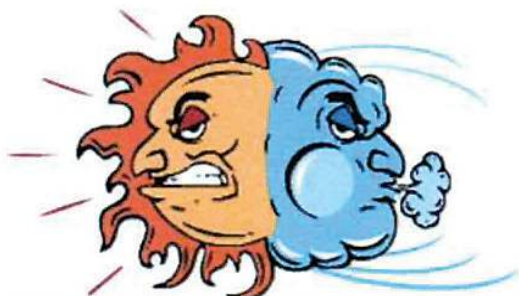




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## Claremont Apartments project 'a go' after latest funding news

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

News out of Tuesday's meeting of Pulaski Town Council is that the Claremont School Apartments project has been awarded another piece of its funding pie – enough apparently to put the project "over the top," according to one councilmember.

Councilman Michael Reis – a town representative on the New River Valley Regional Commission – reported to council that on Aug. 25 the Claremont project was awarded \$850,000.

The money goes to Landmark Development out of Winston-Salem, N.C., the firm developing the Claremont project, which involves turning the old elementary school into 50 multi-family units



in the Town of Pulaski.

According to its website, the Regional Commission, with significant input from stakeholders around the region, has been working to create a pilot regional housing trust fund, using seed money from Virginia Housing.

A call for proposals solicited applications from Pulaski and Mont-

gomery counties, with available funds totaling \$1.8M.

An award recommendation was approved by the housing trust fund stakeholder group to award \$850,000 to the Claremont project and \$950,000 to a similar project in the Town of Blacksburg.

Funds were awarded as 30-year, 1 percent loans.

This latest award for the Claremont project comes on the heels of a \$1,465,000 loan announced in March by Gov. Glenn Youngkin from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. That loan was part of a \$93 million package to support housing projects across the Commonwealth that are estimated to create nearly 4,000 units.

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## Kingdom Kids childcare center opens at Memorial Baptist

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

Just in time for the 2023 school year, Memorial Baptist Church in Pulaski has opened a Christ Centered Preschool for Children six weeks to 10 years of age. Known as Kingdom Kids Preschool Learning Center, it is located in the recently renovated suites of Memorial Baptist Church, 995 Peppers Ferry Rd, Pulaski.

According to Dr. Richard Gehrz, MBC Board Member and Childcare Committee Chair, the childcare center has been a church vision since 1990. Dr. Gehrz retired from his practice as a pediatric specialist in 2018, providing comprehensive care for 23,000 infants, children and adolescent patients.

"We realized the local community in need of an excellent childcare facility for working families, so we presented the possibility to the church membership. We realized it was a challenge and there might be limited resources



but we agreed to explore the feasibility."

Many other steps were required and meetings with the Town Planning Commission, Town Council, public hearings, and others resulted in having to apply for amended ordinances and special exemptions. All this took time, but gave the congregation time to focus on the needs of the community.

As a church body, they believe that God has called Memorial Baptist Church to bless the community with exceptional

preschool childcare for working families. Preschool Teammates would use their skills, talents and energy to help children flourish in life within God's design.

With the knowledge that children are precious gifts from the Lord and families need trusted childcare, the members of Memorial Baptist dedicated themselves to bless families with a safe, happy, loving place where kids learn and grow. They would reach out

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# Council

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In March 2021, the Claremont project received a loan of \$635,000 from the federal National Housing Trust Fund.

When first announced in February of 2020, Landmark Development said it would construct 50 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments at the old elementary school.

Landmark specializes in rehabilitating properties – including vacant school buildings – and turning them into affordable housing.

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Reis said Tuesday that Regional Commission members were complimentary of the Claremont project as well as other things happening in Pulaski.

Reis noted that housing is not just a need in the Town of Pulaski, but throughout the New River Valley.

“We (council) have done a lot of good work to make this possible,” Reis said.

Town Manager Darlene Burcham agreed the Claremont project is now a “go.”

She anticipates those housing units being available within the next year.

### Staff Shortage Slows Weed Cutting, Tree Trimming

After hearing several comments from council members about the need to cut weeds and trim trees in different areas of Pulaski, Burcham said the town’s staffing situation is to blame.

“We are aware of some of these issues, but we are very short-staffed,” Burcham said.

“We had two people leave Public Works unexpectedly and we just learned that a mechanic will not be returning. We already had one mechanic vacancy,” Burcham said, noting that some town equipment is being sent to the private sector for repair work to keep them operating.

“Particularly police cars, which suffer a lot of wear and tear,” she said.

“We know we’re behind on grass cutting and trees. We’d love to have people come work for us and help us do that work,” Burcham told council.

She added she calls in the same problem areas to Public Works when she is out on the road in town.

“We’re putting all the needs on a list, but we can only do so much,” Burcham added. “We’ll continue to work on the list.”

### News and Notes

Burcham announced that the Friends of Peak Creek – at its annual meeting – had named Town employee Nate Repass its Volunteer of the Year Award winner.

Reis announced that the NRV Regional Commission had awarded Friends of Peak Creek President Cathy Hanks one of its Citizens of the Valley Award winners.

He said the commission award recognizes people throughout the NRV who have made a significant contribution to life in the Valley.

## Chamber, media partners sponsor candidates forums

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 two competitive races for the Board of Supervisors (Cloyd and Massie Districts), 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 will be collected in advance from the public via 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.

The forums will be led by a neutral moderator and the event will

**Citizens can submit their questions prior to the Oct. 3 and 4 forums.**

be recorded.

If you have a question you would like to have answered at either of the forums, you can submit it in advance to the Chamber at [info@pulaskivachamber.org](mailto:info@pulaskivachamber.org) or to The Patriot at [news@pcpatriot.com](mailto:news@pcpatriot.com)

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.

## New River forums set Sept. 18, 25

The New River Community Crimewatch Committee will sponsor two town hall meetings at Morgan’s Chapel UMC at 6540 New River Road.

Chris Stafford and Andy Cullip, both running for the Board of Supervisors, will share their platform at the following meetings.

These meetings are an opportunity to meet each candidate and to

ask questions before the election.

Monday, September 18th---Chris Stafford

Monday, September 25th---Andy Cullip

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# Log launch at Ingles Ferry

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

Late summer 2023 - The sky was overcast but the weather was still warm and April Martin was waist deep in the waters of the New River as she launched her latest project for the Wilderness Road Regional Museum.

Soon after wading into the river, April found her handcrafted dugout canoe along the riverbank, where she'd moored it a few days earlier. On closer inspection, April saw that river water was sloshing over the canoe's gunnels and that her dugout was badly in need of a bail out. Fortunately, she was aided in her bailing efforts by history enthusiasts Blake Bauer and Gibson Graham, who made quick work of emptying the canoe's cockpit of water.

A dugout canoe doesn't much resemble the modern aluminum/fiberglass varieties that are so common today and, of course, that's the point. April Martin, Director of the Wilderness Road Museum, and her many helpers created the same kind of wooden canoes that were used by the Native Americans, who lived in the New River Valley many moons ago. As the name implies, Dugout canoes are literally dug out of a tree trunk to create a hollow space for passengers and, if made by traditional processes, require copious amounts of time and effort to produce.

So how did April come up with the idea of creating a dugout canoe from scratch?

"Every year we do a summer camp and every year we let the kids vote on next year's theme," April explained. "So last year's Wilderness Road Summer Camp voted for a Woodland Culture theme and I wanted to do a canoe. That ties into this land here too. Adam Hanse (founder of Newbern and home of the Wilderness Road Regional Museum) was a canoe man at the battle of Point Pleasant/ Lord Dunmore's War. He dropped his rifle in the river when he was trying to keep his canoes straight and they charged him for the price of it."

Earlier this summer, as part



William Paine/The Patriot

A closer look at the inside of the old style but newly built dugout canoe. From left: Blake Bauer, Gibson Graham and April Martin.

of Radford's Mary Draper Ingles Festival, April participated in an unveiling ceremony for the Virginia Historic Highway Marker dedicated to Ingles Ferry and the Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail. This was appropriate, as Martin was instrumental in getting the Historic Marker placed and actually wrote the text for the marker, which explains how William and Mary Draper Ingles established a ferry crossing in 1762.

According to April, this was the first Virginia historic marker with a Lewis and Clark Legacy Trail insignia, which establishes it as part of the historic explorers' legacy, as well as being a major link in the

Great Road westward. The Great Road/Wilderness Road crossed the New River at Ingles Ferry and some of those settlers used dugout canoes to get to the other side.

With this in mind, April made plans to manufacture an authentic dugout canoe in the same way it was done in olden times ... and what better place to build/launch her dugout than on the Pulaski County side of the old Ingles Ferry station? Mike Barbour and Mary Draper Ingles Barbour, who is a descendent of the Mary Draper Ingles mentioned in the historic marker, gave April permission to build and launch the dugout from their property.

## Robinson Community Club to host forum for school board candidates

The Robinson Tract Community Club will host a forum on Monday, Sept. 25 between Robinson District candidates for School Board, Dr. Paige Cash and Sabrina Cox.

The event will be held beginning at 7 p.m. at the Robinson Tract Community Center.

It is open to all Robinson District voters.

April then set about looking for the perfect log and soon found one near her launch site.

"We found a big old beautiful monstrosity of sycamore tree," April recounted. "It was big enough, too. It was already down and had been down for years because I didn't want to sacrifice a tree for this project."

Brandon Arnold, of Arnold's

Tree Service, volunteered to bring his crew and help April cut the massive tree down to canoe size and then move it into position.

"After he cut it free for me, I debarked it," April recounted. "You have to immediately strip the bark off of it or bugs will get it, so we immediately did that and we used the bark for the Cherokee Village back at Newbern. This was the beginning of June and we had a real bad week of rain in the beginning of June and they let the dam out. So, I came back down to work on the tree the next day and it was gone. The log was just gone ... Gone!"

