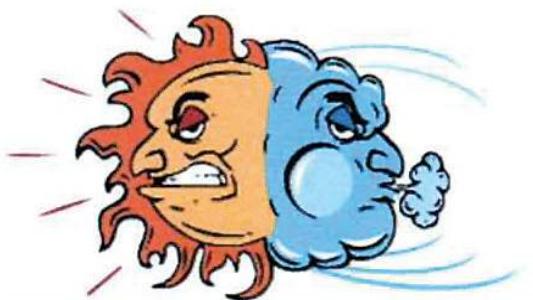




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Broadband internet service expected by fall of 2024

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**
The Patriot

Fiber optic broadband internet service is closer to becoming a reality for 7,900 unserved locations in Pulaski County.

The Board of Supervisors heard an update Monday night by a representative of All Points Broadband on the \$55 million project.

The infrastructure project is the largest ever in Pulaski County and is a joint project between Pulaski County, All Points Broadband, New River Valley Regional Commission and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Pulaski County's share of the project cost is \$2 million coming from CARES Act funding received by the county.



ceived by the county.

The project involves bringing approximately 420 miles of fiber optic broadband to the 7,900 unserved locations in the county with service expected by Fall of 2024 – ensuring that all locations in Pulaski County will have internet coverage if desired.

The two-year project timeline began in December 2022. Pre-construction design work has been the

major focus of All Points Broadband to this point.

Engineers from the company are working this week to field-validate the fiber routes throughout the county as part of that pre-construction work.

The entry level broadband service will feature one gigabit speed in uploading and downloading – enough capacity to upload or download big files in moments.

The entry level plan will cost customers \$59 per month.

Some customers who are in line to come eligible can apply for a monthly discount of up to \$30 through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at Affordableconnectivity.gov. A device discount of up to \$100 is also available.

Robinson District School Board candidates square off in forum

By **WILLIAM PAINE**
The Patriot

A forum featuring two candidates for the Pulaski County School Board took place this past Monday, Sept. 25 at the Robinson Tract Community Center. Dr. Paige Cash, who has served two terms on the school board representing the Robinson District, faced challenger Sabrina Smith Cox at this community led informational gathering.

Cecil and Tina King, along with Michelle Hall acted as hosts for Monday's forum. Community members were asked to submit questions written on slips of paper and in turn,

Cecil King would ask each candidate to respond to these inquiries.

Candidates Cox and Cash began the forum by introducing themselves to the approximately 30 individuals who congregated inside the Robinson Tract Community Center.

Cash spoke about her education and her experience as a teacher.



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After earning English degrees at VT and RU, Cash earned her doctorate in English from the University of Alabama. She taught 10th grade Dual Enrollment English at PCHS for 7 years and has served on the faculty of NRCC for the past decade.

Cash listed the construction of the Pulaski County Middle School as one of her biggest accomplishments as a member of the board, as well as the addition of new CTE classes in recent years.

"We've also developed a part-

nership with the Virtual Academy of Virginia to increase virtual enrollment for remote students who will be enrolled in Pulaski County Public Schools," said Cash.

"Since the pandemic, we discovered that our students are experiencing a mental health crisis," she added. "So, one of the things that we're planning to do in the future is implementing a school wide mental health task force in order to address those issues."

"Thank you for your service, Dr. Cash," said Cox in her opening statement.

Cox went on to talk about her two daughters who both attended Pulaski County Public Schools and are now attending college and doing well. Cox also spoke about her career as a financial advisor, planner and investment broker.

"I believe the primary goal of public education is to prepare students to be contributing members of a larger community," said Cox. "To this end, obtaining levels of proficiency in reading, writing, math, science, civics and history

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Dublin Animal Hospital to host open house Oct. 7

Submitted by Tereba Bott

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 Dublin Animal Hospital will hosting an open house on Saturday October 7, 2023. From 1:30pm to 4:00pm at 5720 Bagging Plant Road, Dublin Virginia. Our Veterinarians and Staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about heartworms, fleas and ticks, intestinal parasites, Lyme’s disease and other tick borne diseases in our area.
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Staff--Dr. Molly McCarthy-who joined our team in June 2023 after graduating from College of Veterinary Medicine at Va. Tech. She will be doing a suture station for any stuff animals that might be in need of assistance.
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 Saturday 7:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Sunday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Candidates forums set for Tuesday and Wednesday

The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, along with its media partners The Patriot and The Southwest Times, are sponsoring Candidates Forums on Oct. 3 and 4.
 Candidates in all five School Board races will appear in the Oct. 3 forum at Edwards Hall on the campus of New River Community College.
 Candidates for the lone competitive race for the Board of Supervisors (Cloyd District), along with the County Clerk of Court race will appear in the Oct. 4 forum at Edwards Hall.
 Both forums begin at 7 p.m.
 Questions for the forum are being collected in advance from the public via the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce e-newsletter, Pulaski County Patriot, and The Southwest Times. Attendees at the forums will also have an opportunity to submit questions the night of the forums prior to their beginning.
 The forums will be led by a neutral moderator and the event will be recorded.
 You can become more acquainted with all the candidates prior to the forums by viewing this year’s candidate videos produced by the T.G. Howard Community Center, which allows candidates an opportunity to discuss their platform in depth in an untimed setting. To view these videos, visit T.G. Howard Community Center on Facebook.

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Pulaski woman arrested in Utah on drug charges

Patriot Staff Report

A woman with ties to Pulaski and another individual were arrested in Emery County, Utah on Sept. 22 after highway patrol troopers found approximately 40 pounds of methamphetamine and two kilos of cocaine in their vehicle.

A news website, KSL.com in Salt Lake City, Utah reported the arrest.

According to the KSL.com report, at about 9:40 a.m. last Friday, a Utah trooper pulled over a vehicle on Interstate 70 near Green River for speeding. While speaking with the driver and her passenger, the trooper could smell marijuana from inside the vehicle.

The driver - Shilah Renee Banks, 29 - had a Virginia driver's license, while her passenger - Cruz Javier Garcia, 37 -

Sonic donates to McHarg Elem. in Radford

OKLAHOMA CITY – SONIC® Drive-In is dedicated to getting teachers and students the classroom supplies they need for the new school year. In August, the SONIC Foundation donated \$1 million to help fund requests on DonorsChoose, a national nonprofit that allows individuals to donate directly to public school classroom requests submitted by teachers.

The \$1 million donation is part of the SONIC Drive-In brand's ongoing Limeades for Learning initiative.

The following exceptional teacher received support through the funding:

In Radford, Virginia, Mrs. Church at McHarg Elementary School received a donation of \$355.00 for the project "Just Right Decodable Books" for Grades PreK-2.

claimed he had been in California for a week or two and he claimed they were in a rental vehicle, but he did not have the rental contract with him, KSL.com reported

According to the news site, the trooper said Garcia provided an oil change receipt for the rental vehicle dated Sept. 15 in Virginia. The trooper said with the day being the 22nd, he became suspicious of criminal activity. He clarified details about the trip with both Banks and Garcia and became even more suspicious that they were involved in criminal activity.

The trooper then conducted a search of the vehicle and reported finding a suitcase with a black trash bag inside.

According to the KSL.com, the trooper found inside the trash bag 40 ziplock bags containing approximately 1 pound each of methamphetamine, and there was also a backpack containing approximately 2 kilograms of cocaine.

Garcia and Banks were each arrested for investigation of two counts of drug possession with intent to distribute, marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. Garcia was also arrested for investigation of giving the trooper false information for allegedly claiming he was someone else. Banks was also cited for speeding.

Garcia has previously served prison time for drug distribution, according to troopers.



Draper Bricks On Sale Saturday

Draper Bricks will be available to purchase for \$20 at the "Cruise In" this Saturday at Draper Park.

Dublin Council reviews projects, grant applications

By DAVID QUESENBERRY
PC Patriot

At its regular meeting on Thursday, September 21st, the Dublin Town Council received a report on the current status of the Town's application for grant funds to implement the water system inventory of the Lead-Copper Rule as mandated by the Federal Government.

The rule aims to reduce the levels of lead and copper in municipal water systems, by requiring that an inventory of all water lines be made to

determine potential sources of lead and copper leaching into the system.

Areas exceeding the recommended level of lead and copper, would require extensive monitoring and corrective action including line replacement by the municipality possibly at their expense.

Administered by the Virginia Department of Health, localities were invited to apply for a \$250,000 grant to help defray the cost of the


inventory program.

Town Manager Tye Kirkner reported to Council that the Town had applied for the \$250,000 grant approximately six months ago and had only recently received a reply back from the Virginia Department of Health.

Instead of the anticipated grant, the Town was offered a \$250,000 loan from the revolving loan fund.

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DARRELL EUGENE SIFFORD

Darrell Eugene Sifford was born July 15, 1971 and passed away unexpectedly Saturday, September 23, 2023 at his home in Parrott, Va.

He is preceded in death by his father, Walter Douglas "Doug" Sifford; his brother, David Wayne Sifford; his grandparents Walter and Ethel Sifford and Wagner and Larrina Wyrick.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Kayla Sifford; his grandchildren Annabelle and Logan Bailey, Madison Viar Moulton and Olivia Viar whom he helped raise and thought of as his own daughters. His mother, Patsy Sifford, his brother, Brian Sifford; his neices, Taylor and Alyssa Sifford; his nephews, Brandon and Jon Sifford and Michael Hannah; his step-mother, Brenda Bainbridge; his step-sisters, Angel Bainbridge and Michelle Thompson; his step-brother, Brian Bainbridge, step-neices Katie and Nikki Liddle and Amy Bainbridge; his aunts, cousins and special friends, Bryant and Roger Gravley, and many, many other friends.

Darrell had a heart of gold and was a kind and gentle soul. He loved fishing and hunting and on the river or in the mountains is where you'd find him if not at home.

He is so loved and so deeply missed.



NANCY DAVIS VIAR

May 15, 1939 –
September 21, 2023

Beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Nancy Davis Viar, 84, of Dublin, passed away Thursday, September 21, 2023. She was retired from the housekeeping department at Carilion NRV Hospital. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dave and Mary Davis; husband, Douglas William Viar; daughter, Jeanett Viar; siblings, June, Earnest, Harry, Jim, Thelma, Jane Davis McDaniel and Bruce.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Theresa V. and Larry Morris; son, Randy Viar; grandchildren, Crystal O'Dell (Joshua), Melody Fawn Goodman, Trent Viar, Randall Morris, Mandy Morris, and Chris Morris; great grandchildren, Noah Austin O'Dell, Isaiah "Tootie" O'Dell, Griffen O'Dell, Devin Goodman, Madison Moulton (Jackson), Olivia Viar, Alex Viar, Sienna Viar; great great grandsons, James Moulton and Nate Viar; brothers, Doug Davis and George Marshall Davis; special friends, Linda Cox, Pauline Harris, and Danielle; special neighbor, Freddie Lee Collins and Sam; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank all the doctors and staff and Lewis-Gale Medical Center in Salem.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Pastor Danny Newman officiating. Interment followed in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

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



JEFFERY WAYNE LONG

Jeffery Wayne Long, age 54 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, September 17, 2023. Born October 19, 1968 in Radford, Virginia he was the son of the late Walter Joe Long & Ruth Renee' Long. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Jennifer and brother, Timothy "Tooter" Andrew Long.

Jeff is survived by his

Children – Jeffery Dakota "Cody" (Catlin) Long – Dublin, Carlea Jo Long – Pulaski, Zachary Wayne Long – Pulaski

Grandchildren – Kaylynn Turman, Kaliah Jeter

Brother – Walter Joe Long, Jr. – Dublin

Memorial services were held Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski.

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

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SALLIE LYNNE FULLER STEGER

Sallie Lynne Fuller Steger, 67, of Pulaski, left this world peacefully on Thursday, September 21, with loved ones by her side. She is preceded in death by her parents, Jane Stotemyer Fuller and Lynn Siebert Fuller. She is survived by her son Jamie (grandsons Alex and Will), and daughter Laura, and son-in-law Brent Castele (granddaughters Camryn & Quinlyn), former husband Doug Steger, who remained a dear part of Sallie's life, and special family friend Jade Brillheart.

Born in Fort Riley, Kansas on October 12, 1955, Sallie entered this world as a natural light and instantly became the center of her mother's and father's life. At an early age, her family moved to Fairfax, which would become her home until she started her college career at Virginia Tech. While studying horticulture at VT, she began a job at Laurel Creek Nursery. It was there that she met and found common interests with Doug, with whom she found a shared love for plants and helping others, factors that would soon after lead to a marriage and growing a family together. Sallie and Doug started and managed a floral and greenhouse business together, The Flower Shoppe, in Pulaski for nearly 25 years. As Sallie had started her career, opened a business, and built a family in the area, she would soon call Pulaski her home.

Throughout her time at The Flower Shoppe, she loved, built relationships with, and helped thousands of customers, impacted

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CARL MICHAEL "MICKEY" VIARS

Carl Michael "Mickey" Viars, 72, of Blountville, went to be with Jesus in Heaven with his loving wife and family by his side.

He was born in Pulaski, VA and he and his wife have resided in Blountville for 20+ years.

Mickey was a member of Grace Point Church of God, Bristol, TN.

He enjoyed singing gospel music with his wife and family. Mickey enjoyed muscle cars, watching football and good southern food. He was a lot of fun and enjoyed telling jokes and making people laugh. Mickey loved spending time with his wife and family.

Mickey was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Berta Bond Viars.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 52 years, Brenda Beckner Viars, -daughter, Crystal Rupe and husband, Rev. Scott; sons, Rev. Christopher Viars and wife, Heaven and Jason Viars; grandchildren and great grandchildren, Preston and Alyssa and Ripley Rupe, Trey and Alexia and Alayna and Amon and Asher and (Amora in heaven) Rupe, Gavin Rupe and Ellecea Rupe, and Jase Viars, and Natalie Viars and Mavis McMurry, and Nicholas and Selana, and Layla and Ryker and Salem Steffey; Sister, Susan and Nicky Hall; several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 11 am to 12 pm Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Oak Hill Funeral and Cremation Services.

A Going Home Celebration will be held from 12 pm to 2 pm with Rev. Brenda Viars, Rev. Christopher Viars, Jason Viars and Crystal Rupe officiating. Music will be provided by Rev. Brenda Viars, Rev. Christopher Viars and Jason Viars.

