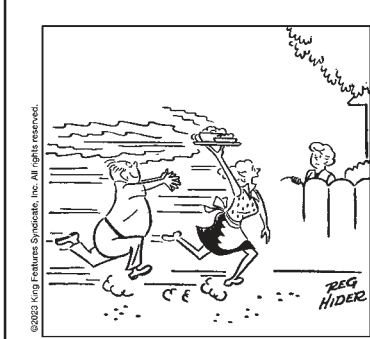
Clue: F equals W

FZM FBA DZT NUBLH QTOOLT

ABUBK LH B NBSDLJWUBSUM

QWUHTSBRUT ADBDT?

RTJBWAT LD FBA WHKSTAATK.



SCRAMBLERS

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

Emit

DEUXE

Diminish

EDGEAR

Assist

TRACE

Dismiss

SLIPED

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Jeff Pickering

by BUD BLAKE

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Stetson, e.g.

4 Big gulp

8 Miles away

12 Boxing leg-end

13 Galileo's birthplace

14 Tubular pasta

15 Comedy club razzers

17 Streetcar

18 Attack

19 Poem of praise

21 Old Ford model

22 Frenzied

26 Stupefies

29 AAA job

30 Archipelago unit (Abbr.)

31 Sacred bird of Egypt

32 Sushi fish

33 Nile queen, familiarly

34 Capitol Hill VIP

35 Passing craze

36 Sacred song

37 Browbeat

39 Indent key

40 Gallery display

41 High-flying battle

45 Rotate

48 Large land measures

50 Out of control

51 "Star Wars" royal

52 Sportscaster

53 Cross

54 New Mexico resort

54 Bigfoot's cousin

55 Surpass

DOWN

1 "Funny!"

2 Hearty quaffs

3 Twitches

4 Divides

5 Brandish

6 Medit. nation

7 Hybrid fuel

8 Ancient

9 Tall tree

10 — loss

11 Brink

16 Curly-leaf cabbages

20 Morning moisture

23 Lean to one side

24 "Got it"

25 Coagulate

26 Plate

27 "... sting like —"

28 Galvanizing matter

29 Media mogul

32 Terrestrial

33 Hooded snake

35 Supporting

36 Rum cocktail

38 Armored vehicles

39 Unspoken

42 Legal document

43 Aviation prefix

44 Answer an invite

45 Make lace

46 Hollywood's Thurman

47 Aussie hopper

49 Shoe width

top ten

WETTEST PLACES ON EARTH

1. Mawsynram, India

2. Cherrapunji, India

3. Tutunendo, Colombia

4. Cropp River, New Zealand

5. San Antonio de Ureca, Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea

6. Debundscha, Cameroon, Africa

7. Big Bog, Maui, Hawaii

8. Mount Waialeale, Kuai, Hawaii

9. Kukui, Maui, Hawaii

10. Emei Shan, Sichuan Province, China

Source: ZME Science

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to a giant sequoia tree named General Sherman?

2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Is a rhinoceros an herbivore, omnivore or carnivore?

3. GEOGRAPHY: Which city in India is home to the Taj Mahal?

4. MOVIES: What is the title of the first James Bond movie?

5. TELEVISION: What was the product featured in the first TV advertisement?

6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which French fashion designer is credited with inventing the Little Black Dress?

7. FOOD & DRINK: What does it mean to julienne vegetables?

8. GOVERNMENT: What does the acronym GDP stand for in economic terms?

9. LITERATURE: What is the cat's name in Shakespeare's "Macbeth"?

10. SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of the atomic bomb?

Answers

1. California, Sequoia National Park.

2. An herbivore, a plant eater.

3. Agra.

4. "Dr. No."

5. Bulova watch.

6. Coco Chanel.

7. Cut into short, thin strips.

8. Gross domestic product.

9. Grimalkin.

10. J. Robert Oppenheimer.

WORD LADDERS

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

BLIND

FLOUR

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EXERCISE

Today's Word

3. Cater; 4. Dispel

1. Exude 2. Degrade; solution

SCRAMBLERS

FLOOD, FLOOR, FLOUR

BLIND, BLOOD, BLOOD

Answer

WORD LADDER

King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

Americanisms

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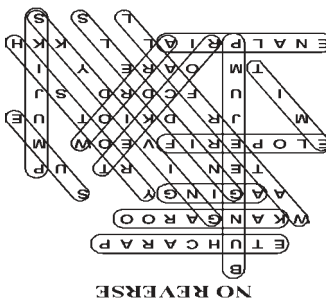
One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

NFYS FT ZIH CBTFJ MU  
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ZIH UKSHS NMMST.  
— NFYYFKC NMLSTNMLZI

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— William Wordsworth  
the faded woods.  
autumnal winds amongst  
Wild is the music of  
answer

Cryptoquote



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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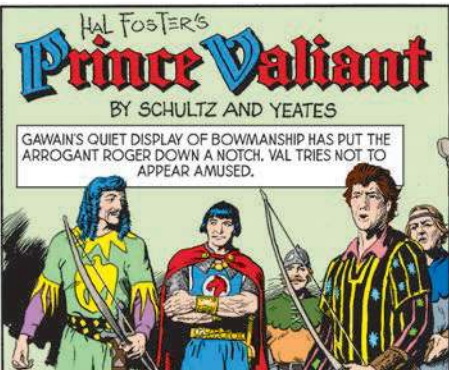
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Sept. 19

EDA meeting canceled

The Pulaski County Economic Development Authority Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 10 a.m. has been canceled.

BZA to meet

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@pulaski-county.org). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator's decisions and the interpretation of the County's Zoning Ordinances.

Sept. 24

**Mountain View UMC Homecoming**  
Homecoming at Mountain View UMC on Wilderness Rd in Dublin is Sunday, September 24 at 11a. Guest Speaker is Ghadah Conner, special music by Larry Houchins and Pot luck meal to follow! All are invited! Offering for this day goes for our Mountain View Community Cemetery upkeep.

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@pulaski-county.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

**Dublin High School, Class of 1962 Reunion Gathering**  
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**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**  
November 9th, 9am – 4pm FREE Registration  
Russell Co. Conference Center, Lebanon, VA  
Register at https://forms.office.com/r/7fDiPJ0Cb or email kalli-

son@vacourts.gov  
Continuing Education Hours for Attorneys, Law Enforcement, Magistrates and Clerks are being sought.

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**  
Heritage Cares Food Pantry at Heritage Church is still distributing food on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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