"I was beside myself," she admitted. "My immediate thought was, 'Somebody stole my log,' instead of realizing it was basically an act of God but I soon figured it out. So, I went back to the drawing board."

April asked Brandon to be on the lookout for another suitable log and after a while, he stumbled on a fallen Tulip Poplar tree in Floyd County.

"I'm like Tulip Poplar ... that's my tree! "April enthused. "Tulip Poplar is canoe wood. It's the best because they're so long and straight and give you the right girth."

Kerry Martin, the owner of the property, and therefore the tree, gave April the go-ahead to take the Tulip Poplar. Brandon Arnold came by to make the cuts and even brought a trailer but loading

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## ELLEN COOPER CARTY

Ellen Cooper Carty of Pulaski, VA, completed her earthly journey on September 3, 2023, at Lynchburg General Hospital. Ellen Lucille Cooper was born on December 30, 1931, the daughter of Merit Jordan Cooper and Ollie Gay Simpkins. In addition to her parents, Ellen was preceded in death by her beloved husband Walter J. Carty; her daughter, Susan Lynn Barnes; grandson Travis Layne Carty; sisters Emma Marie Craig and Jaquita Cooper Edney; and brother Merit Jordan Cooper, Jr. She is survived by a son Kelly Glen Carty (Jill) of Pulaski; granddaughter Lana Carty; granddaughter Jessica Barnes Cortes (Manuel); granddaughter Leslie Carty Newsome (Kevin).

She is also survived by her brother Gary Robert Cooper, Sr (Peggy) of Forest, VA with whom she lived the last 18 months of her life. She also leaves her nephew and caregiver Gary Robert Cooper, Jr. as well as other nieces, nephews and great grandchildren.

Ellen was a Godly woman and spent her entire life helping others and putting others before herself. She received her RN cap from Medical College of Virginia (1952) and served in that capacity until she retired in 1996. Even after retirement, Ellen would respond to calls for help from her friends and neighbors.



bors. She often said that her purpose in life was to help people, and she certainly fulfilled that purpose. Even though she herself was in pain, she always answered a call from others.

Services will be held on Friday, September 9, at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren, 1749 Newbern Road, Pulaski 24501. Visitation is at 10:00am followed by the Funeral Service at 12:00pm with internment at 2:00pm at Highland Memory Garden, Dublin, VA. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, contributions in her name should be sent to the Pulaski First Church of the Brethren. Ellen loved her church family and was a lifelong member of that church.

The family is in the care of Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel. Online condolences may be sent by visiting [www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com](http://www.stevensfuneralhomepulaski.com)

## DANNY MARK CARTER

September 7, 1953  
August 31, 2023

Danny Mark Carter, 69, of Salem, passed away Thursday, August 31, 2023. He was a carpenter and plumber. Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Glee and Wilma Carter; brother, Robert Samuel Carter; sisters, Barbara Flo Melvin and Phyllis Jean Bessler.

Survivors include his brother, Roy Carter, Sr.; niece, Faith Kobrehel (Michael); sister, Elizabeth Hamblin; nieces, Sandi (Brian) Cantel, Wilma (Warren) Melvin, Linda Shoemaker, Sherry Graham, and Kim Bessler; nephews,

Ron (Stacey) Melvin, Andy (Sheila) Hamblin, Mike Hamblin, Jeff Carter, Rick (Kathleen) Bessler, Ray Bessler, Roy (Angel) Carter, Jr., and Shannon (Ammie Jo) Carter; many great nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at Salem Health and Rehab.

Per Danny's request, services will be held at a later date.

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

## FINLEY STRALEY BARRIER

Finley Straley Barrier, age 71 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, September 2, 2023 at his home with his family. Born August 13, 1952 in Marion, North Carolina he was the son of the late Carranze Barrier & Mary Sudie Mosteller Barrier. He was also preceded in death by his mother & father-in-law, Calvin and Sylvia Street Cline, son, Kenneth E. "Kenny" Barrier, brothers, David and Russell Barrier and brother-in-law, Joseph Craig.

Finley was a veteran of the United States Navy with over 18 years of service.

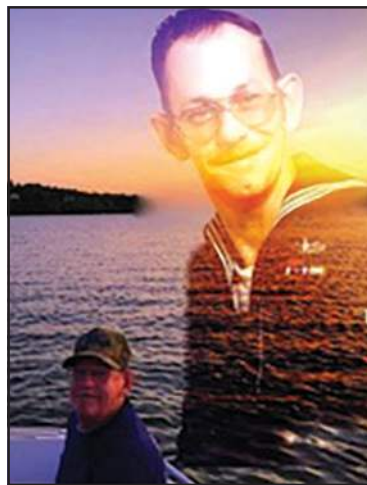
He is survived by his

Wife – Cathy Cline Barrier – Pulaski

Children - Little Rocky Barrier – NC, Danielle Barrier, PA

Grandchildren – Brianna (Kayla) Kemper, Tre (Ashlyn) Barrier, Taylor (Jeremiah) Barrier, Gabby (Damon) Fender, Dani Barrier

Great Grandchildren – Ava Barrier, Colson Fender and one on the



way

Sisters – Lucille Craig – NC, Mary Ann (Wiley) Carter – NC

Several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends

Finley will be laid to rest at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin. To sign his online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

## JERRY ALLEN RICKEY

March 10, 1957  
September 1, 2023

Jerry Allen Rickey, 66, of Dublin, went to his heavenly home on Friday, September 1, 2023. Jerry was a respected and faithful man who loved the Lord, his family, friends, and Church. He was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Bus Ministry Director for over 20 years. Jerry retired from UPS after 40 years of service and lasting friendships. He is preceded in death by his parents, Allen and Joanne Rickey.

Jerry could be seen on Saturdays in his Silverado Truck going to visit the children on his bus route to remind them they'd be back Sunday Morning for Church. He was known for owning "clean" vehicles with ALL of them being a "Chevrolet".

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Rena Turpin Rickey of Dublin; his son, Andrew Rickey; brother, Tony Rickey; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Rena Turpin; nephews, Travis (Michelle) Turpin, and Ryan (Aimee) Turpin; great-nieces and nephews,

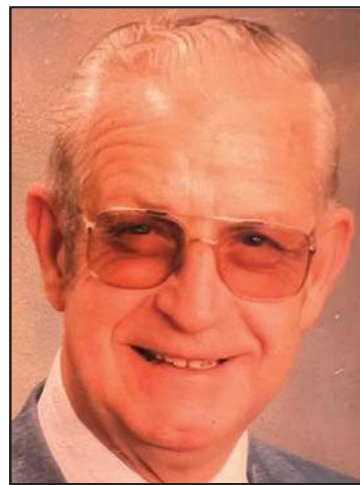


Grant, Teddy and Maggie Turpin; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank the caregivers at Cozy Home Haven for their compassionate care.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Radford. Interment will follow in Sunrise Burial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Friday evening at the

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## ANDREW JACKSON "JACK" SPRADLIN

Andrew Jackson "Jack" Spradlin, age 90 of Pulaski, passed away Sunday, September 3, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents Earl Jackson Spradlin and Pauline Martin Spradlin and three brothers, John Edward, Charles Franklin and Donald Lee Spradlin.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 71 years Joann Caldwell Spradlin and daughter, Jackie Laverne Adkins.

Jack was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Korean conflict from 1948-1952 as sergeant first class with the 25th Division, 21st Automatic Weapons. He worked for 40 years at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant and was supervisor in the finishing area before retiring. He was a member of the Masonic Henry Clay Lodge, Chapter 280, for 43 years where he served as Grand Master three times and organized walks to raise money for the Alzheimer Association. He was a member of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons where he served as District Deputy in the state of Virginia, the John Dove Meritorious Service Award. He was also a member of the Dublin Baptist Church.

In his spare time Jack enjoyed wood crafting, making beautiful works of art that he gave to his friends and family members and even those he didn't know. He made toys for children and in return he enjoyed the blessing of their precious laughter. His main goal in life was to make people happy and to help others any way he could. He was a giving person and never met a stranger.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., September 12, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Shahn Wilburn officiating. Visiting will take place one hour prior to the services. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. until service time.

Entombment will take place at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association online at [alz.org](http://alz.org) or to donate by phone at 800-272-3900 or make donations to the Dublin Baptist Church.

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

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

## PEGGY ANN PHIBBS METZ

Peggy Ann Phibbs Metz, age 82 of Denton, NC, died early Friday morning, September 1, 2023 at Novant Medical Center in Thomasville, NC. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) 540-980-1700

## MARY ELLEN COVEY MOORE

Mary Ellen Covey Moore, age 81 of Blacksburg, formerly of Pulaski County, died Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at her residence. Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) 540-980-1700

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# Virginia legislators pass budget in special session

By Morgan Sweeney

(The Center Square) — The Virginia General Assembly met Wednesday in Richmond and voted to finalize the overdue budget deal recently reached by the House and Senate finance committees – but not without a few impassioned speeches from the floor, many over the unique resolution lawmakers were asked to pass.

The assembly passes amendments to the state's two-year budget every odd year, but this year, the House and Senate continued debating the budget past the July 1 deadline, the start of the fiscal year. Finally, the committees reached a deal, and Gov. Glenn Youngkin called a special session for legislators to codify it.

The session began in the House with a proposed resolution to treat the budget bill like a conference report – for members to give up their right to normal proceedings, in which they could debate or amend the bill and vote up or down.

This goes against precedent, but Del. Marcus Simon, D-Fairfax County, seemed to speak for many when he voiced his ultimate support for the resolution despite its “unusual provisions.”