A Graveside Service will follow at 3 pm at Oak Hill Memorial Park in the Garden of Hope. Pallbearers will be Christopher Viars, Jason Viars, Preston Rupe, Trey Rupe, Gavin Rupe, Nicholas Steffey, Lewis Beckner, and Jerry Beckner. Honorary pallbearers will be Susan Viars Hall and husband, Nicky.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the families and friends for their love support and prayers.

The care of Carl Michael "Mickey" Viars and his family has been entrusted to the staff of Oak Hill Funeral and Cremation Services.

FAYE GERLINE LONG HOBACK

Faye Gerline Long Hoback, age 84 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, September 24, 2023. Born November 29, 1938 in Pulaski County, she was the daughter of the late Julius & Callie Belle Brewer Long. She was also preceded in death by her husband, David Lee Hoback, son, Ricky Hoback and her siblings.

She was retired from Jefferson Mills, Pulaski.

She is survived by

Daughter – Donna Hoback – Bent Mountain, VA

Special Friends – Ina Maye Hardison and Lovelene Dalton

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ROXIE HELEN LONG DISHON

April 21, 1926

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Roxie Helen Long Dishon, age 97, departed this life on Monday, September 25th, 2023. She was born April 21st, 1926, to parents Cooper Kunkle Long and Nancy (Nanny) Duncan Long. She grew up on the Long family farm on the banks of Little River in Snowville, Va. She attended Green Hill School (Snowville, Va.) and graduated from Draper High School.

She married Eddie Vernon Dishon also of Snowville, Va. on December 23rd, 1946. They spent most of their years together living in a house on West Main St in Radford. Eddie departed this life in 2002.

Roxie was a hard worker and loved spending time in her garden during the growing season and quilting in her basement in the Winter. She made countless quilts for family and friends and always enjoyed cooking a home-cooked meal for those she loved.

Roxie was preceded in death by her parents and all her sib-



lings and their spouses, brothers, Warren Harrison Long and wife Velva, and Nathan Abraham Long and wife Melba, and sister, Mary Long Young and husband Clifton (Snookie).

Left to cherish her memory are nephew, Charles Edgar Long and wife Cathy;

Nieces, Peggy Long Collins and husband James, Donna Long Conklin and husband Michael, Nancy Young Newton, and Betty Kaye Smith and husband Curtis; grand nephews and grand nieces, Derek Long, Cooper Long, Jason

Worrell, Clifton Phillips, Patrick Phillips, Kimberly Wright, and Heather Smith; many great grand nephews and nieces; and many close family friends to cherish her memory as well.

Roxie was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church in Radford.

A special thanks to the Caregivers at Pulaski Health and Rehab.

A graveside service to celebrate her life will be held Friday, Sept 29th at 2 p.m. at Highland Memorial Gardens in Dublin, Va. She will be buried next to her husband Vernon as well as her parents and siblings.

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

JANIS PAULINE BURKE

Janis Pauline Burke (nee Diggs), 72, of Pulaski, VA passed away on September 21, 2023.

Janis was born on January 23, 1951 to Marion and Helen Diggs in Baltimore, Maryland. She attended Western High School, graduating in 1969. She spent many of her younger years raising a family, working as a nurse, a social worker, and at age 45 went back to fulfill a life-long dream of graduating Summa Cum Laude from Radford University with her



Bachelor's Degree. When she graduated, her daughters decorated her mortar board to say "OUR MOM ROCKS!". And our mom did ROCK.

In 1969, Janis married Larry Burke and they recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in July of 2023. They lived in the same neighborhood in Baltimore, went to the same church, and grew up together. Their love story was one for the ages and an amazing example to everyone who knew them. Janis loved her husband, her children, her church, and her Heavenly Father.

Janis was predeceased by her mother Helen, her father Marion,

brother Danny, and her granddaughter Alexis Palmer. She is survived by her husband Larry, daughters Kelly Burke Howard, Amanda Burke Donnelly, Elizabeth Cox Leonard, sister Carol Diggs, sons-in-law, Jay Howard and Matt Donnelly, granddaughters Kaitlin Cifka, Kasey Hormes, Abbey Painter, and Julie Rush, grandsons Cole Palmer, Jake and Justen Ausmann, and great-grandchildren Wyatt and Henley Cifka.

Services will be held privately. The family has set up a Go Fund Me for those so inclined.

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

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

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and mentored many employees of all ages, volunteered her time and knowledge of plants to children and adults, and made sure to never let you leave without a flower in hand in hopes it would brighten one's day and serve as a reminder of love.

No matter how you came to know Sallie, she quickly embedded laughter, genuine, and a loving spirit to anyone with whom she crossed paths. Many say, "there was no one like Sallie", and such a true statement and description allows us to see that regardless of how ones social approach may be perceived by others; remaining genuine and living with an outlook of "to thine own self be true", made it nearly impossible for anyone who knew her to not love her. To know Sallie was to know what it felt to be loved. Her love remained true and constant to her parents, children, lifelong friends, her church family, her customers, and mostly, the love she had for her grandchildren.

Keeping with Sallie's wishes, cremation will take place and a Celebration of Life will be led by Pastor Josh Kilbourne at First United Methodist Church of Pulaski, VA on Saturday, September 30 2023, at 4:00pm. Immediately following the service, time for loved ones to gather together to share memories and honor Sallie's life will take place in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sallie's memory to local City of Refuge located at 249 Dora Highway, Pulaski VA 24301.

The family extends appreciation, gratitude, and comfort to Blue Ridge Cancer Care (Blacksburg & Pulaski), Commonwealth Assisted Living (Radford), Roanoke Memorial Hospital and NRV Medical Center staff, and special friends who provided support, medical care, and compassion to Sallie during her final year of life.

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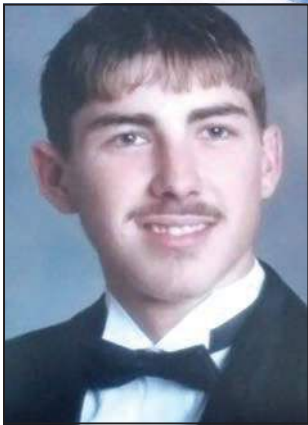
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my heart. You may be gone from my sight, but you
will never be gone from my heart.*

Love, Mom

‘Danke Schoen’

In the House of Representatives, Republicans are working hard to come up with a government spending agreement that makes sense for the American people. For too long government spending has been out of control and we are working on strategies to rein in the spending before we pass legislation to fund the government.

As Otto Von Bismarck, Chancellor of Germany in the 19th Century, is reported to have said, “Laws are like sausages. It’s better not to see them being made.” It is a messy process, but hopefully we will come out with a good product Americans can be proud of.

That aside, during the sausage making I saw a Virginia Mercury article about a recently introduced bill, the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia Federal Recognition Act. I asked for the bill to be brought



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

to me so I could read it. I remembered some of their history and believe their claim for recognition is long overdue. After con-

firms the bill prohibited them from casino gaming on tribal lands, I signed onto the bill.

The Patawomeck Indians are a Virginia Indian tribe whose 2,600 members live mostly in Stafford and King George Counties. Their presence in Virginia can be traced back to at least the 1300s.

Unfortunately, like all Native American tribes in the Americas, their history within the United States has been a difficult one and up until 2010, the tribe was neither officially recognized on the state nor federal level.

When I was Majority Leader in the Virginia House of Delegates in 2010, the tribe petitioned Richmond for state recognition.

To support their cause, they brought in “Mr. Las Vegas,” Wayne Newton, famous for his many years of performing in Vegas casinos during the 1970s.

His biggest hit was “Danke Schoen”, a song of German origin. Mr. Newton recorded an American version in 1963, which became an international hit.

What many of you probably don’t know is that Mr. Newton is of Indian ancestry (his mother was of Cherokee descent and his father of Patawomeck descent). Because of this, he cared deeply about getting his Indian tribe the recognition they deserved.

I have known since I was a kid that he had lived in my hometown, Salem, Virginia, for a period of time in his youth. When he came to my office, after we shook hands, I told him:

“I grew up on Broad Street in Salem, Virginia.”

He responded back:

“Ridenhour Music! That’s where I learned to play the guitar.”

That was a music store in Salem, at the intersection of Broad and Main streets.

It was an honor to meet the music legend. I’ve always appreciated Mr. Newton for remembering his roots in Virginia.

Accordingly, I voted in favor of recognition. And thanks to his, and others’ efforts, a politically divided Virginia General Assembly officially recognized the Patawomecks in 2010. Since then, the tribe has been working to gain federal recognition – a difficult task.

According to the U.S. Department of Interior, in order for a tribe to receive federal recognition, they must meet seven different criteria. This includes demonstrating “that it has been identified as an American Indian entity on a substantially continuous basis since 1900,” and showing “that a predominant portion of the petitioning group comprises a distinct community and has existed as a community from historical times until the present.”

And that definition has been a problem for many Virginia tribes in seeking federal recognition.

The problem arises because in an effort to erase the identity of Native Americans within the state, the Democratic-controlled Virginia General Assembly passed the Racial Integrity Act of 1924 stating that a person could either be classified as Black or White. There was no classification for American Indians. Therefore, for decades Virginia Indians were identified as Black by the state on their birth and death records.

Additionally, during the Civil War, many Virginia state and local records were destroyed, which would have proven to be useful for tribes in the present day as evidence of their history and status within the state.

Further, Virginia also attempted to erase the cultural identities of Virginia Indians, by discouraging traditional ways and forcing tribes to speak English.

Despite everything, the Patawomeck Indians continue to persevere. They have worked to restore their identity, over the past 30 years teaching their members their many historical traditions and their native language.

I am proud to co-sponsor this legislation to finally give the Patawomeck people the recognition they deserve from the federal government.

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

OPEN FORUM

Time for a change

To the editor,

People all over the country are talking about the need for an improvement in the quality of education available in our nation’s public schools, and I am hearing many voices here in Pulaski County similarly concerned about our own schools.

One friend is wondering why every student is passed to the next grade level regardless of achievement, one is complaining about the poor discipline in her daughter’s classroom, another is concerned about the lack of homework.

I am most concerned about the lack of accountability. Since there is no homework, no textbooks, no notes, parents don’t know what is being taught and cannot accurately assess how well their children have mastered the material.

Perhaps Pulaski County needs a more clearly accountable system in place to account for student progress.

We’ve all heard the complaints in our community about declining test scores, lack of discipline because of such ideologies as restorative justice, and less expectations in student achievement. There is also the financial factor. In the last ten years, there has been an approximately 50 percent increase in school funding requested by the school board and met by the citizens of the county, while student SOL scores have dropped five percentage points in reading and twenty points in

math.

All that additional money doesn’t appear to have done anything to improve student performance. It hasn’t helped to improve teacher satisfaction either. According to the state legislative commission studying the teacher vacancy problem in Virginia, most teachers leave because they are unhappy with the profession. They may cite inadequate salary, lack of administrative support, or too much workload. Many teachers feel that since the pandemic, student behavior has grown much worse and is not being addressed by administrators. One wonders about the reasons for teacher dissatisfaction in Pulaski County and what is being done to improve the situation.

Perhaps there is something every concerned citizen in the county can do to address these concerns.

Each of the county’s five legislative districts has a new conservative candidate running to challenge an incumbent on the school board. They are Gina Paine, Ingles; Sabrina Cox, Robinson; Aaron Carr, Cloyd; Billy Williams, Draper; and Josh Taylor, Massie.

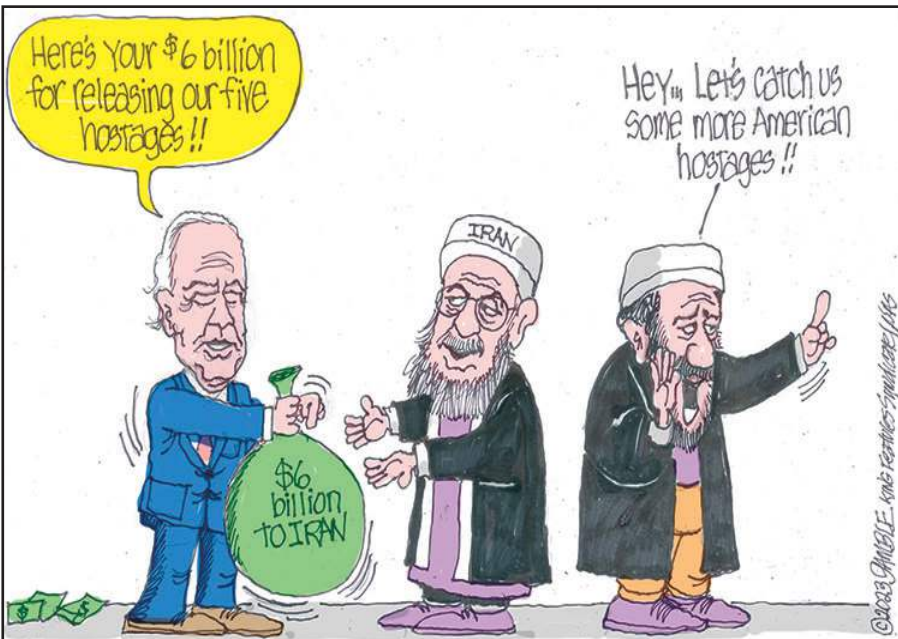
Some may say that the incumbents have more experience and can thus do a better job making school policy than these challengers. I agree with American automaker Henry Ford, who said,

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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



What’s Fair to Everyone Concerned?

Dear Dave,

About a year ago, my husband and I offered an empty house we own to a young man at our church, who had lost his home and everything he owned in a fire. He has taken good care of the place, but has made no effort to pay rent. We don’t need the money, because we’re in good shape financially, and we were thinking about selling the other house, anyway. I’d like to simply write it off, and gift the home and title to this young man, but my husband feels he owes us something for putting a roof over his head all this time. What are your thoughts?

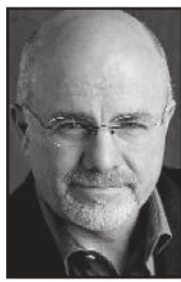
Penny

Dear Penny,

I think you and your husband have good hearts. I also think you handled this situation poorly.