“As much as I’m a process person... and I don’t love that this could be seen as setting a precedent for the future – I hope it won’t,” Simon said, “I do support the resolution, and I hope we’ll all vote yes for it. Let’s get in, get out, and enjoy the great outcome this budget will be for hardworking Virginians across the commonwealth.”

The House quickly voted 83-5 in favor of the resolution. The resolution was then passed to the Senate to be voted on.

Sen. Ryan McDougle, R-Hanover, spoke against the resolution, displeased with how it deviated from standard legislative procedure and fearing it would set a bad precedent for the future.

“Madame President, even though I expect that this procedural resolution will pass, I wanted to make sure that the members knew and understood that this is a sea change and a total difference from how this body has operated at any point in time, and I will be voting against this resolution,” McDougle said.

He was followed by Sen. Bill Stanley, R-Franklin County, raising similar objections.

“Madame President and members of the Senate, I join my friend, the Sen. from Hanover, in his concern,” Stanley said, calling for a return to reaching a consensus on the budget within the allotted 60 days (45 days in odd years), allowing for “fresh and lively debate” and greater transparency with the public – and not setting a poor precedent for the many new members that will join the General Assembly in January.

“Is this now the accepted way that we do things? We just wait until session is over and a gentle few of the chosen go and decide ... and then come out and say, ‘Here it is! And oh, by the way, you can’t amend it, you can’t participate for your constituents?’

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MATTHEW SCOTT BRUNNER

March 5, 1974

August 31, 2023

Matthew Scott Brunner, 49, passed away Thursday, August 31, 2023, at his home in Pulaski, surrounded by his family. He was a Registrar and Political Science Instructor at Radford University and a longtime St. Jude Catholic Church member. He was preceded in death by his mother, Suzanne Moore.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Daniela Rae Stoots Brunner; children, Hattie Grace, William, Lily, and Peter; father and stepmother, Richard and Cindy Brunner; brothers Eddie Brunner (Janelle), Aaron Brunner (Kristin) and Jimmy Brunner; sisters, Diana Brunner and Sarah Brunner, mother and father-in-law, Carl and Patricia Stoots, and many other relatives and friends.

Matthew lived with deep love, extraordinary joy, and care for his family. His favorite place was home with his beautiful wife, children, and dogs. He felt such warmth and comfort at home, always full of activity, laughter, conversations, and quiet family time inside and outside. Of the many things, he enjoyed his quality time with his children, including evening chats, sporting events, plays, discussing books, attending the annual Father’s Day Picnic at Rocky Knob, and gathering for nightly prayers before bedtime. Matthew always appreciated the most beautiful and simple things in life, which was evident in his desire for very few worldly things, constant commitment to continue learning about his faith, and sincere dedication to his family. He also loved reading books (especially the classics), skateboarding, grinding and drinking coffee, the ocean, music, and baseball (Baltimore Orioles).

Matthew’s love and dedication to his brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews were evident. His whirlwind road trips to attend ceremonies, graduations, holiday gatherings, watch soccer games, and make quick stop-ins to say hello during his work travels were always special. We will never forget his smile, stance, and wave (some-

## Rickey

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church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Gethsemane Baptist Church Bus Ministry.

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times holding a coffee mug close to him) upon arrival and departure for all of these moments.

Matthew’s care and dedication to his community are well known, from Sunday Mass to Radford University to his friends and neighbors. He brought such genuine calmness and clarity to his surroundings. His keen ability to see to understand, listen intently to hear, and easily articulate his words was so inviting. He could connect so easily with others and gain so many life-long friends. He brought so many wonderful people together while being who he was, Matthew. We love you.

A Christian Burial Mass will occur on Saturday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Jude Catholic Church in Christiansburg, VA. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Bobcat Backpacks of Radford or a charity of your choice.

The Brunner family cares for the Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. [www.mullinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.com)



ROBERTA L. BREEDEN

Roberta L. Breeden, 78, passed away on Friday, September 1, 2023. She was born on April 19, 1945, in Montgomery County to Ethel and Elijah Collins. She retired from Radford University where she enjoyed serving food to all the students and staff. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Doug Breeden; parents, Ethel and Elijah Collins; son, Gene Breeden; daughter-in-law, Susan Breeden; brothers, Tater, Russell and Bud Collins; and sisters, Pauline Booth and Rosemary Gathercole.

She was a loving mother and mawmaw to her children, grandchildren and especially great grandchildren. She loved watching her great grandchildren playing in their sports events and was always there cheering them from the car.

Survivors include her children, Junior Breeden, David Breeden, Judy Breeden, Pam McManus, Kaleigh McManus, and Amanda Kitchner (Carl); sister and brother-in-law, Lulu and Charlie Moore; brother, Buck Collins; great grandchildren, Christian Kitchner, Danny and Daryl Stanley, Bubbie and Trenton Ramirez; and many

other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at the funeral home with Pastor T. Michael Bond officiating. Interment will follow in the Centennial Christian Church Cemetery in McCoy.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Blue Ridge Cancer Center.

The family would like to thank Blue Ridge Cancer Center (Dr. Mock), Deetta Ray, Dr. Ringold, Dr. Skewes, and all of the Intrepid Hospice family.

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Labor Day

While some recognize Labor Day merely as the unofficial end of summer, the holiday was created to recognize the value of the labor movement in this country and how the American workforce has contributed to the success of our great nation, and our district.

The labor movement of the 19th and early 20th centuries brought about increased wages, more reasonable working hours, and vastly improved working conditions. We all benefit to this day from some of the actions taken.

Our American workforce continues to be the backbone of our country and our district.

Unfortunately, on this Labor Day, there is a sentiment among many hardworking men and women that our government and politicians have forgotten them.

This can be clearly seen in Oliver Anthony's song 'Rich Men North of Richmond,' which went viral just about the moment Mr. Anthony uploaded it to the internet.



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

The Virginia native, who is a farmer by trade, sings about the frustrations of blue-collar Americans, who are fed

up with the direction our country is headed and with our leaders.

Most of you already know this but, he is referring to the D.C. swamp. While I work in Washington, D.C. regularly, I am not one of the 'Rich Men North of Richmond.'

That being said, Mr. Anthony is right. There are those in Washington, D.C. who want to control your thoughts and tell you what you are supposed to think.

Many Americans are tired of politicians trying to dictate what they should think, do, and say.\*

The song talks of Mr. Anthony, and others like him, working long hours and receiving too little pay, much in part due to high taxes, and feeling like those 'Rich Men North of Richmond' want them to waste their lives away.

He compares the fact that there are many who are starving in our country while there are also many who are not truly putting in the effort and are "milk-ing" our safety net systems.

It's understandable why Mr. Anthony and others have these frustrations.

We have seen high rates of inflation the past couple of years, which has made everything more expensive, from Fritos to washing machines. For those Americans who are living paycheck to paycheck, they can't afford the extra costs. According to Moody's Analytics, inflation now costs families \$700 per month more in spending on the same items they bought two years ago.

Americans need relief.

Americans deserve a government that makes their lives easier, so that they can earn living wages and live their lives the way they want. They want a government that is able to help those who are truly in need. But they want government programs to be effective and efficient, instead of being meddlesome and burdensome.

Many Democrat politicians and the Biden Administration believe that more government, more regulation, more taxes, and more tax collectors are better for Americans.

Democrats want government to be involved in every aspect of people's lives, from what kind of car you drive to what health care you can have.

Theirs is the absolute wrong approach.

As a native of Southwest Virginia, I know many people in the Ninth District, and all around the country, don't want to be controlled by the government! They want freedom from the government!

I came to Washington to try to make people's lives better - to provide resources to help Americans be able to prosper.

I came here to fight against job-killing regulations and against job-straggling bureaucracy and have been doing so.

So, this Labor Day week, I want to acknowledge and thank our coal miners, our farmers, our truck drivers, and everyone who works for an honest living.

For our men and women who feel forgotten or feel like they can't win in today's America, I want you to know, our country and the Fightin' Ninth wouldn't be anything without you.

Let me assure you, some of us are fighting for you in Washington, D.C. Not all in Washington, D.C. are 'Rich Men North of Richmond.'

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\*Zager and Evans

What is Second Summer Season?

By WILLIAM PAINE

Labor Day marks the end of the summer season or, at least, that's what most of us have come to accept.

After all, school starts in August these days and football is already in full swing by the 1st week in September. Given our tendency for always looking ahead, it's only natural that after Labor Day, so many of us turn our attention towards sales on sweaters because ... Winter is Coming.

But here's a thought, instead of turning our attention to the upcoming Big Chill, why not instead focus on the glorious here and now of the Second Summer Season?

"The second summer season is the best part of the summer," said Michael Valach, owner of the Mountain 2 Island franchise. "The weather here in the New River Valley is near perfect at this time of year and the lake is much less crowded after Labor Day. It's like Spring Skiing at Snowshoe with the great conditions and small crowds."

Valach worked and lived at the Snowshoe ski resort before returning to Pulaski County several years ago.

It's not just Valach either. The term seems to be on the tip of everyone's tongue these days.

"It's going to be a fine second summer season," claimed a fisherman friend of mine, who'd been around long enough to know.

These same comments were echoed by a local high school kid I happened to run into at the paddle board rental shop at Claytor Lake State Park.

So, when is this Second Summer Season and how long does it last?

According to Valach, Second Summer Season begins the day after Labor Day, which fell on Sept. 5th this year and so, if you're reading this now, you are officially experiencing Second Summer Season 2023.

Of course, one may argue that 1st Summer (A.K.A. Summer) does not officially end until Saturday, Sept. 23rd.

But Valach has a point. Boat traffic on Claytor Lake falls precipitously after the excitement of Labor Day Weekend and things get much, much quieter on the water.

But the rules have changed (according to those in the know) and Second Summer Season has now officially been extended all the way to Sunday, October 15, a full three weeks into what some stogey traditionalists used to refer to as

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Election Letter Policy

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

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Workers and Givers

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have been very fortunate in our careers. We both have six-figure incomes, and as a result we have a little over \$2 million in savings and investments. With this in mind, do you have any advice on how to make sure your kids aren't spoiled as they grow up in a family that's doing well financially?

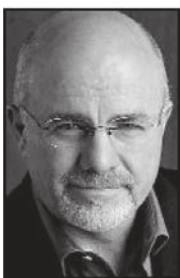
Gary

Dear Gary,

First, don't spoil them! Teach them to work, and teach them to be givers. Oh, and gently remind them every so often that it's you and your wife who are wealthy—not them. Yeah, I know. This probably sounds mean to some folks, but I'm talking about simply explaining to them how you and their mom have worked hard, been smart with your money, and that's why you're in the position you're in.

We taught all our kids, from a very young age, just how important it is to work. Work equals money. When you do that, and kids see it in their parents' attitudes and actions, it makes a big impression. With little kids, it can start with simple things like cleaning up their rooms or clearing the table after dinner. And it should carry over into their teenage years, as well. Every able-bodied child should be working and earning money, whether it's their own entrepreneurial idea, at a fast food joint or babysitting.

Another thing we did was based in our faith. As Christians, we taught our kids that we don't really own anything. It all belongs to God, and one of our jobs is to wisely manage the things He entrusts to us.



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

The first rule is to take care of your own household—the important stuff. After that, it's okay to have some nice things, but it's not all about fun. It's also about thoughtful giving and being generous.

As a parent, your job isn't to be a buddy to your kids. It's not to give them every little thing they want, and make sure they're running around carefree and playing every hour of the day. Your job is to teach them about the important things in life, and over time, mold them into mature, responsible human beings who can survive—and succeed—in the real world.

— 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.



Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Trump creates a spin-off

Just how dominant is Donald Trump in the Republican Party?

He's so far ahead in the polls that he felt comfortable skipping the first GOP presidential debate in Milwaukee, while on the actual debate stage, his epigone, Vivek Ramaswamy, soaked up an outsized portion of the attention.

The 38-year-old billionaire biotech entrepreneur shows that the Trump brand is so strong that it can create successful subsidiaries, the Trump storyline so compelling that subplots can be spun off into their own programs.

Thursday night was a "MAGA" tag team, with Trump trying to detract from the debate from the outside and Ramaswamy shaking it up on the inside.

When Trump declared a victor afterwards, it was, unsurprisingly, Ramaswamy -- for having the courage and perspicacity to declare Donald Trump the greatest president of the 21st century.

If Ramaswamy minds these occasional condescending pats on the head, he hasn't yet showed any sign of it. He is making history as the first presidential candidate to be in the tank for his leading opponent.

Ramaswamy's devotion to Trump raises the natural question why he's in the race and running the risk of denying everyone the benefits of a Trump second term? Why should the pilot fish try to supplant the shark?

Ramaswamy has learned shrewdly from the power of the Trump phenomenon.

The first lesson is that if you want to benefit from the energetic support of MAGA, you have to be pro-Trump. Many candidates, media figures, and social media influencers long ago figured this out. Ramaswamy's truly audacious innovation is to apply this insight to his own presidential campaign in a race including Trump himself.

If Ramaswamy leaps ahead of Gov. Ron DeSantis into second place in national polls, the top of the GOP field will consist of Donald Trump and a pro-Trump alternative who is zealous in defense of Trump's interests and loath to criticize him for anything.

The second lesson is that whatever gets the spotlight directed your way is a good thing. If it means, on the basis of no evidence whatsoever, accusing all your opponents on the debate stage of being "bought and paid for," go for it. If it means attributing the hawkishness of Nikki Haley on Ukraine to her intention to get lucrative seats on the boards of defense contractors, why not?

If a given proposition is indefensible, it means that you will seem even more courageous to your fans when you advance it or defend it.

Relatedly, always paint with bold colors. At one point during the debate, DeSantis objected to questions that asked candidates to raise their hands as childishly simplistic. In contrast, Ramaswamy was happy to raise his hand, reaching toward the sky with the overeagerness of an

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# Love for Kids, Horses Creates Champions at Shadow Ranch

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

Did you ever have a life-size dream where you ate, lived, and breathed it with such passion that it became a reality? Kim Reid of Shadow Ranch in Pulaski is a prime example of why you should follow your dream.

“Working with horses is no easy career. You eat, breathe, live horses and you’re on duty 24-hours a day,” Kim says. “You might be in the barn at 2:00am with a sick horse, or sleep in the stall next to a favorite mare ready to give birth. There are times when you rush a horse to the Virginia Tech Vet School at 1:00 a.m. or need to give medications or feed a newborn colt every few hours around the clock.”

But after more than 30 years of eating, breathing, living horses, you can be sure Kim loves what she is doing. And, she is passing that love for horses to her Shadow Ranch students who apparently feel the same.

Kim started riding horses at an early age but began formal lessons at age 11 with rodeo performer and barrel racer Stephanie Bain. Although she didn’t have her own horse, Kim dreamed of getting one some day and found creative ways to earn money so when the opportunity arose, she could buy one.

By age 12 she had accumulated \$400. A family member told her about a four-year old Purebred Arabian gelding for sale, but Kim needed another \$100 to buy him. So, as a surprise, the family pooled their resources and gave her AH Commendation, aka “Tex” as a Christmas present. But this wasn’t the fulfillment of her dream...just the beginning.

Tex would have to live at a farm in Russel County for a few years until the family purchased a 32-acre farm in Pulaski County, but every spare moment, Kim would visit on weekends and vacations. Apparently gifted with a great desire to learn and ability with horses, she began showing



Kim Reid, owner of Shadow Ranch in Pulaski, VA smiles as she and her Pinto filly “Shadows Summer” win the Pinto World Championship in 2019.



Shadow Ranch multiple champion, Amber Rose.

Tex in halter and showmanship classes. Later, at age 13, she would be riding in open horse shows and 4-H shows. More experience led to winning classes in local, regional, state and national shows. Her parents, Bill and Pat Hobbs, were her most enthusiastic supporters.

A sudden illness in the family temporarily corralled her horse showing due to financial stress, but Kim was undaunted in her desire to continue pursuing her dream. She would work at local horse barns, help train and groom horses, clean stalls, polish saddles and bridles to earn enough money for her show entry fees and gas to the horse shows. By herself, she would drive her father’s truck and horse trailer to shows within a two-hour radius of home.

She laughingly admits, “I learned how to back-up (a truck with a horse trailer attached) before I learned how to go forward.”

With diligence and hard work, Kim was able to acquire two mares, Dina and Trixie. Dinah became the foundation of Shadow Ranch’s breeding program, along with a few others that family members had been breeding. In the process, she also discovered true love and married Erik Reid, the owner of Trixie. Dina’s first filly, “VTC Shadows Summer” won the Pinto World Championship in 2019. VTC stands for “Victory Through Christ” and has become the designation for most of the horses in their breeding program. Erik, came up with the acronym after believing God that “Summer would be a champion.”

“Our bloodlines are Polish Arabians like those who survived WWII. Our School Horses are like family and can’t be replaced because 75-per cent of them were born, raised and trained by us. You can’t just jump on a horse and make it a School Horse. They need to have the right temperament and breeding; to be able to tolerate the unexpected

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## Season

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Autumn. But wait a minute. Isn’t Second Summer Season just another name for Indian Summer?

Not Exactly.

For most of us, Indian Summer refers to any extended spell of warm weather occurring sometime in October or early November ... but a lot of people think of an Indian Summer as a warm period following a hard frost.

According to the online Farmer’s Almanac, on average, the first frost comes to the New River Valley on October 14, on the second to last day of Second Summer Season.

So, a little different.

The Almanac also says that to be considered a true Indian Summer, temperatures must be above 70 degrees Fahrenheit for seven days after the Fall Equinox (Sept. 23, 2023) –

According to the National Weather Service, the Normal High daytime temperature for September 8 in the New River Valley is 78 degrees Fahrenheit. The Normal high on the Fall equinox (Sept. 23) is 73 degrees and average daytime high temperatures remain in the 70’s in

the NRV until October 5, when the average high drops to a mel-low 69 degrees Fahrenheit.

By the time October 15 comes around the average daytime high temperature in the NRV is still a comfortable 66 degrees. The Normal high on Halloween Day in the NRV dips to 61 degrees and by December 1st, the average daytime high is 49 degrees with a normal low of 27 degrees ... definitely not Second Summer territory.

Simply put -

Unlike Indian Summer Days, which are entirely dependent on warm weather conditions, the Second Summer Season denotes a certain stretch of time in late summer/early fall that describes an underappreciated and yet most excellent time of year, which is ideal for enjoying a multitude of outdoor activities.

Most everyone loves the summer season and if you took a poll asking which month in summer was the very best, July would likely come on top. Everybody loves July and no one even notices that more rain falls in July than in any other month because it’s warm and summer storms don’t stick around all day.

One inch less rain falls on av-

erage in the month of September in comparison to July’s rain totals, which means it’s cooler but significantly drier at this time of year. The month of October is drier still and the river water is still warm enough for swimming ... at least by some accounts.

Though admittedly a little cooler, October’s added bonus is the brilliant spectacle of the changing colors of the leaves, which takes place wherever you may be in the NRV.