From the sound of things, you put him there originally on a charity basis, and now your husband wants to change the deal. You didn’t set up any kind of rental agreement, but your husband feels you two are owed something? I’m sorry, but no. That’s on you.

At this point, you have some big decisions to make. Were you providing free housing to someone who was struggling, or were you providing a free house to someone who was struggling? I understand this young man experienced a terri-



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

ble tragedy. But at the same time, I’m not hearing lots of evidence that he’s putting his life back together. If after this long the guy’s not back on his feet and out on his own, you may be enabling bad behavior on his part.

Now, if you want to gift him the house, that’s your decision. If you want to approach him with a rental agreement or sale proposal to which all parties are amicable, that’s okay, too. If neither of these ideas are in the cards, I’d make sure to sit down with this young man and have a gentle—but firm—talk. I’d let him know I had been happy to help him over the last several months, but that he needs to start moving forward with his life. I’d set a very reasonable and patient timeline for a move-out date, and let him know once

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Fetterman in the Senate

John Fetterman’s Senate legacy is now set -- he’s the guy who made it possible to dress like a slob.

What the Missouri Compromise was to Henry Clay, what the Second Reply to Hayne was to Daniel Webster, what the Civil Rights Act of 1957 was to Lyndon Johnson, Carhartt sweat-shirts and baggy shorts will be to John Fetterman.

The Pennsylvania senator is the poster boy -- if self-indulgent sloppiness is your thing -- for the Senate dropping a dress code that required senators to dress in business attire when appearing on the Senate floor.

Fetterman briefly complied with the rule by making the sacrifice of putting on a suit and tie after he was first elected. Then, he reverted to his standard uniform that makes it look like he just arrived after sitting on his couch, surrounded by empty pizza boxes, watching football games all weekend.

There’s business casual, then there’s Fetterman’s garb. It wouldn’t be acceptable at many fraternity events around the country. Philadelphia Eagles fans dress more carefully on game days. If he showed up at almost any service or working class job in America dressed this way, his supervisor would give him a stern talking to and insist that he have more respect for himself, his colleagues, and his customers.

But, as it happens, he’s only a United States senator, so he can wear whatever he damn pleases.

When the history of the decline of American institutions is written, the jettisoning of the Senate dress code may not be more than a footnote, yet it will deserve mention.

It has long been remarked that it matters how we dress. Mark Twain is sometimes said to have written (in what’s actually a paraphrase), “Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.”

It turns out that slovenly people do, however.

The business suit as we know it had its origins in the court of British King Charles II. Then the 19th-century British trend setter Beau Brummell made an important contribution by simplifying the outfit. After various twists and turns, by the mid-20th century in the United States, the modern suit had arrived. As an article in The Atlantic notes, “It appeared on everyone from cab drivers to business executives, and made all appear polished and professional.”

The unraveling began several decades ago with the advent of Casual Friday, which eventually spread into Casual Everyday.

The Senate giving way to this ethos after a couple of centuries of a higher standard is a sign of the times.

We no longer reliably produce people willing to conform themselves to the norms and expectations of their institutions; personal brands are considered more important. And the leaders of institutions tend to lack the courage to insist on rules that may no longer fashionable, even if they still serve an important

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“If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always get what you’ve always got.”

I say that all five of these challengers seem concerned, dedicated, and inspired. They are knowledgeable about our problems and willing to give their time and energy to serve the community, but don’t take my word for it. You can hear them answer questions at the candidate forum at New River Community College on October 3 at 7:00 PM.

Our children are our future, our dearest treasure. They deserve us to get involved, get informed, and get them the best education possible. Please listen to these candidates. It’s time for a change in Pulaski County’s school board.

**Sincerely,
Roxie Reed**

Supports Rygas for Clerk

To the editor,

I would like to submit my support for Spencer Rygas for Clerk of Circuit Court. I have worked in the Clerk’s Offices of Radford City, Roanoke County and Pulaski County with a combined total of 25 years with a paralegal degree.

During my time in those offices I had the opportunity to work with attorneys, including our own R. Glennwood Lookabill, who was the Clerk here for 18 years. I am acutely aware of the importance of having the knowledge, skills and ability an attorney brings to the Clerk’s Office to guide employees and assist customers.

Spencer Rygas, with his CPA and law degrees, along with his extensive experience in the court system makes him the most obviously qualified candidate for the Clerk of Circuit Court for Pulaski County. Most of all, I personally know he is a kind, personable and professional person that will serve us well.

**Sandy Dowdy,
Retired Assistant Chief
Deputy Clerk Pulaski County
Clerk’s Office**

Supports Cox for school board

To the editor,

I have had Sabrina Smith Cox manage my finances since 2012. I have found her to be both responsible and educational in managing my accounts.

As you know, moms are the first and most influential teacher. Sabrina excels at educating her daughters, her clients and managing both. You could not ask for someone to work harder for the right positions that face our schools and fight for what is best for our children.

I highly support Sabrina in her quest to represent the Robinson District for Pulaski County Schools.

Lawrence Riffey

Lowry

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function.

It’s not that John Fetterman is going to be a better or worse senator depending on how he dresses -- he’ll be a party-line vote regardless. But his dress speaks to how he regards his position.

This would be obvious in other contexts. If someone shows up at a funeral or a wedding in jeans and a T-shirt, it is taken, understandably, as a sign of disrespect, as an unwillingness to make the basic effort to acknowledge the solemnity of the occasion.

A session of the Senate isn’t as fraught and meaningful as a wedding or a funeral, but it should be considered an event of some consequence. The history of the body stretches back to the beginning of the republic, and it is invested with considerable power. Dressing appropriately acknowledges this; dressing as if it’s a bowling alley disregards it.

Would we take a judge as seri-

Supports Stafford in Cloyd District

To the Editor:

I am writing today to show my support for the incumbent for the Cloyd District representative on the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, Chris Stafford.

I have had the absolute pleasure of knowing Chris as well as his family for almost 40 years. His parents instilled in him a good work ethic, good moral values, and most importantly for the position for which he is seeking re-election, a commitment to his community. Chris has been a lifelong resident of Pulaski County with the majority of that time lived in the Fairlawn area of the county. As a resident of the same area, I can think of no one better to represent us on the Board of Supervisors.

Chris serves his community by many other means in addition to be a current member of the Board of Supervisors. He serves on various board such as the Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board, the Board of Directors of the Western Virginia EMS Council, the NRV Metropolitan Planning Organization Board, the NRV Leading Lights Board, and the Randolph House Benevolent Foundation Board of Directors. Chris also served as the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations for the Pulaski County Public Schools for 15 years. His dedication to this community and this county is demonstrated by his commitment to these and many other projects.

It is my sincerest belief that as a member of the Cloyd District, citizens could not ask for a better, more diligent representative than Chris Stafford. Chris is willing to stand up for us to ensure that county decisions are in the best interest of all of its citizens, are fiscally responsible, and truly are for the betterment of the community and the county as a whole. He represents us with an open-door policy and is willing to meet with and discuss important matters with those he serves.

I implore all voters in the Cloyd District to get out and vote for Chris Stafford, incumbent for the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, Cloyd District as YOUR representative.

**Sincerely,
Sherry Parah
Fairlawn**

Remember: Letter Deadline For The Election Is Friday, Oct. 20 At 5 p.m.

ously without his or her robes? Or an officer of the law without his or her uniform?

Fetterman has won this battle, but at the price of beclowning himself and his institution -- not that he cares.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Dublin

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Kirkner expressed his disappointment and frustration that the Town only received a loan offer while other localities had been funded with a full grant or were offered a grant-loan mixture.

He reviewed a draft letter to the Department of Health taking exception to the loan offer.

Council approved sending the letter pending further review by the Town Attorney. Kirkner noted that copies of the letter when completed, would be forwarded to all state and federal elected representatives of the Town.

Council also approved a suggestion from Town Attorney Sam Campbell, that a Freedom of Information Act request be filed by the Town with the Virginia Department of Health seeking information on who received an offer; how much was awarded; if the award was a grant or loan; and a listing of which localities received what amounts.

Campbell felt a list of localities would be useful in a return letter asking why one locality received loan forgiveness, while Dublin has to pay.

In a related matter, Council learned that the radio read meters had been received by the Town and that installation would begin soon. Kirkner added that the contractor installing the meters would also perform a check of the type of water lines at each meter as part of the implementation of the Lead-Copper inventory.

He added that the Town had also engaged with CHA Engineering to provide the necessary spreadsheet for recording the data for each individual water customer’s service connection for the inventory.

Concerning the current Town budget, Kirkner reported that the total budget of the Town was some \$800,000 less than last year’s due to ARPA money that remained in funded reserves. While money would be spent on projects, funding would be taken from these designated reserves.

As of August 31st, the General Fund revenues were 10 percent below normal due to the timing of tax collections. General Fund expenditures were 1 percent below budgeted levels.

Kirkner added on his review of the budget there were no specific categories of concern.

The Enterprise Fund revenues were running 2 percent above budgeted levels while expenditures were 1 percent above budgeted levels.

On the recommendation of Kirkner, Council scheduled a work session for Wednesday, September 27th at six o’clock p.m. Topics of the meeting included 5 year Capital Plan, dispatch charges, utility rates,

Dave

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that time is up, I’ll be selling the house.

That’s fair to everyone concerned.

— 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.

budget performance, and reserves distribution.

Kirkner reviewed three brownfield or environmental related grants that the Town was pursuing.

The Town had submitted a Virginia Brownfield Grant for \$500,000 that would be applied to improvements in the Industrial Park such as asbestos abatement for the former Burlington/Kloppman boiler plant and conversion of manufacturing structures to storage facilities.

Another application was made for a Brownfield Assessment Grant to assist in planning for proposed further development of the Industrial Park.


The Town had also applied for

a \$1,000,000 EPA grant for additional environmental studies for areas of the Industrial Park that were outside the scope of the Brownfield grant.

In other developments, Council set the date for the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Council also recognized Chief Dennis Lambert and Randy Olverson for their assistance with special events and various work projects in the Town.

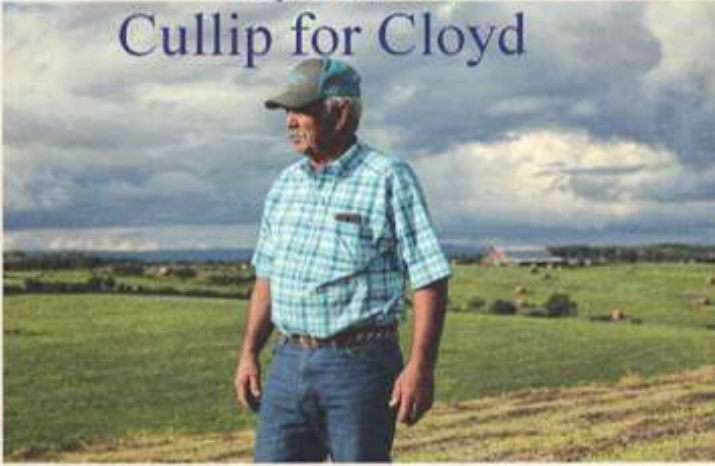
Council’s next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dublin Town Center.



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I am Life long Citizen of Pulaski County, retired from Volvo, graduated from Pulaski County High School. Currently I am a businessman and farmer. I have been married to my wife Becky for 44 years and we have 3 sons who along with their families live and work in Pulaski County. I want to support making the County the best place to live work and play



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Court accepts insanity plea in Mangekian case

Patriot Staff Report

This week the Pulaski County Circuit Court accepted a plea of Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity in Commonwealth v. Mangekian. On April 23, 2021, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Cory Steven Mangekian was charged with First Degree Murder in the death of his mother, Sandra Lee Mangekian. "This disposition was agreed to by the Commonwealth's At-

torney's Office and supported by the investigating law enforcement officers," said Commonwealth's Attorney Justin Griffith. "From the start of the investigation, we believed that the violence in this case stemmed from a unprecedented mental health episode. Our beliefs were validated by a written medical opinion from the Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy at the University of Virginia." Griffith, in a statement released

earlier today, said, "In the course of pursuing justice, there are many times that my office must rely on a united team approach and this case is one of them. I am appreciative of the supportive relationship we have cultivated with the Mangekian family. There is no handbook for a family to follow when they are thrust into a crisis. In my opinion, this family has set the bar with their understanding of and their patience with the criminal justice process.

"The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services [DBHDS] will now guide the Commonwealth and the Court through the handling of this case. At some point in the future, Mr. Mangekian will be transferred to Central State Hospital and he will remain there until further order from the court. He will continue to receive treatment and evaluations from both a psychiatrist and a psychologist. There is no current plan in place for this young man that would allow for his release into our community. Our office will continue to work with the DBHDS to ensure that our goal of public safety is being met.

"This young man was released from a mental health facility of another state on the same day this tragedy occurred in our county. He implored his mother not to come get him. He was in the midst of battling delusions in his mind and he had concerns for her physical safety. As any loving mother, she simply wanted to be with her son in his time of need and to play an active part in setting up a plan for his recovery. Unfortunately, this community never got to know a healthy version of this young man or know how the services and amenities our great county could have positively impacted him. Make

no mistake, the cancerous like spread of mental illness spares no one in its path. This case was a grim reminder of something our community needed no reminder of. Our office will continue to, not only work with DBHDS in this case, but also work together with other agencies to ensure that our path to justice for the Mangekian family is based on a fully informed decision that factors in both the needs of the Mangekian family as well as the needs of all Pulaski County citizens to remain safe in our community."

On a tip from a private citizen Cory Mangekian was apprehended at the Food Lion on Tyler Avenue in Radford.

Two days before, on April 21, 2021, at approximately 3:30 p.m., the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office responded to 6711 Oxford Ave in the Fairlawn Section of Pulaski County in reference to a possible deceased person inside the residence. Upon arrival, units found a female later identified as 60-year-old Sandra Lee Mangekian, of 6711 Oxford Avenue, deceased with a suspicious cause of death.

At the time, her son, Cory was listed as a person of interest in the investigation.



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RICHMOND - As part of DMV's renewed efforts to provide superior service to Virginians, the agency is expanding its already extensive menu of online options on its newly designed website. Qualified vehicle buyers and sellers now have the ability to transfer vehicle ownership electronically. The electronic titling (e-titling) program gives an individual selling a vehicle to an individual buyer the ability to transfer the title through DMV's website.