In reality, you don’t need to be near a body of water to appreciate Second Summer Season. The mountaintops and hillsides offer their share of biking, hiking, motorbiking, nature walking or even October-festing to those who reject the notion that summer ends on the first Monday of September.

Second Summer Season ... It’s a thing. So, do yourself a favor and enjoy what’s on offer in this little slice of heaven along the shores of the New River and beyond.

William Paine is a free-lance writer living in Dublin.

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## Lowry

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apple-polishing student sitting in the front row.

Would he support Trump as the nominee even if he’s convicted of crimes? Hand raise. Will he cut off aid for Ukraine? Hand raise.

Finally, never get separated from Trump on anything important. As Trump has defended Jan. 6, so has Ramaswamy found unpersuasive justifications for it. Since Mike Pence has been cast into the outer darkness by MAGA for doing his constitutional duty on Jan. 6, Ramaswamy is going to have nothing to do with the former vice president. He refused to say on the debate stage that Pence had done the right thing that day but did want to make it clear that

he would absolutely pardon Donald Trump as president.

That Ramaswamy would accuse others of bad faith is hilarious, given his own blatant pandering.

And the answer to the paradox of a pro-Trump candidate running against Trump is that every vote Ramaswamy gets is denied to some other non-Trump contender who might be a more serious threat to the former president. Ramaswamy may deny that this is the dynamic, but Donald Trump clearly understands it, which is why he has nothing but praise for his notional opponent.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# Childcare

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to neighborhoods where families couldn't provide the funds to send their children to a private preschool.

Once the feasibility studies were complete and the cost of the project realized, the congregation agreed to move forward and contacted Donna Thornton-Roberts as their New School Opening Consultant. Thornton-Roberts has extensive experience with opening daycare centers and schools. She is the Founder of Grace A Child Academy on Scattergood Dr. in Christiansburg where her husband, Eddie Roberts is the Senior Pastor of Scattergood Church. She is the Founder of Radford Grace A Child, and has started 38 other daycare centers.

"As the renovations and new construction began, the owner of ProStar Commercial stepped forward and agreed to complete the construction in two-and-a-half months beginning June 1st and finishing in August. He redirected his entire company to the renovation and construction of the Kingdom Kids project," said Gehrz.

The preschool is divided into age groups with each having its own suite. Baby Lambs care is for the infants age six weeks to when the child can walk on its own. Debbie Jones, wife of MBC Pastor Mike Jones, is the Kingdom Kids Childcare Ministry Leader. Jennifer Franklin is the Little Lambs leader and works with the toddlers. She works with the Childrens Church Ministry for Compassion Church in Radford.

The Curious Cubs age group is two-years old and is under the care of Hailey Oliver, who has her Professional Development Certification, Health & Safety Training, Medical Assistant Training and also works with Mayflower Academy.

The Darling Ducklings cares for the three-year-olds and is administered by Chelsie Linkous from the Fairlawn Church of God. She saw the announcement on Facebook and applied. She is childcare certified and a teacher for the COG Sunday School preschoolers.

Pre-K group is for the four and five-year-olds and can accommodate up to 10 children. Audrey Kirk of United Way of SWVA is their leader. She has 27-hours of professional development skills to contribute to Kingdom Kids.

In addition to the classroom suites, a full Lunch Room and Play Room are adjacent to the modern Warming Kitchen where meals will be prepared by Jeff Melvin, the Warming Kitchen Manager. Melvin is a retired Advanced EMP from Indiana who believes he was directed by God to be part of the Kingdom Kids Preschool.

A beautiful new playground was constructed in less than three days and has colorful child-at-



Left to Right: Kingdom Kids Director Chris Eads, Dr. Richard Gehrz, MBC Board Member and Childcare Committee Chair, Donna Thornton-Roberts, National Key Note Speaker and New School Opening Consultant, and Memorial Baptist Church Pastor Mike Jones.

tracting equipment, and multiple surfaces for play. A Buddy Bench, where a shy child can sit with a teacher and build confidence, sits off to the side. There is also a 10-foot x 12-foot metal gazebo to shield the children from the sun or a sudden rain shower.

According to Dr. Gehrz, the playground is a posthumous gift from a Memorial Baptist 90-year-old couple, Adelene and Gilmer Newman, who had no children. They left a monetary gift to the church to be used to bless others.

Kingdom Kids Director, Chris Eads, and his wife Donna, believe that "every child is unique and special. Kingdom Kids will strive to create an environment that fosters their individual growth and development. We offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities ranging from music lessons, team sports, art classes - we have options that cater to every student's interests."

In addition to the Monday through Friday preschool services, Kingdom Kids offers an after school program and will be hosting Summer Camp for grades K - 5. Hours of operation are 6:45am to 5:45pm. A breakfast, lunch and snack are offered daily. Up to 98 students can be accommodated, including after-school programs.

As of last week, there were still



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limited space for families needing childcare. Details can be found on the Kingdom Kids website: [www.mbckingdomkids.org](http://www.mbckingdomkids.org) or email to: [info@mbckingdomkids.org](mailto:info@mbckingdomkids.org). Applications for position with Kingdom Kids can also be found on their website.



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# Labor Day weekend proves deadly for motorcyclists in Va.

RICHMOND – Thirteen individuals died in 10 traffic crashes over the 2023 Labor Day holiday weekend in Virginia, according to preliminary reports. Half of the traffic crashes involved motorcycles, in which seven motorcycle operators and passengers lost

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You have to vote up or down?” Stanley questioned.

Sens. John Cosgrove and Thomas Norment defended the resolution, saying it didn’t have to set a precedent and that members could propose a resolution next session to change it.

Ultimately, the Senate voted 30-9 in favor of the resolution, and the House and Senate voted overwhelmingly to approve the proposed budget.

their lives. A total of 12 individuals died in traffic crashes during the 2022 Labor Day four-day statistical counting period, compared to 10 deaths in 2021\*. The 2023 Labor Day statistical counting period began at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, and concluded at midnight Monday, Sept. 4, 2023.

The 10 fatal traffic crashes occurred in the City of Virginia Beach and Campbell, Hanover, James City, Montgomery, Nelson, Pittsylvania, Rockbridge, Scott and Wythe counties. The crashes in Campbell, Pittsylvania and Scott County each involved two fatalities. The fatal motorcycle crashes occurred in Virginia Beach and Hanover, Nelson, Scott and Wythe counties.

“To have lost this many lives to traffic crashes, especially motorcycle riders, in just four days is both disheartening and alarming,” said Colonel Gary T. Settle, Virginia

State Police Superintendent. “As demonstrated by the enforcement statistics from the holiday weekend, Virginia’s state troopers were on patrol doing everything we could to prevent crashes and encourage compliance with Virginia traffic laws. As we look to these final months of 2023, I cannot impress enough the importance for all Virginians to take traffic safety seriously and commit to saving lives on our highways.”

Colonel Settle also encourages Virginians to take advantage of the free motorcycle assessment courses

being offered in the coming weeks by Virginia State Police Motorcycle Troopers. Registration is currently open for Ride 2 Save Lives training courses being held in Yorktown, Wytheville, Richmond, Manassas, Salem, and Virginia Beach between now and October. For more information and to register online, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/virginia-state-police-16981406541>.

During the four-day statistical counting period for the 2023 Labor Day weekend, Virginia State Police participated in both the annual

Operation C.A.R.E. – the Crash Awareness Reduction Effort – as well as the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over DUI prevention campaign. State police enforcement efforts resulted in 73 DUI arrests, as well as 279 drivers being cited for violating Virginia’s “hands free law.”

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# Canoe

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the tree for transport proved to be more difficult than April imagined.

“So, I got a little discouraged and I walked up to Wills Ridge Supply, because it was kind of close, and just sat outside. There was only one car in the parking lot and very soon thereafter, the owner, Joe Gallimore, walks out. And I was like, ‘I need your help.’”

April then asked Gallimore if he and his crew would help her lift the tree onto the trailer. The next day Martin informed April that the tree had been loaded on the trailer. Brandon Arnold then brought the tree to the Ingles Ferry property, where April and her compatriots could set to work.

As mentioned, April Martin was intent on manufacturing a dugout canoe using the same techniques as were used hundreds of years in the past. This meant using the ancient technique of burning the sections of the log that were meant to be dug out, and then chipping and scraping the burnt material until the log is partially hollowed out.

“So, you burn it and then you can scape it real good or chip it with the adze,” April explained. “It took two months of chippen’ and burning, chippen’ and burning just like the Native Americans would have done.”

Though some of the work was done using a stone scaping device, April and her helpers mostly used a metal adze, which is a cutting tool similar to an ax but with the cutting-edge perpendicular to the handle.

College-aged interns played a

big role in helping April with the intense manual labor needed to hollow out the log. James Guthrie, who attends George Mason University, had already left for school by the time the dugout was ready to launch. Gibson Graham, who attends NRCC and Blake Bauer, who attends Mary Washington University, also lent much time and energy to make this project happen.

Bauer originally set out to become a schoolteacher but recently changed his course of study.

“I just love history and the area’s full of history,” said Bauer, who recently graduated from PCPS. “When I came back from school, I was like, I want to go into museum studies and I decided to just walk into a museum and ask for an internship. So, I went into the Radcliffe Transportation Museum downtown, and I said ‘Hi, my name is Blake. Can I be your intern for the summer?’ Then I realized I was talking to April ... Miss Martin, and she said yes. She’s been teaching me a lot about the museum world and stuff. So, that’s how I got involved. I just went up and asked.”

Others assisted as well, including Erin Quesenberry and John Duncan from Claytor Lake State Park, with Duncan providing ancient looking oars for the project. Shelby Bell and her family lent a helping hand, as did Tony and Garrett Fowler and a woman named Acadia.