The seller, buyer, and vehicle must meet certain requirements in order to take advantage of the e-titling program. Requirements for e-title transfer include:

- Buyer and seller must be Virginia residents with myDMV accounts
- Sale is one owner to one buyer

- No liens present on the title
- No holds on customers' accounts

- Sale for a passenger vehicle (car, sport utility vehicle, truck; no trailers, mopeds or all-terrain vehicles)

"The next time you buy a car from someone who isn't a dealer, you may be able to transfer ownership without having to go to a DMV office," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey. "With the launch of our reimagined website, we continue to look for innovative ways that allow Virginians to take care of their DMV business any time and anywhere."

For a complete list of e-titling requirements, visit dmv.virginia.gov/e-title.

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PCPS bringing Parton’s Imagination Library to county

Pulaski County Public Schools

Pulaski County Public Schools and the Pulaski County Library System are teaming up to bring Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to Pulaski County youth.

“PCPS is excited to partner with the Pulaski County Library system to bring this opportunity to the families in our community,” Mrs. Tonia Singleton, PCPS Coordinator of PreK and Elementary Curriculum and Instruction said. “Placing a new book into the hands of our current and future students is a valuable investment that we all can stand behind.”

“What a wonderful opportunity this is for the students in Pulaski County schools,” PCPS Superintendent Mr. Robert Graham said. “A program like this provides our youngest learners with additional resources to promote early literacy and kindergarten readiness. We are grateful for this partnership with the Pulaski County and The Dolly Parton’s Imagination Libraries.”



Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is a program for any child, from newborn to five-years-old, and expires on the child’s fifth birthday. Parents and guardians must sign their children up for the program. This is a free program that provides free, age-appropriate books for children that are sent by mail each month.

Inspired by her father’s inability to read and write, country music entertainer and icon Dolly Parton started the program in 1995 for the children of her home county in the hills of eastern Tennessee. Her vision was to foster a love of read-

ing among her county’s preschool children and their families by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book each month. Now, that program spans across five countries and gifts over two million free books each month to children around the world.

“When I was growing up in the hills of East Tennessee, I knew my dreams would come true,” Parton stated on her website. “I know there are children in your community with their own dreams.

They dream of becoming a doctor or an inventor or a minister. Who knows, maybe there is a little girl whose dream is to be a writer and singer. The seeds of these dreams are often found in books and the seeds you help plant in your community can grow across the world.”

There are currently over 2,629,789 children registered for the program and over 213,859,527 books have been gifted to date. Those books have been distributed

through the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and the Republic of Ireland.

A kickoff party is being tentatively planned for Thursday, November 9, at the Pulaski County Public Library. Parents may sign their children up at this LINK.

Parents/guardians may also contact Kirsten Saunders with Pulaski County Libraries at 540-994-2458 or email ksaunders@pclibs.org.

Soup Season is Here

Have you felt that slight chill in the air? September 23rd marked the first day of fall which makes me think of one certain food... soup! While the changing leaves, chill in the air, and blustery weather are reason enough to dive into a hot bowl of soup, there are many benefits to including soup in your weekly menu:

- Soups are a great way to add lots of fruits and vegetables to your diet. Fruits and vegetables are rich in nutrients that our body needs.
- They are low-calorie, but keep us full for a long time.
- Lean sources of protein, like beans or chicken, are easy to add to a soup.
- Soup, unlike some other meals, usually tastes better the next day. Remember, it is still important to only keep leftovers in the fridge for three to four days. Our risk of foodborne illness increases after that.

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KATHIE ANN MEADOWS BAXTER
Kathie Ann Meadows Baxter, age 71 of Pulaski passed away Friday, September 22, 2023 at her home with her family. Born September 14, 1952 in Belleville, Illinois she was the daughter of the late Oscar & Annabelle Harvey Meadows. She was also preceded in death by her beloved niece, April Meadows and great grandson, Levi Bishop. Kathie is survived by her Husband of 44 years – Billy Ray Baxter – Pulaski

Son – Shane Cowley – NJ
Grandchildren – Shana Porter, Brittany Wilson
Great Grandchildren – Kinzey Bishop and Arian Porter
Sisters – Cindy (Travis) Stuart – Pulaski, Brenda (Gary) Stike – Dublin, Kara Meadows – Radford
Brothers – Kevin Meadows (Kevin Shackelford) – Charlottesville, Bruce (Anita) Meadows – Christiansburg, Steve (Kim) Meadows – Wheatfield, IN
Many nieces and nephews and her adored dog, Lucky
Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at the Grace Baptist Church, Dublin with Pastor Gary Stike officiating. Interment followed at the Newbern Cemetery.
To sign Kathie’s online guest-book, visit www.bowerfuneral-home.com
Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

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WILLIAM (BILLY) EDWARD WARD
It is with immeasurable pleasure that I have been gifted the highest honor of writing the obituary for the greatest person I have been blessed to personally know. He is the man who set the standard for every other human being in my eyes. I am so very thankful that God allowed me to call him, “Daddy.”
William (Billy) Edward Ward (81) of Draper, VA went home to be with Jesus on Friday, Sep-

tember 15, 2023, at 11:11 am. He passed peacefully in his sleep surrounded by family at home. Billy entered the heavenly gates to join his loving wife of 53 years, Betsy Carmen Gregory Ward (78, Draper, VA), his parents, David Daniel Ward, and Sally Eva Ward (Pulaski, VA), his brothers, Charles Ira Ward (GA) and Melvin Curtis Ward (Pulaski, VA). He also joined his sister Violet Louise Odell Jonas (Dublin, VA) and stepdaughter, Jewel Louanne Anderson (Draper, VA).
Billy was born at home in Pulaski, VA on January 21, 1942. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. During his service, he was dubbed “The Ghost Runner” for his bravery and constant return from each mission he was sent on while most did not. He was awarded The Bronze Medal and received two Purple Hearts for his outstanding achievements in connection with military operations against a hostile force in The Republic of Vietnam.
Billy retired from Pulaski County Public Schools in 2006 after 30+ years of employment in the Custodial Department.
He left behind a substantial number of family members who are anxiously waiting to join him once their work on Earth is done. His son and beloved daughter in law, William (Bill) Daniel and Chrissy Dawn Ward (Draper, VA), his daughter and respected son in law, Carmen Leigh, and Christopher Joseph Haas (Elliston, VA). He was blessed with 9 grandchildren. David Duane Almarode, Christy Leigh Nester, Charles Daniel Almarode, Carmen MaKayla Holland, Ember Kylie Ward, Hunter Renee Haas, Jesalyn Rayne Ward, James Colton Haas, and Billie Elizabeth Haas. He had 6 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and countless family members who loved and admired him.
There are not enough words to describe the dedication and love that my brother and I witnessed by our dad. It was displayed in everything he did. He lived a life of integrity with every word he spoke and action he took. I never heard him utter one unkind word about another living creature. He genuinely appreciated and valued all of life. He has humbly helped so many in need and would never let any living thing go hungry (especially the raccoons that shared his property). He praised God constantly and led his family in loving and serving the Lord. Nothing was ever taken for granted by him. From the home he lived in, to the sardines he loved so much, every aspect of his being was met with a kind smile and an appreciation that is a rarity in this world.
William Edward Ward will be missed every single day by countless hearts, but each day is a day closer to that precious reunion. While he will be missed, we will not grieve for we know where he is.
“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.” (James 1:12).
Funeral Services were held at

Steven’s Funeral Home in Pulaski, VA on Monday September 25, 2023. The graveside procession was held at Draper’s Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery.
FRIEDA AKERS ALBANO
Frieda Akers Albano, 95, of Pulaski, Virginia passed away on September 24, 2023.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Beulah Gardner Akers; son, Frank Cecil Albano; husband, James Michael Albano Sr.; grandson, Eric Albano; Sisters, Lea Harrison and Jenny Via; Brothers, Saford, Eldon, Clayton, Danny, and Benton Akers.
Survivors include son, Michael Albano and wife Pat Albano, of Marion, Virginia; former daughter-in-law, Betty DeHart, of Galax; brother-in-law, Gene Via of Tuscon, Arizona; sister-in-law, Dorothy Akers of Pensacola, Florida, she has five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.
Because of her two granddaughters, Michelle Keefer and Amy Morris, Frieda was able to live at home until the age of 95.
A graveside service will be held on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 11:00AM at Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin, Virginia. Interment to follow.
The family is in the care of Norris-Stevens Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made by visiting www.stevensfuneral-homepulaski.com

NRCC holds Campus Cruise-In Saturday

New River Community College’s Campus Cruise-In will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in parking lot A at NRCC in Dublin.
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.
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‘Front door’ of Draper to feature coffee, ice cream shop

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

The Draper Historic District is getting a new “front door” in the form of an ice cream and coffee shop adjacent to the Draper Community Park.

Monday night, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors approved a rezoning request from property owners Debbie Gardner of Thee Draper Village and the Pulaski County Economic Development Authority. The approved request changes the zoning at 3163 Greenbriar Road from low density residential to commercial.

The property – known to many as The Cottage – was built in 1938 and was used as part of Draper High School where girls were taught home economics and boys had shop classes.

The cottage was last used by Pulaski Grow, an aquaponic farm and youth training center. The adjacent building, built in 1949 known as The Cannery was most recently used for storage of items from old furniture and bleachers to discarded voting machines.

Early in 2022, the county’s Economic Development Authority offered the two buildings and a portion of the land to Debbie and Bill Gardner who have been active in Draper for over a decade creating



Pulaski County Administration photo

The former “Cottage” at the old Draper Elementary School site will be transformed by Bill and Debbie Gardner.

local- and tourist-attracting businesses in the community.

The EDA wanted the buildings renovated and used to create jobs through additional businesses to

serve the local community as well as tourists passing through.

The Gardners decided the best use of the Cottage was to convert it into a coffee and ice cream parlor to

cater to those enjoying the park and tourists visiting the area.

The proposed name of the enterprise is “The Conery.”

According to a narrative on the project, seating will be added within the Cottage – floor-anchored,

diner-style stools in The Conery and comfortable armchairs and a loveseat in the Cottage – inviting patrons to enjoy themselves and come back again soon. In the

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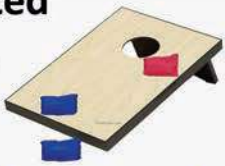


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are paramount. Students ought to be taught critical thinking skills to learn how to think, not what to think.”

“I believe parents and guardians play an invaluable role in the education of their children,” Cox added. “Given the proper curriculum tools and making information accessible and transparent, parents are better equipped to participate in their children’s education.”

The candidates were asked about what sort of change they have brought forth in their careers.

“I think one of the obvious ones is one change that I tried to implement two years ago when we were talking about test scores and gap groups,” said Cash.

Cox drew upon her professional experience to answer the question, explaining how her company is always recruiting new brokers and how she spearheaded a new way of bringing in high quality brokers.

“That was change I advised and we implemented,” said Cox. “It’s working very well. Our recruitment numbers are up and it’s still being used.”

Candidates were then asked about some of the issues facing PCPS teachers. Cox suggested that elementary school teachers would appreciate ‘duty-free’ lunch periods. This would give teachers a break from work during mealtime.

Cox then talked about what she’s heard from teachers currently working in the school system.

“There’s a lot of turnover in the middle school and I think that school is not set up for success on many levels,” said Cox. “I think our teachers work in a culture of fear of retaliation and retribution and this is from what I’ve been told from various teachers within the system. I think the principal is lacking tools that can assist her in getting things on a better trajectory at that middle school. Teachers need their authority back in the classroom and they need to be able to count on their administrators to back them up in that.”

“The Restorative Justice that was ushered in several years ago has been a disaster,” Cox continued. “I witnessed it firsthand in the classroom. I was disrespected in a terrible way as a substitute teacher, and I went to administration and said, ‘You know what, there may be other people here that will stand for this. I will not. So I need to know what you’re going to do.’ And they moved me. They moved me ... not the child, but me. And when I reflected on that particular incident, it bothered me because the child got what she wanted, basically, and that was me gone. And while I’m happy to serve wherever they take me, wherever they put me, I’ve just felt like that wasn’t exactly the totally appropriate response in that particular situation.”

“I think everybody would like



Sabrina Smith Cox and Paige Cash answer questions at Monday night’s School Board Candidates Forum held at the Robinson Tract Community Center. The challenger, Sabrina Smith Cox stands at the upper right of photo. Incumbent Paige Cash is seated at the lower right of the photo.

more planning,” said Cash of the elementary schools. “I mean, the duty-free lunch is great, but planning would be premium.”

“Yes, we have had problems in the Middle School but we are currently working with administration in order to address those issues,” Cash explained. “I have not heard those same issues with middle school teachers this year that you have heard. What I’m hearing is that they love their working environment, now. Those interventions with the administration are working and they’ve never been happier. I think that we probably can agree that high school kids are a different breed. I would say around the entire school district, the biggest issue facing teachers is burnout with teachers in all schools.”

“Now, the point about restorative practices are very well taken,” Cash admitted. “Those had been moved to the backburner. We have returned to more traditional methods of discipline this year ... I have not been a fan of suspension, which is one reason I liked restorative practices in the beginning. I am not a fan of suspension because as a teacher, you know that when you send a student out on suspension, they’re missing school ... This year, we have instituted something called Night School and the students go to school at night. The teachers, God bless them, are teaching 12- and 13-hour days in order to put those students through Night School. Every night of Night School you go to, knocks off a day of out of school suspension.”

When asked how best to raise the average test score for a PCPS student, Cox claimed that lack of discipline in the classroom was negatively affecting the student’s grades and once that was under control, test scores would rise.

Cash talked about plans to increase tutoring capabilities within the school system and also listed absenteeism as a major factor in hindering student’s progress.

“We’re going to have to address some of the issues of absenteeism,” said Cash. “I recently saw another news report where they talked about mental illness as a reason students don’t want to come to school because they suffer from anxiety and depression.”

Cecil King then read a question inquiring about vandalism that oc-

curred in the middle school bathrooms and if anything happened to the students who did the damage. As the question was being read, Cash chuckled quietly.

“It’s not funny,” said a member of the audience.

“I’m laughing because you all are not going to believe what they did,” Cash explained.

“It’s hard to catch them because they go in the bathroom. We don’t have cameras in the bathroom and that’s for obvious reasons. And they did this at the high school,

too.”