Kids from the Wilderness Road Regional Museum summer camp were also part of the dugout canoe production process and three of those campers, Justus, Violet and Eliana, came along with their mother, Karen Davis, for the much-anticipated dugout launch.

“We’re big April fans,” said



William Paine/The Patriot

April Martin, Director of the Wilderness Road Regional Museum, launched her dugout canoe in the New River at the site of the historic Ingles Ferry.

Karen Davis. “We try to do anything she does.”

“We used rocks to scrape the burnt wood,” said Violet of her summer camp experience. She and her siblings were hoping to take part in the launch and weren’t disappointed.

After bailing out the dugout canoe, April, with help from Blake and Gibson guided the watercraft into the waters of the New. The canoe is approximately 12 feet in length with a pointed prow and two seating areas dug into the interior. The inside seats were still black form the burning process used to make them.

After the craft was carefully



The Ingles Ferry Historic Roadside Marker was recently unveiled at the Mary Draper Ingles Festival. April Martin provided the text for the marker, which also denotes the Louis and Clark Legacy Trail. From Left: April Martine (Pulaski and Radford Chair of the Lewis and Clark Legacy Trail), Peggy Crossen (President of the Lewis and Clark Legacy Trail) and Tucker Lemon (Board Chair of the Lewis and Clark Legacy Trail). (Courtesy Photo)

guided a few feet into the New River, April declared the dugout to be seaworthy enough to hold a full complement of canoers. Seizing the opportunity, Violet, Justus and Eliana climbed aboard.

A little later, Gibson Graham and Blake Bauer took their turn paddling the dugout a little way before to once again take to bailing. It was a brief, yet significant moment, as April allowed her boat to be boarded but was never confident enough to let go of the rope used for mooring the craft.

No matter, there’s plenty of more time to make this home-made dugout canoe more seaworthy. April plans to keep the burning and chipping process going, even as it remains moored to the riverbank.

“When it gets to the point that it’s cold enough and I don’t think I can go back in the river anymore, I’m going to move it between two big old sycamores in the river, load it up with rocks and sink it, just like the Cherokee would have done it,” said April. “This keeps it watertight and doesn’t let rot happen. We’ll bring it back when we need it.”

When next Spring comes, April plans to continue the burning and scaping process and devotees of the Wilderness Road Regional Museum will no doubt see and maybe even paddle on the dugout canoe in the future.

April’s long-term goal is to paddle the dugout across the New River, just as countless pioneers did when the Wilderness Road was the main avenue for westward travel. It’s a lofty goal that will no doubt require plenty more burning, chippen’ and scapin’ work by April and friends.



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# Champions

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and be able to cope with different riders and skill levels.”

Throughout her numerous years of training, showing and breeding horses and teaching kids how to do the same, Kim and her students at Shadow Ranch have shown and won hundreds of ribbons, trophies, and awards on the School Horses she has bred and trained.

As a Certified Riding Instructor, Open Horse Show Judge and former Teacher of Equine Behavior and Training at Virginia Tech, Kim is very capable of instructing her students in multiple disciplines; among them English and Western divisions, Sport Horse and Dressage.

For many years, Shadow Ranch students have won Championships, Reserve Championships and placed Top Ten at Arabian Youth & Sport Horse Nationals, Pinto World Championships and World Western Dressage Championships. They have numerous Arabian and 4H Regional Championships and East Coast Arabian Championships. They show in local events, 4H District, State, and Regional shows, Arabian breed shows and Dressage/Sport Horse National level events. But they also love sharing Shadow Ranch horses with local school and church groups.

Just about any time of day, you will find a dozen Shadow Ranch Riders busy about doing “horse things” like washing and grooming their horse, cleaning their stall, polishing their equipment for the next big show, taking riding lessons, putting their mounts through their paces or jumping in their on-site riding arena– Shadow Ranch is a very busy place!

After school, often times these kids are there in the barn or the pastures. During the summer, when not at horse shows, they can attend Shadow Ranch Summer Camp. Kim believes in educating students about all aspects of horses – horse health care, equipment, horsemanship, discipline, etc. If it’s inclement weather, no excuse. She will hold classes or show videos during weather days.

She recently posted her thoughts on their Shadow Ranch Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064785604071> “Its been an amazing summer. Winning, losing, struggling, thriving. I have posted the good news as much as I could. Some days exhaustion would set in and some days your brain just goes numb. To say I am proud of my students, their horses, my horses, doesn’t seem the right word. Proud doesn’t really cover it all. I stand behind my belief that it’s not about winning and ribbons. Those come when knowledge and hard work have been applied FIRST. Ribbons and wins are the result. The wins have not come easy this year. Many have had to dig deep and push past mental and physical limitations. But thats what life is about.”

Kim teaches her students important life lessons, like how to be diligent and have patience ... sometimes waiting for years



The ranch’s contenders for US Arabian Youth National Championships: L to R: Grace Myers with VTC Juztice & VTC Southern Lady, Center photo: Charlie Hamblin with Son of A Bob & Czallenger VTC, Right: Kylene Hamblin with VTC Good Vibratz and Khoaz VTC.

to fulfill your dream. In another Facebook post she wisely advised her students: “One thing I realized in last few weeks is be patient. Patience is NOT one of my better qualities. Or at least I don’t think it is. Patience with kids, horses, most people in general yes, but when I want something, I want it yesterday. Which is silly because I have waited all my life. Waited for a horse (LONGEST wait of my life), a truck, a farm, a nice saddle (didn’t have my first “quality” saddle ‘till I was in my late 30’s). Waited for foals. Waited to afford to show. Wait, wait, wait. My horses had to wait too. Wait to be trained, wait to be shown. Many are able to get their babies out to show early and win championships at 2 years of age. I admit we have a couple we have been able to get out at a young age. However, the majority sit, wait, work on the farm and teach kids.

“This year at Nationals, I took two School Horses that had waited their turn. It wasn’t that they weren’t ‘good’ enough or not trained. They had important jobs of being school horses for the riders here at home. Let’s face it, school horses are the backbone of the industry. I don’t ever regret that they were teaching or working at home. I just always love to see them showing, proving to the world they are as amazing as I think they are. Don’t give up when things take too long. God has a plan. It’s not our timing but His.

My horse Cheeks, the last Dinah baby, is 17 this year. He has won tons of 4H and local shows. All his full siblings are Regional/national/World championship winners. He started showing at rated shows 2-1/2 years ago. He now has several regional titles and a Top Ten at Nationals this year. Viv, also 17 was an amazing riding mare for a friend of mine until she came home two years ago. Now she has multiple regional/ East Coast Championships, a National Top 10, a Reserve National title and National Champion in just two years of showing on a rated level.

I always hoped and dreamed they would wear roses and sport the tricolored ribbons as champions. 17 years. Summer was 18 when she won her World Pinto title. Splash was 18 when he won



This is Shadow Ranch’s VTC Southern Lady, ridden by Grace Myers.

his National Top 10. Most horses have stopped showing and been retired by then. So if you are feeling like you aren’t going anywhere, that things aren’t happening fast enough, stop, take a moment, and be patient. Good things take time. It might be a year, five years, or 17. When its time, it will happen and mean much more. Be patient.”

Erik is very proud of his wife’s achievements, but he comments

that Kim is a humble person and likes to stay in the background. However, her reputation as an accomplished horsewoman and teacher is known to those in the horse-community. And while there are other great horse farms in the NRV, he tells of a recent personal encounter: “A young girl was talking to my wife and suddenly realized who she was. ‘OH! You’re that legend,’ she exclaimed! “We laugh and giggle

about that but my wife has done pretty well with her backyard ponies and world of rougher edges.”

Kim would tell you – it’s not about her. It’s about sharing the love of horses with kids who want to follow their dream and may find it fulfilled at Shadow Ranch.

For more information about Shadow Ranch, visit their Facebook page: Shadow Ranch, Pulaski VA



Shadow Ranch VTC Good Vibratz winning reserve champion at youth nationals with Kylene Hamblin.

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# 1-0 Hokies prepare for Purdue

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

Virginia Tech hopes to continue its winning ways at the start of the 2023 season by winning a second straight home game this Saturday when they host the Purdue Boilermakers in Lane Stadium.

Hokies Head Coach Brent Pry hopes the fans return to Lane and repeat the same atmosphere as was present last Saturday night in Tech's 36-17 win over Old Dominion.

"First of all, obviously, I want to thank our fans again for the amazing turnout Saturday. It was awesome down there," Pry said of fan turnout last Saturday.

"It was my family's first experience — they were on the field for 'Enter Sandman' and my college teammate was there with his wife and it was just awesome. We appreciate everybody selling the game out and making it a great environment for our players and coaches.

"I think this weekend, it's Hall of Fame Weekend with Kyle Fuller and David Wilson going in. I hope those guys can be there," Pry continued.

"This is a great game to build on," Pry added about the ODU win.

Against ODU, the Hokies

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Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Virginia Tech wide receiver Ali Jennings - a transfer from Old Dominion - stretches out to catch a pass against his old team during last Saturday's Hokie win over the Monarchs. Jennings caught five passes for 72 yards and scored two touchdowns.

# Pulaski County travels to Botetourt

Pulaski County Public Schools

The Pulaski County High School Cougar football team will hit the road for their second game of the season Friday night, when they travel to Daleville to take on a very strong and well-coach Lord Botetourt Cavalier squad.

"They're good and they've already played two games," Cougar Head Coach Cam Akers said. "They are loaded with some very talented players who have a ton of experience. Coach (Jamie) Harless does a great job with his program and has continued to build on their success each season. It will be a big test for us."