Cash went on to explain how this behavior emanated from a Tik Toc challenge before going into detail.

“Students started by tearing soap dispensers off the walls,” said Cash. “And then, when that wasn’t enough for them, they and I don’t want you to think for a second I think this is funny because I think it’s disgusting. I’m just not sure if people are

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going to believe it. Then, and this is particularly unfortunate, they started peeing in the soap dispensers, so that our students will go to wash their hands, it would be soap mixed with urine.”

Cash explained how the soap dispensers have since been elevated and equipped with a bar across their opening to prevent future student access.

“Now, this happened at school but this is a behavior problem,” stated Cash. “But we do need community and parent buy in and I can’t imagine that we would ever have to say to children, ‘Please do not urinate in soap dispensers’ but apparently, we do.”

“Dr. Cash has admitted here tonight that what they’ve been doing for the last 5 or 6 years hasn’t been working,” said Sabrina Cox in reference to Restorative Justice practices that were implemented in the school system.

Cash held up one finger as a reference to how long Restorative Justice has been in effect in the Pulaski County Public School System.

“One year”? Asked Cox. “Well, two,” responded Cash. “We’ve only had Restorative Practice for two years.”

“That policy has been a disservice to our students and community at large,” said Cox. “I believe that it has taken people stepping up and stepping out and running to get this issue addressed in a real way and I’m glad that it is finally being understood and addressed.”

The practice of Restorative Justice was first introduced to the Pulaski County School Board by Superintendent Siers in the summer of 2019 and the first professional training on Restorative Practices took place in August of that year.

The next question asked why Cash supported Superintendent Siers and even went so far as to give him a substantial raise.

Cash responded by saying the emails sent to the Virginia State School Superintendent, which disparaged some members of the community, were a “plea for help.”

“He was referring to some comments made by some individuals that other parents and grandparents took issue with and came to him and said ...Why do we have this kind of speech at a school board meeting?” Cash said. “Now as far as why did we give him a raise? Did I like that language? No. Did I really support what he said about the KKK? No, I did not but one mistake does not mean that you do not support your employee.”

When asked why the Pulaski County School Board decided to no longer provide a home for the Southwest Virginia Governor School, Cash claimed that the idea came from the Governor’s School Board and not Pulaski County Public Schools.

“We didn’t have money to fix the roof of the Governor’s School (at Northwood Elementary School),” Cash stated. “We didn’t have the money to do it on our own. The other schools for good reason could not kick in any money. So, we just could not fix it.”

Cash added that Governor School students seem quite happy about their new home at New River Community College.

When asked about increasing student proficiencies, Cash mentioned that a new reading program was being introduced at the grade school level and has seen some success. The new program is based on phonics, which is very similar to the program that was in place several years prior.

Cox was familiar with the new reading program.

“It sounds like we’re moving on the right track there,” said Cox. “Here’s some real-life data for you. My sister manages the Tractor Supply Store in this town. She regularly has people apply to work there who cannot read. It really blew my mind. So you know, we have issues.”

Lastly, candidates were asked what compelled them to run for the school board.

“I value education in my community,” stated Cash. “I think it’s paramount to community success and longevity. So that’s why I want to serve on the school board.”

Cash also talked about eliminating the “us versus them” mentality regarding teachers and members of the school board.

“My life is a mission for education,” stated Cash. “I have been involved in policy making, studying education, pedagogy and educational theory all of my life ... all of my life. None of this is new to me. And it’s, I feel that this is the greatest gift that we could give our community and our kids.”

“Our kids are falling behind on basic educational standards,” answered Cox. “They can’t carry a conversation with direct eye contact. They can’t do basic math without a calculator on their cell phone and they think history is what happened yesterday. It’s unacceptable ... We’re looking at the same problems that plagued us for years with the idea that it will get better. It’s not. Boil an egg 100 times and it will come out boiled and not fried ... Thank you for your eight years of service but our kids are not all right. It’s obvious that what you’re doing isn’t working. So, let’s get together and give change a shot. If nothing changes, Nothing changes.”

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back, an outdoor patio with a pergola has been added, accessed by doors which will replace the large, rustic barn-door that wasn’t airtight.

In addition to The Conery, office space within the Cottage is being donated for use by the New River Conservancy, allowing for its first Virginia presence, and the Cottage’s front area will also be used to house the county’s Tourism Department.

The area immediately behind the extensive Cottage windows will remain a “green space” with parking being located beyond that area and down the slope of the property. Two charging stations are currently located in the rear parking area for electric vehicles, and two more are planned for the space once it is expanded to serve “the Cannery” building when it is renovated and put to its new use.

Plans are still under development for “the Cannery.”



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In the past, the airport has hosted fly-ins for pilots and their passengers. However, this Fall Fly-In will be open to the public with a day full of excitement planned.

The Fall Fly-In will feature a variety of activities through the air and on land. Watch as planes land and take-off through the day with floor bomb contests over the airfield. Other activities will include bounce houses and slides, pumpkin painting, paper airplane contests and more.

NRV Scenic Air Tours will be offering plane rides with a special

event discount.

Local favorite food and drink trucks will be present at the event including Community Dough, Bubba’s Barn and Iron Heart Winery.

“The airport is a valuable asset to Pulaski County Tourism and impacts the county’s economic development that has a lot of potential. There are so many people that come through our airport daily and I see it as an opportunity to tie in the community with exciting events,” said Erika Tolbert, Pulaski County Tourism Director.

“The New River Valley Airport Commission is excited to showcase the airport’s services and infrastructure to the flying community, and make the general public aware of not just a great community asset, but also the fun

and practicality of aviation,” said Aaron Brummitt, New River Valley Airport Manager.

“My hope is to continue partnering with NRV Airport to expand on more community events,” said Tolbert. “The airport is a wonderful asset to not only Pulaski County, but to the entire New River Valley. Therefore, I think hosting events like this is a great opportunity for pilots and their passengers to get a taste of what Pulaski County has to offer beyond the airport runways as well as a chance for the community to see what goes on at the airport, how it is being utilized, and by whom.”

Pulaski County is looking forward to the community taking part in what is set to be an outstanding event at the airport.

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Fri. Sept. 22nd: Pastor Charlie Barbettini
Sat. Sept. 23rd: Youth Night Brother Harley Phillips and the Galax Hope Center. We will be serving free pizza and drinks after the service.

Fri. Sept. 29th: Minister Bennie Bedsaul
Sat. Sept. 30th: A special service and meal for the homeless of Pulaski County at 5 pm. News 7 Anchor Melissa Gaona will be the guest speaker at 5 pm with the meal immediately following, serving pinto beans, cornbread, coleslaw, potatoes, drink and dessert.

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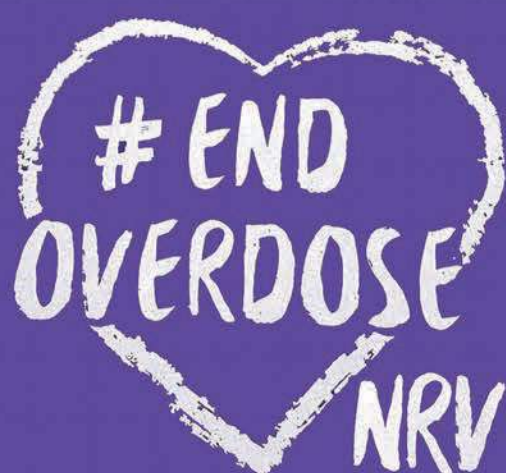
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Cougar running back Trevor Gallimore prepares to push past a Blue Demon tackler in last week’s 44-20 loss for Pulaski County.

Cougars fall on Homecoming

Travel to Roanoke to face Patrick Henry

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

It was a rough way to celebrate Homecoming last week, as Pulaski County’s Cougars trailed from start to finish and fell to River Ridge District power Christiansburg, 44-20.

The loss dropped the Cougars to 1-3 on the season and 0-1 in the RRD.

Pulaski County held its own until just under a minute left in the first quarter last week, falling behind Christiansburg on a safety with 52 seconds left.

The Blue Demons made it 9-0 just as the opening quarter ended on a 31-yard run by Christiansburg signal caller Tanner Evans.

Evans, last year’s Offensive Player of the Year in the district, played like expected – gaining 266 yards on 19 carries in the game and scoring four touchdowns on runs of 31, 65, 34 and 69 yards.

Pulaski County trailed 23-0

until Cougar QB Chris Gallimore hit tight end Marcus Reed for a 20-yard touchdown pass – the first of three on the night scored by Reed.

Christiansburg responded with Evans’ final TD run from 69 yards out to make the score 30-7.

But the Cougars rallied in the fourth quarter to pull within 30-20 on the back of Reed’s final two TD receptions of 16 and 74 yards.

That was as close as the Cougars would get, however, as the Blue Demons tacked on two late scores on runs of 19 and 20 yards to close it out on top, 44-20.

Christiansburg piled up 387 yards on the ground to the Cougars’ 126. The Blue Demons finished with 402 total yards from scrimmage, while Pulaski County finished with 293 – including 167 receiving yards all by Reed.

Trevor Gallimore led the Cougars’ ground attack with 80 yards on 23 carries. Chris Gallimore chipped in 41 yards on 11 carries. Tyler Underwood added 4 yards

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Marcus Reed carries the mail enroute to one of his three touchdown receptions last week.

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WEEK 6 Schedule

Week 6 of the region’s high school football games for Friday, Sept. 29:

Hidden Valley at Salem
Heritage at Northside
Cave Spring at William Byrd
Christiansburg at Riverheads
Pulaski County at Patrick Henry
Carroll County at James River
Floyd County at Patrick County
Radford at Glenvar
Marion at Graham
Giles at Auburn
Bland County at Twin Valley
Parry McCluer at Fort Chiswell
George Wythe at Galax
Patrick Henry (Glade Spring) at Rural Retreat

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

High School Football Scores

- Albemarle 22, Orange County 6
Altavista 33, William Campbell 28
Bath County 56, Roanoke Catholic 28
Battlefield 40, Freedom 0
Benedictine 34, North Cross 7
Brentsville 34, Meridian High School 13
Broadway 50, Rockbridge County 6
Brooke Point 40, North Stafford 27
Brookville 49, Liberty-Bedford 0
Buffalo Gap 14, Waynesboro 7
Cave Spring 38, Blacksburg 7
Centreville 42, Oakton 21
Chatham 27, Nelson County 14
Chilhowie 37, Northwood 0
Christchurch 48, The Covenant School 42
Christiansburg 44, Pulaski County 20
Collegiate-Richmond 48, Fork Union Prep 27
Colonial Forge 41, Stafford 7
Cosby 28, Clover Hill 0
Courtland 55, Culpeper 0
Craig County 34, Twin Valley 14
Dematha, Md. 41, Life Christian 3
Douglas Freeman 42, Deep Run 7
E.C. Glass 61, Amherst County 9
Eastern View 45, Caroline 29
Edison 40, Wakefield 0
Fort Chiswell 56, Eastern Montgomery 0
Fort Defiance 38, Madison County 21
Freedom 60, Gar-Field 0
GW-Danville 28, Staunton River 14
Gainesville 59, Osbourn Park 0
Galax 50, Auburn 0
George Wythe 23, Rural Retreat 6
Good Counsel, Md. 41, Stone Bridge 3
Graham 21, Virginia High 14
Grayson County 42, Giles 7
Gretna 31, Appomattox 23
Halifax County 22, Bassett 20
Hanover 21, Atlee 7
Harrisonburg 12, East Rockingham 9
Hermitage 26, Mills Godwin 6
Highland Springs 45, Riverbend 7
Holston 52, Hurley 0
Honaker 58, Grundy 6
James Madison 55, Chantilly 14
James Monroe, W.Va. 21, Narrows 6
James Robinson 7, West Potomac 3
Jefferson Forest 45, Rustburg 24
John Champe 43, Heritage 14
John Handley 42, James Wood 28
Kettle Run 56, Skyline 6
King George 63, James Monroe 0
Lake Braddock 21, Fairfax 9
Lebanon 28, Richlands 7
Liberty Christian 42, Heritage (Lynchburg) 0
Lightridge 30, Langley 29
Lord Botetourt 57, Charlotte Olympic, N.C. 21
Loudoun Valley 27, Loudoun County 20
Louisa 49, Western Albemarle 14
Magna Vista 64, Tunstall 13
Manchester 55, James River 14
Matoaca 21, Colonial Heights 6
McLean 27, George Marshall 24
Mecklenburg County 25, Martinsville 0
Monticello 16, Goochland 7
Mountain View 43, Massaponax 21
Page County 38, Mountain View 22
Patrick County 26, Carroll County 17
Patrick Henry 49, John Battle 19
Patriot 48, Unity Reed 0
Paul VI Catholic High School 9, Riverdale Baptist, Md. 6
Princeton, W.Va. 42, Tazewell 0
Radford 49, Alleghany 22
Rappahannock County 87, Massanutten Military 14
Ridgeview 48, Lee High 7
Riverheads 37, Wilson Memorial 0
Rye Cove 70, Castlewood 0
Salem 24, Patrick Henry 7
Sherando 35, Liberty-Beaeton 0
South County 53, Hayfield 9
South Lakes 35, Herndon 7
Spotswood 35, William Monroe 7
Spotsylvania 28, Chancellor 26
St. Albans, D.C. 50, St. John Paul the Great 13
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YARD SALES

Moving Yard Sale: Saturday, Sept. 30. Downsizing! From furniture to toys small appliances antiques, storage containers, clothes, Christmas items, Handmade wreaths, art and Crafts, blankets, So much more. 8am to ? at 120 Gum Drive, Christiansburg.

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Porch Sale: 5408 Empire Street. Saturday, Sept. 30 only. 8 a.m. until ???

Yard Sale: Trinity United Methodist Church, 528 Fifth Street, S.E. on Oct. 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bride's Yard Sale: Friday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 30, 7 a.m. until ??? at 5779 Thornsprng Road, Pulaski.

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Yard Sale: Friday/Saturday, September 29th and 30th, 8:00am-2:00pm at 300 Williams Ave. (off of Wadsworth St.), Radford.

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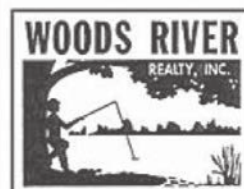
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Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

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1. Rezone Application submitted Thompson & Litton on behalf of Gary Hancock, rezone a portion of Tax Map 083-001-0000-0036 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Medium Density located at 6172 Cecils Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA 24347
2. Proposed text amendments to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Article 5, 7,10, and 11
3. Special Use Permit, submitted by Sergio Panuco, Allow events at 4241 Lee Highway, Pulaski, VA 24301 Tax Map # 055-001-0000-018C

Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Information regarding these items are available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Department of Planning & Zoning, County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Suite 1 in the Town of Pulaski or by phoning (540) 980-7710.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, please contact the County’s ADA Compliance Officer at (540) 980-7800 (TDD accessible) or (540) 980-7705, ten (10) days prior to the above meeting date to arrange for these special accommodations.

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Chase Dunnigan – 540.616.5077 or cdunnigan@pulaskicounty.org

Brayden Morris – 540.250.8453 or bmorris@pulaskicounty.org

Scores

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Stuarts Draft 23, Staunton 20
Tennessee, Tenn. 28, Abingdon 14
Thomas Dale 41, Prince George 14
Tuscarora 30, Potomac Falls 7
Twin Springs 55, Cumberland Gap, Tenn. 16
Union 35, Gate City 0
W.T. Woodson 42, Alexandria City 14
Warren County 34, Fauquier 28
Washington-Liberty 44, Falls Church 0
West Springfield 14, Yorktown 7
Westfield 59, Justice High School 0
Woodbridge 27, C.D. Hylton 0
Armstrong vs. Manassas Park, ppd.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Public Hearing Town of Pulaski Planning Commission

Pulaski Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW to discuss the following:

- A zoning text amendment to Section 11.2, the insertion of “Gas Station—A building, lot, structure, or facility with pumps and storage tanks where fuel, gasoline, oil, or other similar products are dispensed, sold, or offered for sale at retail. Car washes, automobile service stations, and convenience stores may be accessory uses. Such a building, lot, structure, or facility shall not operate as an automobile graveyard.”

All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Town Planner by Oct. 9, 2023.

For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, the Town will make reasonable accommodations upon request. Please get in touch with the Clerk of Council (540) 994-8602 before the above meeting date to arrange these accommodations. For individuals with visual or hearing impairment, contact Virginia Relay at 711 for assistance reaching the town.

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

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Cougars

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on two carries and Chase Lawrence had one yard on one carry.

Don't look for things to be much easier for Pulaski County this Friday night when they hit the road again for the fourth time in five games so far this season to face Patrick Henry.

The Class 5 Patriots are coming off their first loss of the 2023 season, 24-7 to Salem.

PH battled mighty Salem in the first half, but still trailed 17-0 at halftime on the strength of two interceptions returned for touchdowns and a field goal.

The Patriots played all but the opening moments without their starting quarterback, Joey Beasley who went down early with an injury.

The Patriots (4-1) were also without their backup quarterback and starting running back.

No word on whether they will be back this week against Pulaski County.

The Cougars will be looking to avenge last year's 56-27 loss to the Patriots when the two teams tangle Friday night at 7 p.m. in Roanoke.

Details on PH's Clear Bag Policy/Security Screening

Permitted

Clear bags that allow contents to be seen. Sizes are not restrictive, nor bag style, if it is a clear see-through container.

This includes a gallon storage bag. Clear bags will be made available for purchase upon request to guests. Medical supplies are allowed but prefer to be in a clear bag if possible.

Not Permitted (These are examples but not exhaustive. Any item deemed unsafe will not be allowed.)

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Important Notes

1. Event staff, with the support of school administrators, will enforce the clear bag rule upon entrance.
2. Security screening will occur at extra-curricular events. This can include metal/weapon detectors, wands, and the use of clear bags.

No Outside Drinks Policy

Spectators and guests are prohibited from bringing in outside drinks and containers into ticketed event venues. Event staff and school administrators will enforce this procedure at the ticket gates.

We will be communicating with all guests prior to the start of the season(s) to ensure everyone is aware of our new procedures. We appreciate your cooperation through the course of the school year.



Pulaski County Public Schools



Pulaski County High School Homecoming Royalty

The Pulaski County High School Homecoming Royalty for 2023 included (left) King Ethan Tickle and Queen Laken Barnette; (above) Brett Jones, Duke with Ella Tolbert as Duchess. Tickle and Barnette, Leah Keefer as Princess and Luke Clemmons is Prince.

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NASCAR Hall of Famer Rick Hendrick team owner of Hendrick Motorsport (L) and William Byron, driver of the #14 Liberty University Chevrolet, celebrate Hendrick Motorsports’ 300th NASCAR Cup Series win after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 400 at Texas Motor Speedway on September 24, 2023 in Fort Worth, Texas. (Photo by Chris Graythen/Getty Images)

Talladega is always a wildcard for the Playoff contenders

By Holly Cain
NASCAR Wire Service

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The iconic Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway – nestled in the Birmingham hill country – is fast and furious, a bucket-list venue for NASCAR drivers. And Sunday’s YellaWood 500 (2 p.m. ET on NBC, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) plays an important role not only in the sport’s illustrious and longstanding Talladega tradition but in the 2023 NASCAR Cup Series championship run.

The 2.66-mile Talladega high banks makes it the largest and fastest oval track the sport competes on. It is its own brand of competition in strategy and bravado. And inevitably after hours of dramatic back-and-forth it’s the final handful of laps that will either secure a Playoff driver’s position in the next round or triumphantly represent a career-maker for one of the other drivers hoping to chase the championship another year.

Even among the variety of Playoff venues, Talladega is perpetually top-of-mind among the competitors.

“I don’t think you can pick a guy that is a favorite at Talladega because you never know what can happen there,” said Team Penske’s Ryan Blaney, a back-to-back Talladega (2019-20) winner and current Playoff driver.

“We had had good runs at Talladega, but you never know what can happen. I think the best thing that we have talked about for that race is to try to control it like we have in the past and get a few of our cars up there and control the front of the pack.

“Hopefully, you can maintain that. We kind of see it is difficult to go from the back to the front now at speedways, so you try not to bury yourself.”

Talladega represents an interesting phenomenon among competitors. No matter what their thoughts are on the tightly packed high-speed racing, it seems more advantageous to simply embrace the challenge.

It’s one of the few places where reality actually lives up to legend. And Talladega is legendary.

From the very beginning this track has claimed large-font headlines. Richard Brickhouse won the inaugural event in 1969 – by a full 7-seconds over Jim Vandiver - a race that featured many non-NASCAR regulars. The likes of Richard Petty, Bobby Allison and Lee Roy Yarborough had refused to race in protest of a worrisome tire situation.

The drama and action only intensified from that dramatic start with Talladega Superspeedway earning its place as one of the most iconic race tracks in all of auto racing.

The late seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Dale Earnhardt is the all-time winningest driver with 10 victories – including the last great triumph in his career, winning this Fall race in 2000 with a legendary rally - passing 17 cars in the final five laps for the victory. And his son, fellow NASCAR Hall of Famer and current NBC Sports broadcaster, Dale Earnhardt Jr., would nobly carry on that Talladega tradition earning five wins of his own including a record four consecutive from 2001-04.

In the last 10 years, there has been a range of drivers who specifically fare well on the high-banks and those that count as surprise winners able to take advantage of the unpredictable pack racing there.

The defending race winner, Hendrick Motorsports’ Chase Elliott has two wins at Talladega in the last decade.

Current Playoff driver Brad Keselowski leads all active drivers with six Talladega trophies, earning his very first career NASCAR Cup Series win there in 2009. Seven of the current 12 Playoff competitors – Blaney, Keselowski, Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin, Bubba Wallace and Ross Chastain have Talladega victories.

And Busch, who earned his first Talladega win in 2008 and his second this Spring – a span of 30 races – makes no bones about the competitive challenge of the big track. Playoff time or not.

“Talladega is a stress-ball of emotions,” said Busch, a three-time winner in his first season driving the No. 8 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet who goes into the weekend’s race ranked last (12th) in the Playoff standings after a DNF at Texas Motor Speedway on Sunday.

Hendrick Motorsports driver William Byron picked up his series-best sixth win of the season last weekend at Texas to secure his position in the next round of the Playoffs. Although that gives him some breathing room in this second race of the three-race round, he says he absolutely expects Sunday’s Playoff race at Talladega to have a different, unmistakable feel than the Spring non-Playoff race there.

“It is [a different vibe] for sure,” said Byron, whose best Talladega finish is runner-up in the 2021 Spring race.



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Drew Hill
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Wife or significant other: Abby Wilson
Children:
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Coached: First season at PCHS
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He is an Auburn graduate and played at Ferrum College
He is a fan of Virginia Tech and the Washington Commanders.
As a coach, he enjoys teaching the next generation the game.

Future plans: Continuing career in military and law enforcement.



Chase Lawrence
Age: 16
Grade: 11
Parents/Guardians: Randy and Dawn Lawrence
Siblings: Maia, Cali, Jaxon
Lives in Fairlawn
Favorite Subject in School: Math
Hobbies/Things you do outside football: Baseball, basketball, golf, play guitar and spend time with family.
Positions: A-Back, Safety
Other sports: Baseball, Basketball and golf.
Like most about football: The aspect of being a family and working together.
Favorite college, pro teams: West Virginia, Packers
Future plans: Plan to attend college and get my degree in sports medicine.



Hunter Hill
Age: 16
Grade: 11
Parents/Guardians: Rebecca Viers
Siblings: Jordan Hill
Lives in Dublin
Favorite Subject in School: Math
Hobbies/Things you do outside football: Video games, swim, outdoor basketball, football
Positions: O-Line
Other sports: None
Like most about football: Just playing the game.
Favorite college, pro teams: Virginia Tech, Washington
Future plans: College

Va. Tech unveils ACC schedule

Hokiesports.com

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Atlantic Coast Conference revealed the 2023-24 men’s basketball schedule Tuesday evening, with Virginia Tech opening its league slate at Cassell Coliseum on Sunday, Dec. 3 vs. Louisville.

In all, the Hokies host five ACC weekend games to go along with two Big Monday matchups: defending ACC champion Duke on Jan. 29 and in-state rival Virginia on Feb. 19.

Single-game and group ticket options go on sale on Wednesday at 10 a.m. ET for Hokie Scholarship Fund (HSF) top-three donor levels (as of March 1, 2023), noon for the rest of HSF donors and 2 p.m. for the public. Sign up for more information.

Of Tech’s 20 league games, the Hokies are set for home-and-home dates with Florida State, Louisville, Miami, Notre Dame, Virginia and Wake Forest. Additionally, VT will welcome Boston College, Clemson, Duke and Georgia Tech to Blacksburg, while the Hokies will travel to North Carolina, NC State, Pitt and Syracuse.

Tech tips off its previously announced 11-game nonconference

slate on Monday, Nov. 6 vs. Coppin State at 8 p.m.

The Commonwealth Clash, presented by Smithfield, features the Hokies and the Cavaliers squaring off on Wednesday, Jan. 17 in Charlottesville, followed by the return trip to Blacksburg on Monday, Feb. 19. Tech and UVA split the season series last year, with each side winning at home. VT has won three in a row at home in the series.

Tech’s conference opener vs. Louisville marks the fourth straight season it will open ACC play at home. The New York Life ACC Men’s Basketball Tournament will run March 12-16 at Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C.

Mike Young enters his fifth season at the helm of the Hokies and welcomes back eight returners from last season, including two starters in Hunter Cattoor and Sean Pedulla, who was listed in The Almanac’s Top 100. Tech should be a much deeper team this year, especially in the backcourt with sophomores MJ Collins and Rodney Rice, and the additions of Brandon Rechsteiner and Jaydon

Young. Tech also landed three versatile wings in Robbie Beran, Tyler Nickel and Mekhi Long out of the transfer portal.

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Sunday, Dec. 3	Louisville	ACCN
Saturday, Dec. 30	at Wake Forest	ESPN2
Saturday, Jan. 6	at Florida State	ACCN
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Clemson	EPN/2/U
Saturday, Jan. 13	Miami 7 PM	ACCN
Wednesday, Jan. 17	at Virginia	ESPN/2/U
Saturday, Jan. 20	at NC State	The CW
Tuesday, Jan. 23	Boston College	ACCN
Saturday, Jan. 27	Georgia Tech	ACCN
Monday, Jan. 29	Duke 7 PM	ESPN
Saturday, Feb. 3	at Miami	ESPN/2
Saturday, Feb. 10	at Notre Dame	The CW
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Florida State	ESPN/2/U
Saturday, Feb. 17	at North Carolina	ACCN
Monday, Feb. 19	Virginia	ESPN
Saturday, Feb. 24	at Pitt 5:30 PM	The CW
Tuesday, Feb. 27	at Syracuse	ESPN/2/U
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Radford wins battle of unbeatens over Alleghany

By ELIZABETH KANIPE
The Patriot

Radford Bobcats (4-0) hosted the Alleghany Cougars (4-0) with both teams looking to take the early lead in the Three Rivers District. Alleghany was playing their first season after combining Alleghany and Covington high schools. Both teams have featured high scoring offenses and stingy defenses in their first four games.

Both defenses stood strong early in the game forcing several punts. Radford would strike first when Landen Clark completed passes to Max Kanipe and Sincere Taylor to get to the red zone. William Dehart-Lewis ran it in from 12 yards out. The extra point missed leaving the score 6-0. The Bobcat defense forced a Cougar punt where Radford took over at their own 35. Clark ran 41 yards and then hit Kanipe for a 29 yard TD. The 2-point conversion was good for a score of 14-0.

The start of the second quarter was much like the start of the first quarter with the defenses forcing punts. The next Bobcat scoring drive began at their own

14-yard line. Clark found Brandon Thompson in the flat and Thompson ran 59 yards deep into Cougar territory. Kanipe caught a Clark pass and ran it in from 19 yards out to put Radford up 21-0 with 2:29 left in the first half. Alleghany completed a long pass to Xzavier Hazlett to move into Radford territory and then scored on a pass to Hunter DePriest with 9 seconds left in the half. Radford blocked the extra point and the half would end 21-6. The second half would begin with Alleghany receiving the ball first. With the momentum of the end of the first half, Alleghany took the opening kickoff and drove down the field and scored on a 7 yard pass to Purcell Turner. They converted on the 2-point conversion to reduce the Radford lead to 21-14. The Bobcats responded quickly. After a short pass to Sincere Taylor, Clark scrambled 48 yards into the end zone to increase the Bobcat lead to 28-14. The Cougars answered with a 56 yard TD pass to Turner on the first play from scrimmage. Alleghany narrowed the Bobcat lead to 6 with 8:32 left in the third quarter.