The Cavaliers have an overall record of 325-330-1 since the school opened in 1959, but since Head Coach Jamie Harless took the reins in 2012, the varsity program has put together a stellar record of 106-30 that includes a playoff appearance in each of the 11 seasons, three Region Championship game appearances, and four State Championship game appearances. In each of those region and state title games, however, the Cavaliers have fallen. Their State Championship appearances were in 2015, 2018, 2019, and in the 2020-21 Covid season.

The Cougars and Cavaliers have only faced off six times, resulting in five wins for Pulaski County and one tie. The first game, which ended in a 6-6 tie,



was in the 1976 season that put Cougar Head Coach Dave Brown against Cavalier Head Coach Otis Timberlake. The biggest win for the Cougars was in 2001 when the Cougars crushed the Cavaliers 63-21 on their way to a State Championship game appearance of their own against Lafayette. The last matchup involved the 2008 squad, who routed the Cavaliers 40-6 at Cavalier Stadium.

Lord Botetourt returns a large portion of their starters from the 2022 team that lost to Christiansburg 7-34 in the region title game. Coach Harless has stated publicly that the loss fell on his shoulders,

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Tyler Underwood dives to make a tackle during the Cougars' opening season win at Northside. The assignment for the Cougars will be much tougher this week against Lord Botetourt.

Brian Bishop/The Patriot

WEEK 1  
Schedule

Week 2 of the region's high school football games for Friday, Sept. 8:

E. C. Glass at George Washington  
Blacksburg at Floyd County  
Salem at William Fleming  
Halifax at Jefferson Forest  
Appomattox at Heritage  
Franklin County at Liberty Christian  
Pulaski County at Lord Botetourt  
Northside at Hidden Valley  
Liberty (Bedford) at Staunton River  
William Byrd at Christiansburg  
Abingdon at Gate City  
Cave Spring at Glenvar  
Carroll County at Galax  
Radford at Virginia  
Graham at George Wythe  
Bland County at Phelps, Ky  
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Note: All games start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

# High School Football Scores

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Altavista 67, Prince Edward County 8  
Amelia County 18, Franklin 0  
Amherst County 26, GW (Danville) 20  
Arcadia 49, Charles City County 6  
Armstrong 21, Petersburg 8  
Atlee 42, Deep Run 35  
Bassett 34, Patrick County 10  
Bath County 52, Page County 38  
Battlefield 56, Potomac 14  
Bayside 43, Tallwood 26  
Benedictine 31, Western Branch 13  
Brentsville 41, James Wood 7  
Briar Woods 27, Loudoun County 14  
Broad Run 49, Park View 0  
Broadway 21, Strasburg 20  
Brooke Point 58, Spotsylvania 7  
Brookville 46, Halifax County 20  
Bruton 27, Nandua 26  
Buckingham County 22, Madison County 7  
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Freedom (Woodbridge) 35, Varina 27  
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Gate City 24, Middlesboro, Ky. 18  
George Marshall 51, Falls Church 6  
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Graham 42, Galax 13  
Granby 26, Kecoughtan 24  
Grassfield 20, Woodside 7  
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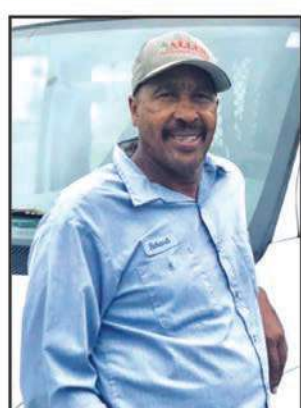
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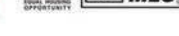
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1. Rezone Application submitted Debbie Gardner, rezone of Tax Map 091-001-0000-0055,55A from Low Density Residential (LR) to Commercial (CM) located at 3163 Greenbriar Road, Draper VA, 24324 Draper District
2. Proposed text amendments to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Article 5, 7,10, and 11

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE



### Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice is given pursuant to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance and Section 15.2-2310 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301. The Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals is hosting a Public Hearing and will receive public comments in relationship to the applications as listed below:

1. Petition by Texas Republic Signs LLC on behalf of Brabham Enterprises LLC, Variance to Article 5.1 Signage, in a Commercial Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 5150 State Park Road Dublin, VA 24084 Tax Map # 057-001-0000-012A, Ingles District.
2. Petition by Cat Scale Signs, on behalf of Brabham Enterprises LLC, Variance to Article 5.1 Signage, in a Commercial Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 5150 State Park Road Dublin, VA 24084 Tax Map # 057-001-0000-012A, Ingles District.
3. Petition by Debbie Gardner, The Draper Village, Variance to Article 5.1 Signage, in a Commercial/Low Density Residential Zone District, of the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance. The property is located at 3163 Greenbriar Road Draper, VA 24324, Tax Map # 091-001-0000-0055A, Draper District

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# Hokies

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broke open a close 16-10 game at halftime with a 14-point outburst in the third quarter.  
Former ODU receiver Ali Jennings caught five passes for the Hokies for 72 yards and scored two TDs – one near the end of the first half and another early in the second half – to help power the Hokies.

Virginia Tech tacked on another TD late in the third quarter when quarterback Grant Wells scored from a yard out.  
John Love finished the second half surge for the Hokies with two short field goals. He also went 4-4 on the day on PATs.

“I love that we were able to go 1-0. It’s a great game to build on,” Pry told the media on Tuesday, but added, “We have several areas we have got to get better in if we want to be 1-0 again this weekend.”

This week’s opponent, Purdue, lost in its season opener last Saturday to defending Mountain West champion Fresno State, 39-35 when the Bulldogs scored on a late TD pass in the final minute.

It was Boilermaker Head Coach Ryan Walter’s first game at Purdue.

This is only the second time Tech and Purdue have played. The Hokies won the first matchup in 2015 by a 51-24 score.

Purdue is led by quarterback Hudson Card who went 17 of 30 passing for 354 yards and two



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Head Coach Brent Pry said the ODU game was the best yet for QB Grant Wells.

TDs and no interceptions against Fresno State in his first start as a Boilermaker.

His top target is Deion Burks who caught four passes for 152 yards and two TDs against Fresno.

Tyrone Tracy Jr. opened the second half for Purdue by returning the kickoff 98 yards for a score. He also scored a rushing touchdown in the first half.

Dillon Thieneman had 10 tackles

to pace the Boilermaker defense last week and secured a turnover in his first game at Purdue.

Fifth-year senior Cam Allen makes a return to his home state of Virginia. The defensive back is a native of Bluefield and attended Graham High School.

“I think it’s gonna’ be a good matchup,” said Pry. “They’ve got some great size up front and I think their front seven do a real nice job.



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Virginia Tech Head Coach Brent Pry seems to like what he sees during last Saturday’s 36-17 win over Old Dominion. The Monarchs beat the Hokies in the season opener last season - but not this year.

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Menchville 21, Heritage (Newport News) 20  
Meridian 14, Dominion 0  
Midlothian 27, Prince George 13  
Mills Godwin 14, Patrick Henry (Ashland) 13  
Millbrook 44, Warren County 12  
Mountain View (Stafford) 49, Woodgrove 12  
Montcalm, W.Va. 54, Twin Valley 0  
Monticello 27, Waynesboro 17  
Musselman, W.Va. 22, Loudoun Valley 15, OT  
Narrows 31, Holston 30  
Nelson County 27, Mountain View (Quicksburg) 6  
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Northumberland 63, Middlesex 13  
Orange County 18, Culpeper 8  
Parry McCluer 44, Cumberland 8  
Patrick Henry 31, E.C. Glass 21  
Patrick Henry (Gade Spring) 37, Lebanon 24  
Phoebus 16, Oscar Smith 2  
Potomac Falls 21, Freedom (South Riding) 7  
Powhatan 43, Mechanicsville 23  
Quince Orchard, Md. 33, South County 0  
Radford 35, Giles 0  
Ridgeview 56, Grundy 7  
Riverbend 44, Forest Park 15  
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They’re committed to stopping the run and being physical. They know who they are defensively.”  
Last week against ODU, Pry started the game with the expected quarterback rotation between Wells and redshirt-sophomore Kyron Drones. He expects to continue that strategy against Purdue.  
Pry said he intends to go into the game again this week with a package of plays for each quarterback.  
“I really want people to have to defend Kyron’s skill set,” Pry told the media. “We’re still very much committed to developing him each and every week. I’d like to see his play count go up.”  
As for Wells, Pry said it was probably his best game at Tech.

“He certainly didn’t play perfect, but he made good decisions, threw the ball pretty well. This is a great game for him to build on ... to continue to grow as a quarterback and be the type guy that can lead us to some victories.”

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Rural Retreat 40, Eastern Montgomery 0  
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# Cougars

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and while giving proper credit to Christiansburg, his team did not perform as trained that day.

The team has 16 seniors, many of which have been multiple year starters. Many of their linemen from both sides of the ball are back, as well as several key skill players.

At the top of the list is senior quarterback Jakari Nicely (6'1", 205). Last season he was the Blue Ridge District Player of the Year and selected as a part of the first team All-State squad.

In front of and protecting him will be several standouts. Senior tight-end Kendal Howard (6'3", 255) not only excels at that position, but is the second ranked defensive tackle in the state per ESPN. He has already committed to play football at Wake Forest.

Senior Kesean Anderson (6'3", 330) is the third ranked offensive lineman in the state per ESPN and has committed to Ohio.

Senior lineman D.J. Toliver is currently ranked as the fourth best offensive lineman in the state per ESPN. He is uncommitted currently, but has received offers from Penn State, North Carolina, and Louisville to this point. The list will grow.