The Bobcats responded again. Radford took 11 plays and took



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

QB Landen Clark rushes past the Alleghany defense to pick up big yardage in the first half.

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just under 3 minutes to score. Kanipe caught a key 4th and 3 pass from Clark to convert a first down. Then holding, pass interference and unsportsmanlike penalties on Alleghany put Radford inside the 10 yard line. Clark scored from 7 yards out to push the Bobcat lead to 35-22. Radford put the game away when Clark intercepted an Alleghany pass and returned it 53 yards for a touchdown. Radford led 43-22 with 11:09 left in the game. Radford's defense forced a turnover on downs after Charlie Davis sacked the Alleghany quarterback at midfield. Radford finished their scoring on a 16 yard TD run by JD Grubb.

The Bobcat offense again registered over 500 yards of offense. Clark completed 14 of 25 passes for 276 yards and 2 passing touchdowns. He also ran 12 times for 149 yards and 2 more touchdowns. Kanipe was the leading receiver with 5 catches for 122 yards and 2 touchdowns. Taylor had 5 catches for 61 yards and Thompson had 1 catch for 59 yards.

Radford will travel to Glenvar next week in another battle of undefeated teams. The winner of this game has won the Three River District title the last six years.



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Radford's defense held Alleghany to 53 yards rushing for the game - #22 Sam Khandan-Barani, #62 Reece Honaker, #77 Ricky Bailey, #52 Charlie Davis

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Childhood obesity

By Laura Reasor
Associate Family and
Consumer Science Agent,
Pulaski/Giles

September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 5 children and adolescents are affected by childhood obesity. Many factors can contribute to excess weight gain including behavior, genetics, medications, school environments, sleep routines, access to healthy, affordable foods and beverages, and access to safe places for physical activity.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends limiting foods and beverages higher in added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium while promoting fruit and vegetable intake. Fruit, especially whole fruit, and colorful vegetables provide a multitude of vitamins and minerals with fiber to help with feeling full for longer. Lean meats, low-fat or fat-free dairy and whole grains will balance out meals and provide

other health-promoting components.

The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommends children aged 3 through 5 years be physically active throughout each day. Physical activity comes in a variety of forms and may look different for each individual. Walking, riding a bike, swimming, playing, and picking up toys are all considered physical activity. Children aged 6 through 17 are recommended to achieve 60 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity daily.

Setting a consistent sleep routine can prevent obesity as well as type 2 diabetes, injuries, and problems with attention and behavior. Wondering how much sleep kids need? Preschoolers need 11-13 hours of sleep per day, including naps. Children 6-12 years old need 9-12 hours of uninterrupted sleep a night, and youth 13-18 need 8-10 hours of sleep per night.

More information on childhood obesity and prevention tips can be found at www.cdc.gov.

Numerous search warrants served across Western and Southwest Virginia

On Sept. 28, 2023, multiple local, state and federal law enforcement agencies effected 24 search warrants in nine southwest Virginia localities. The search warrants are part of an extensive, ongoing criminal investigation into allegations of money laundering and illegal narcotic distribution network by retail establishments in Lee, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington and Wythe counties. No arrests were made as a result of today's evidentiary search warrants. The investigation remains ongoing at this time.

The investigation involves the Buchanan, Dickenson, Carroll, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell and Washington County sheriff's offices; Gate City, Weber City, Abingdon, Damascus, Grundy, Richlands, Tazewell, Bluefield, Marion, Wythe, Galax, Pulaski, Blacksburg, Christiansburg and Radford police departments; Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Wytheville and Salem field offices; United States Postal Inspection Service; Drug Enforcement Administration; Virginia Attorney General's Office; and the Lee, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington and Wythe County Commonwealth's Attorneys.

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VDOT's Dublin Shop ready to 'move some snow'

By MIKE WILLIAMS
The Patriot

Winter is fast approaching and with it comes the threat of snow and ice.

If we are indeed threatened by the icy white stuff, rest assured the local Virginia Department of Transportation crews are ready.

Last Thursday, Sept. 21, VDOT's local shops – like the one on Bagging Plant Road in Dublin – held their annual “Dry Run” event.

The Dry Run caps off days of preparation for winter weather.

According to Superintendent Anthony Barnes, the “dry run” involves a four-hour visit by a VDOT inspector from the Salem District office. The inspector checks out each truck and motor grader based at the Dublin facility, which Barnes manages.

“He uses a checklist to score every truck and motor grader,” Barnes said. “Everything from flares to triangles to snow chains. He makes sure every spreader is working, as well as lights, the plow, rigging and the truck itself structurally.”

Barnes likens the inspection to a Department of Transportation check through an entire truck. Even the first aid kit gets a look.

Barnes explained that if a vehicle scores “really good” on the inspection, it receives a “Snow Ready” sticker.

“They’re hard to get,” Barnes stated.

Scores from all the “dry runs” in the Salem District, of which Dublin and Pulaski County are included, are compiled and announced at the annual Snow Conference event in Roanoke. Barnes did say, however, that both District and Residency officials seemed pleased with last week’s inspection.

No surprise considering the Dublin shop was recently praised during a Pulaski County Board of Supervisors meeting for the work they do in the county.

“The shop guys worked their tails off,” Barnes said, especially commending shop technicians Chris Blair and Joe Akers for getting all the equipment ready for inspection.

Blair and Akers perform most of the maintenance on the shop’s equipment, with what help everyone else at the Dublin shop can provide.

“Biggest thing is we’re prepared and ready to move some snow,” Barnes noted.

And that’s a good thing if the Old Farmer’s Almanac forecast of a cold and snowy winter for this region holds true.



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DAR America 250th Patriot Marker unveiled

By DANIELLE REID
The Patriot

Another historic event occurred at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Dublin, VA on Sunday, September 24th when over 50 people attended the unveiling of the DAR America 250th Patriot Marker.

The Museum is the former home of Revolutionary War Veteran Adam Hance, who planned the Village of Newbern. The marker honors SWVA Revolutionary War Patriots and recognizes the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War. The Wilderness Road Museum, along with Preston's Smithfield Plantation in Blacksburg, are the only two homes still standing of Revolutionary War Veterans used as public museums and located in Southwest Virginia.

The DAR America 250th Patriot Marker reads: "This marker commemorates the men and women who achieved American independence. These Patriots, believing in the noble cause of liberty, fought valiantly to found a new nation. 1775 – 1783." The Marker is presented by the Roanoke Valley Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Visitors were welcomed by dozens of participants dressed in Colonial costumes, representing all classes of society from that period of our nation's history. They were treated with a welcoming song and additional tunes played by Andrew Meeks on the bagpipes. Meeks is part of 18th Century Living History: Fincastle Company. Jeff Briggs, Justin DiProsperis and Dean Ferguson of Roanoke participated as re-enactors.

VFW Post 776, Radford, Presented the Colors; while the Pledge of Allegiance was led by DAR's Mill Mountain-Valley of Virginia C.A.R. Society Reorganizing, with Wendy Warren, Regent of the Colonel Preston Chapter and Deborah Davis, Sr. Society President.

The C.A.R. youngsters who led the Pledge were: Harley Meade and Benjamin Meade of Elliston; Christine Hebdon of Blacksburg; and Marcy Warren of Roanoke.

C.A.R. stands for National Society Children of the American Revolution and is dedicated to training tomorrow's leaders to be good citizens, serve our country and preserve our nation's history. Education, history and patriotism are fundamental keys to helping these young members gain valuable leadership experience. They participate in conducting meetings, following parliamentary procedures and standard protocol, serving as delegates and speaking before groups at local, state and national conferences.

Dana Jackson, Harvey-Howe-Carper American Legion Post 30 led the Prayer of Grat-

itude and Cindy Higgins, Regent Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR gave welcome remarks and introduced the guest speaker, Laurie P. Nesbitt, Virginia State Regent, DAR.

Regent Higgins acknowledged the dozens of participants and DAR Chapters who worked together for the celebration. Members of the Count Pulaski DAR Chapter and their Regent, Peggy Hemmings, for their enthusiastic support of this endeavor, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, Fincastle Resolutions Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, The New River Historical Society Board, Pulaski County -Virginia 250 Committee, The Fincastle Company for their living history demonstrations, Ron Green - HODAR for Vickie Green of the George Pearis Chapter DAR who made the sturdy custom sign post and helped to install the marker Members of the Count Pulaski DAR Chapter and their Regent, Peggy Hemmings, for their enthusiastic support of this endeavor, Andrew Meeks who is playing his bagpipes, The members of the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR, LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyfill, 41st State Regent and current Vice President General at the national level.

"We also have with us Daughters from George Pearis Chapter, Col. William Preston Chapter, Botetourt County Chapter, Alleghany Chapter, Craig Valley Chapter, Fort Chiswell Chapter, Floyd Courthouse, and Fort Lewis Chapter."

Higgins continued, "On July 4, 2026, our nation will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America. The time leading up to this historic milestone is an opportunity to reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

DAR has created an opportunity to raise the visibility of our Revolutionary War Patriots - create interest in who they were and enthusiasm for what they accomplished - with the challenge to place at least one America 250! Patriot marker in every state."

Guest speaker Laurie P. Nesbitt, Virginia State Regent, DAR acknowledged that the Wilderness Road Regional Museum is a site that celebrates stories of unknown Patriots and brings more awareness to the events and contributions of lesser-known people who helped to secure the nation's independence – and it deserves recognition.

The DAR America 250th observance provides an exceptional opportunity for community involvement. DAR chapters will work to leave a lasting impact on their communities through meaningful local projects and events during this anniversary. It also offers a chance to help Americans explore their family histories and discover the roles their ancestors played in founding the nation and shepherding its progress through the generations.



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

Dozens of DAR members dressed in Colonial costume, welcoming visitors to the DAR America 250th Patriot Marker ceremony at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum on Sunday, September 24th.



Re-enactors Jeff Briggs, Justin DiProsperis and Dean Fergus add to the authenticity of the DAR America 250th Patriot Marker ceremony at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum on Sunday, September 24th.

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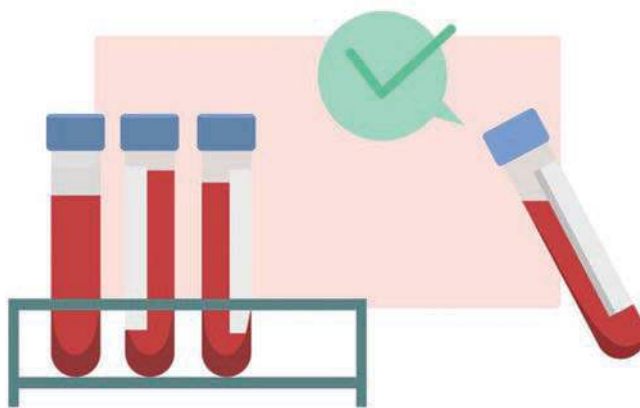
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Unveiling of the DAR America 250th Patriot Marker ceremony at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum on Sunday, September 24th.



Teach Me Your Word O Lord

Terry McCraw

God the Son

In Genesis 1.1 the bible says, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Elohim is used in that scripture which is the plural name for God. Then the bible in Genesis continued to use plural pronouns to describe God. For example, Let US make man in OUR Image. Each person in the Triune Godhead was present and took part in the Creation of all things. God the Father was there in the beginning. He spoke the creation into existence. God the Son, then God the Word, was there also in the beginning. God the Holy Ghost was also there, in the beginning. Moses wrote that the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. God is eternal. And since all three persons of the Godhead were present, in the beginning, and are eternal, all three persons are God. The incarnation is when God the second person of the Triune Godhead became a human being to redeem us and save us from our sins. Jesus’ mission was to seek and to save, that which was lost. He came to this earth as the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed One, at a time when the people were expecting a King who would set up a literal Kindom and deliver them from Roman Oppression. He didn’t fit into the mold that they had prepared for Him. And so, even though many did accept Him as being the Messiah, with His kingdom being set up in the hearts of men, many, sad to say did not. They crucified their own Messiah. However God in His infinite wisdom knew that this would happen and God used it to formulate His great plan of Salvation to save us from our sins.

When Jesus, the Sinless Savior, gave up His life to die on Calvary, He became the sinless substitute for our sins, your sins, my sins and the sins of the whole world and died shedding his blood on the old rugged cross to wash away all the sins of those who would and will accept His sacrifice and believe in Him unto salvation. Jesus is coming back again. As Jesus was being caught up and ascended back into heaven, an angel said, “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come again in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:1. John 3:13 says, “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.”

And as we, as born again, blood washed, children of God, live our lives, it is comforting and encouraging to know that Jesus is coming to this earth again, first to resurrect those who have died in Christ and then to catch away the saints who are still living at the time of His coming at the event that is called the Rapture of the Saints. Matthew 16:13: “When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Phillippi, He asked His disciples saying, “Whom do men say that I the son of man am? And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptist; Some, Elias, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But Whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father Which is in Heaven.” The first name that came up was John the Baptist. Some speculated that Jesus was John the Baptist, risen from the dead. Others thought Jesus was Elijah, come back from

Church Directory

<p>Draper Valley Baptist Church 3200 Lee Highway Draper, Va. 24324 Pastor: Alan Pearce Service Times: Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening, 5 p.m. email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com www.drapervalleybaptist.org</p> <p>Grace Baptist Church 552 E. Main Street Dublin, Va. 24084 Pastor: Doug Testerman 674-1762 Primary Services: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Sunday worship Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m. Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study</p> <p>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</p> <p>Draper Methodist Church 3080 Greenbriar Road Draper, VA 24324 Pastor: Lee Wiggins Email: office@draper-methodist-church.com Primary Service Times: Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Christ Episcopal Church 144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski P.O. Box 975 Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday Phone: 980-2413 Email: christ24301@gmail.com</p> <p>Jordan Chapel Methodist Pastor: Ginny Tompkins Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p> <p>Cecil's Chapel Church 5801 Cecil's Chapel Road Hiwassee, VA 24347 Worship Service: 9am Sunday School: 10am www.facebook.com/cecils.chapel</p> <p>Valley Harvest Ministries 1 Harvest Place Dublin, VA 24084 Senior Pastor Steve Willis Associate Pastors: Perry Slaughter, Walter Gueste, Derick Burton Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m. Wednesday School 7 p.m. www.vhmdublin.org 540-674-4729</p> <p>Dublin Baptist Church 100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084 540-674-6061 secretary@dublinbaptistchurchva.org Website: dublinbaptistchurchva.org Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m. Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11 a.m. Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m. Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 a.m - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church 1560 Julia Simpkins Road Allisonia, VA Pastor Justin Phillips Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p> <p>First United Methodist Church 301 N. 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Richard A. Goodman, Sr. Associate Minister: Rev. Annette Cheek Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis Sundays: Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Draper's Valley Presbyterian (PCA) 2755 Old Baltimore Road, Draper, VA 24324 Senior Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Phone - 540-994-9015 e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org website - www.dvpca.org Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA 2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski 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.) 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heaven. Still others speculated that Jesus was Jeremiah or one of the other great prophets. But Jesus was none of these. Jesus was God the Son, the Christ, the Redeemer, and the Savior of the world.

Then Jesus asked the second and more important question. “But whom say YE that I am?” And old outspoken Peter hit the nail right on the head. He said “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” I’m sure the other disciples heard it and also believed. Sometimes we have the tendency to ignore what someone who talk a lot have to say. And we shut them out because frankly we get tired of listening to their constant speaking. But every once in a while, they have something to say that is worth listening to like Peter did on this occasion. The biggest compliment we can ever give to others is to listen to what they have to say. A lot of times, when we are discussing a matter with someone else, while they are speaking to us, we are so busy thinking about what we are going to say next, we don’t even hear what they have to say. So if you want to improve yourselves, as most of us do, why not try becoming more of a listener, and less of a talker. My dad said to me one time, “Son when you are in a group of people who are talking back and forth, you stay quiet and listen to what they are saying, and when it’s over, you’ll know more than they do, because you’ll know what you know and you’ll know what they know too.” And I found out that that bit of wisdom has helped me to become a better listener. We all need to listen more and talk less. “

Jesus Christ is God in human flesh, and the story of His life, death, and resurrection is the only Good News the world will ever hear.” Billy Graham. Col. 2: 9,10. “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.” John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” 9. John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Esther (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Who killed 69 of his brethren, but spared Jotham for he hid himself? Abimelech, Jeroboam, Uzziah, Horam
 3. From Proverbs 25, “Whoso boasteth himself of a false sign is like clouds and wind without ____.” Meaning, Hope, Breeze, Rain
 4. Who was the wife of Ananias, who died along with her husband after lying about an offering? Jezebel, Anna, Sapphira, Jael
 5. Which two foods were said to flow in the land of Canaan? Peaches/Cream, Figs/Apples, Milk/Honey, Manna/Bison
 6. What were the Israelites, as slaves of Egypt, mainly forced to make? Bread, Bricks, Staffs, Spears
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Abimelech, 3) Rain, 4) Sapphira, 5) Milk/Honey, 6) Bricks
- “Test Your Bible Knowledge,” a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
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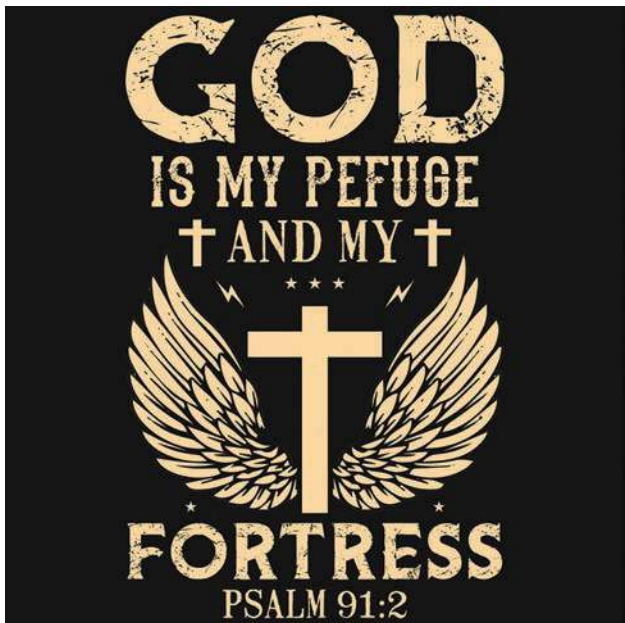
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They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, “We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son’s robe.” He recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.” Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days.

GENESIS 37: 32-34



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by Dave T. Phipps

FIRST WE'LL EXPLORE THE MEADOW AND THEN CATCH SOME FROGS.

THEN WE'LL PACK A BIG LUNCH AND CATCH US SOME HUGE FISH!

THEN SWIM IN THE POND ALL DAY LONG. SUMMER IS JUST LIKE A DREAM.

... THAT COMES TO AN END AND SO STARTS THE NIGHTMARE.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

SURE, THE ENTIRE PLACE IS RIFE WITH TORMENT, TERROR AND GODAWFUL HEAT, BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THE BUGS AREN'T AS BAD AS I THOUGHT THEY'D BE.

by Jeff Pickering

HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW RUNNING SHOES?

THOSE AREN'T RUNNING SHOES.

THEY SURE ARE... THEY RAN ME OVER A HUNDRED BUCKS!!

by BUD BLAKE

TIGER

OLIVE

WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

WE'RE OFF T'SEE ME OL' MATE, SIR POMEROY VAUXHALL.

ME AN' HIM USED T'ADVENTURE T'GETHER!

HOT DOG! IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE WE SEEN POMMY!

PAPPY?!

YA'S NEVER WANNA JOIN ON ME TRIPS. WOT HAPPENED?

A CHANGE OF HEART.

C'MON, MR. POOPDECK! WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT YOUR HORSE RACE DEBTS!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, I NEED TO COME UP WITH A NUMERIC PASSWORD. NOT OUR ANNIVERSARY OR YOUR BIRTHDAY. SOMETHING I CAN REMEMBER.

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: O equals M

IFJM KDW BEDTJ KDWT ODMJK

PTDO IDTU CMBCRJ V PDDEJR

YVBJ, C TJXUDM KDW'R FVYJ

WTMJR CMXDOJ.

SCRAMBLERS

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

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Grave RESIDE

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TODAY'S WORD

"Do you have something a little _____? I'd like my family think I actually baked it."

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Filly's brother

5 Group of seals

8 Old U.S. gas brand

12 Sandwich cookie

13 Sailor's "yes"

14 "Pygmalion" writer

15 Nevada city

16 Tropical fruit

18 Nebraska river

20 Demons

21 Towel word

23 Bol. neighbor

24 Engages in make-believe

28 Tibia's place

31 PC key

32 Hotel offering

34 Bond rating

35 Brusque

37 Tormenting

39 Spanish gold

41 IRS agent

42 Rustic homes

45 TV type

49 Table protector

51 Inky stain

52 Italian wine region

53 Notable time

54 Booty

55 Slugger

56 Letter sealer

DOWN

1 Business abbr.

2 Hurler

3 Sultry Horne

4 Like some grins

5 Drink-to-go holder

6 Popeye's Olive

7 Hearing-impaired

8 Aromatic

9 Chinese city

10 Uttered

11 Has

17 Actress Long

19 Afternoon affairs

22 Long-legged shorebird

24 Chest muscle

25 Baton Rouge sch.

26 Circus gymnasts

27 Short-lived levy of 1765

29 Author

30 Pester

33 Alike (Fr.)

36 One of the Nixons

38 Powerless

40 Low digit

42 Bookkeepers (Abbr.)

43 To boot

44 Diving duck

46 Trudge

47 Synthesizer pioneer

48 ABA member

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1. Formula Rossa, Ferrari World, UAE

2. Kingda Ka, Six Flags, US

3. Red Force, Ferrari Land, Spain

4. Superman: Escape from Krypton, Six Flags, US

5. Fury 325, Carowinds, US

6. Steel Dragon 2000, Nagashima Spa Land, Japan

7. Millennium Force, Cedar Point, US

8. Leviathan, Canada's Wonderland, Canada

9. Orion, Kings Island, US

10. Intimidator 305, Kings Dominion, US

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WORD LADDERS

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

HEART

PERKY

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What is the name of the clown in Stephen King's horror novel "It"?

2. ASTRONOMY: How often does Halley's Comet appear in the Earth's sky?

3. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most electoral votes in 2024?

4. MOVIES: In "Jurassic Park," what kind of container is used to store stolen dinosaur embryos?

5. ART: Which art movement is Salvador Dali associated with?

6. AD SLOGANS: Which car manufacturer used the ad slogan "Quality is Job 1"?

7. TELEVISION: Which TV show spawned the spinoff comedy/drama "Maude"?

8. FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in falafel?

9. GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's shortest river?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are a crab's pincers called?

Answers

1. Pennywise.

2. On average, every 76 years.

3. California (54).

4. A canister that looks like a Barbasol Shaving Cream can.

5. Surrealism.

6. Ford Motor Company.

7. "All in the Family."

8. Chickpeas.

9. Roe River, Montana.

10. Chelae.

Americanisms

"We do today what they won't, so tomorrow we accomplish what they can't."

— Dwayne Johnson

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King Crossword

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

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When you store your money from work inside a footed vase, I reckon you'd have turned income.

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Word search grid with words hidden in various directions. Words include: ZEB, XUR, COLIEBYVS, HSA, UQS, UQR, NKHEBY, WTV, ROLCJ, GEEBEY, WURO, PNKU, IGGGLDBZ, XVCC, LSMQOG, PNMKI, GBAE, ICBLAPYO, IOW, UADS, MLEQALT, TPGN, LNOLE, MRETAWA, JNH, FAE, COANATNY, MXAV, UNS, NOINO, GTQOPMN, MAYAPAP, KJHFTECB.

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A PICKLE BEFORE PICKLING

- Avocado, Banana, Eggplant, Garlic, Ginger, Lemon, Lime, Mango, Onion, Papaya, Pineapple, Potato, Squash, Tomato, Watermelon

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CryptoQuote

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

MDSU'W WTMUP LQ SUC
ZJWWJF FJVFJGJUWSWMLU LQ
ZJSXWC WTSU GLHJLUJ ITL MG
XUSQFSME WL ZJ TJFGJYQ.
- JHHS GWLUJ

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Cryptoquote puzzle with a grid of letters and a clue: I can't think of any answer. beauty than someone who is unafraid to be herself. - Emma Stone. THINGS WE PEEL

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

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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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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Prince Valiant comic strip panels showing Val and Gawain in a market, with dialogue about a distraction and a slow-burning fire.

Flash Gordon comic strip panels showing Flash and Dale in a palace, with dialogue about a weapon and a demon.

Tiger comic strip panels showing a boy playing baseball, with dialogue about a weapon and a demon.

LeafFilter advertisement for clog-free gutters, featuring a QR code, a limited time offer, and contact information.

The Patriot Real Estate Auction advertisement, featuring a photo of a house and contact information.

Real Estate Auction advertisement for Rogers Auction Group, featuring a photo of a house and contact information.

LeafFilter advertisement for clog-free gutters, featuring a QR code, a limited time offer, and contact information.

AARP Virginia advertisement for the 2023 election, featuring a photo of a woman and contact information.

PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

Oct. 1

Special Speaker

Woodlawn P.H. Church, 3874 Oak Grove Rd. on Oct. 1st at 11am will host special guest speaker Dillon Golding. Pastor Mike & Congregation invite you to come and be blessed. Church is located at I 77 – Exit 19. For more info, call: 276-728-2088.

Oct. 2

Gospel Sing

Traditional Gospel Sing 9:45-11:00 a.m. every Monday, Pulaski Church Of God, 1621 Bob White Blvd., near Food City. Come and go as you please. Great way to start your week and make new friends. Park in lower lot and use elevator to second floor.

Oct. 5

American Legion

The American Legion, Harvey Howe Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, October 5, 6pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. Radford High School's Boys and Girls State representatives will be recognized at this meeting. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Oct. 8

Pasator Appreciation and Homecoming

We will be having Pastor Appreciation and Homecoming at Draper Valley PH Church I 81 s. Exit 86 Max Meadows Va. Sunday Oct 8th at 10:45 am Gospel recording artist Donna Jackson from Hinesville Ga. will be ministering in song and testimony. Contact Pastor Mike Ingo for more information. 276-617-0341

Oct. 9

County office closed

Monday, October 9, 2023, Pulaski County Offices will be closed in observance of Columbus & Yorktown Victory Day. The Pulaski County Public Service Authority Billing Office will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2023, in observance of Columbus & Yorktown Victory Day. The Bagging Plant Road, Dublin and Mason Street, Fairlawn Convenience Centers will be open and garbage collection will remain on regular schedule.

Oct. 10

PSA Board Meets

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third

Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

Planning Commission Meets

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, msaunders@pulaskicounty.org). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

Oct. 12

EDA board meets

Thursday, October 12, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, mwbird@pulaskicounty.org). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

Oct. 19

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, October 19, 7pm at Aly's Family Italian Restaurant at 3204 Riner Road. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also invited to this meeting. For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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

Weekly SUDOKU

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

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.

Oct. 23

Board of Supervisors meets

Monday, October 23, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia; Executive Session, 6 p.m., Open Meeting, 7 p.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for Pulaski County and is responsible for the budget and concerns of its citizens.

Oct. 24

Fairlawn Sewer Authority meets Tuesday, October 24, 2023, Fair-

lawn 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).

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.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Draper Valley Golf Course

**Friday
Oct 27th**
Shotgun Start
@ 12 Noon

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**\$300.00
per team**

Registration & Lunch begins @ 11 AM
Dinner & Entertainment @ 5 PM
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes!
Door Prizes
Raffle

**One Mulligan & Red Tee
per player - \$5.00 each**

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Register in person at Randolph Park or Draper Valley Golf Course
Chase Dunnigan | 540.616.5077 Brayden Morris | 540.250.8453
Registration Deadline Onsite 10/27/23 @ 10 AM

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Car
Decoration
Contest

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Costume
Contest

Raffle

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