"They've got a line with size, speed, and power," Coach Akers said. "They play well together, and they don't make a lot of mistakes. Our guys are going to have to do the same. I know it always sounds the same, but it all comes down to blocking, tackling, and eliminating mistakes."

The Cavaliers opened their season with a 14-0 loss to E.C. Glass on the road in Lynchburg. The Hilltoppers are another solid program that is expected to make a deep run in the playoffs this season. Last week, the Cavaliers traveled to Blacksburg to take on the Bruins. The result of that game was a bruising 83-6 win for the Cavs.

When the Cougars took the field in their season opener, senior Chris Gallimore (6'1", 220), who has played that position for the past two seasons, handled the quarterback duties. He finished the night with solid numbers on the ground and through the air, leading the Cougars to a big win. Sophomore Bryant Nottingham (6'1", 154) is available to rotate in as needed. Both will also continue to see plenty of time on de-

fense. Junior Isaiah O'Dell (6', 176) will continue to work at the running back spot. O'Dell will be in the mix at the A-back position with senior Tyler Underwood (6'1", 210) on one side and junior Chase Lawrence (6'1", 181) on the other.

The slot backs will be a combination of junior Trevor Gallimore (5'10", 192) and sophomore Savion Thompson (6', 183).

Senior Marcus Reed (6'3", 202) will continue as wide out, along with junior Tanner Mace (5'11", 156). Reed caught all the Cougar pass attempts in the season opener.

The center will be sophomore Blake Ratcliffe (6', 211). The guard spots will be handled by junior Noah Hinkley (5'8", 253) and junior Aiden Moore (5'9", 268). The tackles will be a combination of senior Jack Allen (6'2", 218), junior Hunter Hill (5'10", 205), and sophomore Chase King (5'11", 193).

The defensive unit will see senior Duncan Umberger (5'5", 233) in the middle. Jack Allen and junior Gavin Lytton (5'8", 169) will handle the tackle duties on one side. Aiden Moore will line up on the other side.

The outside linebackers will continue to be a four-man rotation. Senior Marcus Reed and senior Chris Gallimore will handle one side. Savion Thompson and freshman Parker Price (6'1", 186) will handle the other. The inside linebackers will be seniors Tyler Underwood and Nick Woolwine (6'1", 186).

In the secondary, the free safety will be Chase Lawrence. The strong safety will be Isaiah O'Dell. The corners will be a Bryant Nottingham and Tanner Mace.

Nottingham will handle the kicking and punting duties. The holder on field goals and extra points will be Isaiah O'Dell. The long and short snappers will be Chris Gallimore or Chase Lawrence.

"Our goal is to continue to show improvement each day," Coach Akers said. "I thought we took some good steps last week against Northside. Having our bye week so early in the season isn't the best option, but it did give us a little extra time to work on some things. We still have work to do, but our guys are putting in the time."

Kickoff Friday is set for 7 p.m. at Cavalier Stadium at Lord Botetourt High School.



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Pulaski County's Gavin Lytton does battle in the trenches against a Northside Viking lineman. The Cougars humbled the Vikings for the second season in a row, 42-7.

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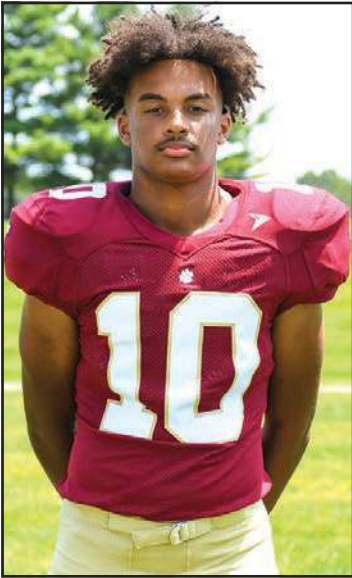


**Assistant Coach**  
**Eric Berry**  
JV Head Coach, O-Line Coach  
**Wife or significant other:** Amy Berry (wife of 24 years)  
**Children:**  
**Lives in Dublin**  
**29 Years in Coaching (all at PCHS)**

Outside of football, he enjoys weight training and wood working. He is a Pulaski County graduate. Greg is a WVU fan. As a coach, he enjoys working with the kids, watching boys turn into good young men.  
**Future plans:** Continue to coach as long as I can.



**Jack Allen**  
**Age:** 17  
**Grade:** 12  
**Parents/Guardians:** Greg and Kim Allen  
**Siblings:** Drew and Adam  
Lives in Dublin  
Favorite Subject in School: History  
**Hobbies/Things you do outside football:** Playing video games, working out, basketball  
**Positions:** Defensive end, right tackle  
**Other sports:** Baseball  
**Like most about football:** Playing the game.  
**Favorite college, pro teams:** UVa, Washington  
**Future plans:** College



**Marcus Reed**  
**Age:** 17  
**Grade:** 12  
**Parents/Guardians:** Bob and Martha Reed  
**Siblings:** Jonathan  
Lives in Draper  
**Favorite Subject in School:** Science  
**Hobbies/Things you do outside football:** Hanging out with friends and family  
**Positions:** WR, TE and Outside linebacker  
**Other sports:** Basketball, track  
**Like most about football:** Love for the game, it teaches many things.  
Favorite college, pro teams: WVU and Carolina Panthers  
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Isaiah O'Dell carries the ball and breaks a Viking defender's tackle.


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# Bobcats Roll over Giles, 35-0

By ELIZABETH KANIPE  
The Patriot

Radford hosted longtime rival Giles County for the first time in two years. Radford looked to keep momentum after their win over George Wythe. Giles looked to do the same after they handily beat Blacksburg in their first game of the season. Giles looked to use their ball control single-wing offense to keep the high scoring Bobcat offense off the field.

Giles County moved the ball quickly down the field but turned the ball over on downs inside the Bobcat redzone. The Bobcat's offense quickly made their way down field. QB Landen Clark converted on 4th and 10 which

set up a screen pass to Max Kanipe. Kanipe made several defenders miss on his way to a 29 yard TD. The two-point conversion failed leaving the score 6-0.

On their next possession, Giles failed to convert on 4th and 2 on the Spartans side of the field. Radford quickly scored when Clark dropped back to pass and then tucked the ball and ran 37 yards to the endzone. Lewis Webster kicked the PAT to give Radford the 13-0 lead. After holding the Spartans again on downs, the Bobcats drove 89 yards and scored when William Dehart-Lewis punched it in from the 1 yard line. Clark easily converted the 2-point conversion giving Radford a 21-0 lead.

Radford took their next possession when Couper Doyle intercepted a Christian Ratcliffe pass late in the second quarter. Clark hit Kanipe, Luke Woodard, and Sincere Taylor to quickly move into Spartan territory. Woodard reeled in a 18 yard pass from Clark with 16 seconds left to finish the scoring for the half putting the Bobcats up 28-0.

The Bobcats took the 2nd half kickoff and quickly put the game out of reach. Clark found a wide-open Taylor who made one cut and ran 57 yards for the final score of the game. Webster added the PAT to make the score 35-0.

Radford dominated the game which was never in doubt. The Bobcats had 367 total yards to 186 for Giles. Clark finished the game 14 of 22 for 273 yards and 3 touchdowns. Clark also led Radford in rushing with 2 carries for 52 yards and 1 touchdown. Taylor caught 5 passes for 154 yards and 1 TD. Kanipe had 5 catches for 78 yards and 1 TD.

The Bobcats travel to Virginia High next Friday to take on Head Coach Michael Crist's former team.



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

#1 Sincere Taylor cuts down the side of the field to score a 57-yard TD.



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

#3 Couper Doyle pulls down the interception late in the 2nd quarter.

## ACC welcomes Cal, SMU and Stanford in 2024-25

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (theACC.com) – The ACC Board of Directors voted last Friday to formally admit the University of California, Berkeley (Cal), Southern Methodist University (SMU) and Stanford University to the Atlantic Coast Conference. Cal, SMU and Stanford will join the ACC as full members with full voting participation effective July 1, 2024 (SMU) and August 2, 2024 (Stanford and Cal).



The decision followed the submission of letters of application from all three institutions.

The additions of Cal, SMU and Stanford enhance and strengthen the ACC academically, athletically and financially as well as create true national conference that spans coast to coast. The incoming universities enrich the league's competitiveness in all sports and further demonstrate the ACC's commitment to broad-based programs for both women and men. More than 2,200 student-athletes from Cal, SMU and Stanford will join the nearly 10,000 current ACC student-athletes competing at the highest level of intercollegiate athletics.

"This is a significant day for the ACC as we welcome Cal, SMU and Stanford to this incredible conference," said University of Virginia President James E. Ryan, chair of the ACC Board of Directors.

"This expansion will enhance and strengthen the league now and in the future. We greatly appreciate the tireless efforts of Commissioner Jim Phillips throughout this entire process, especially his focus on minimizing travel burdens for student-athletes, and we are excited about the ACC's collective future."

"We are thrilled to welcome three world-class institutions to the ACC, and we look forward to having them compete as part of our amazing league," said ACC Commissioner Jim Phillips, Ph.D. "Throughout the evaluation process, the ACC Board of Directors, led by President Ryan, was deliberate in prioritizing the best possible athletic and academic experience for our student-athletes and in ensuring that the three universities would strengthen the league in all possible ways. Cal, SMU and Stanford will be terrific members of the ACC and we are proud to welcome their student-athletes, coaches, staff and entire campus community, alumni and fans."

"We are very pleased with the See ACC, page B7

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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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# Kansas marks midway point of Playoffs’ Round of 16

From NASCAR

After an eventful NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs opener at the historic Darlington Raceway, the 16 postseason contenders turn their attention to the only 1.5-mile track in the round - Kansas Speedway - for the Hollywood Casino 400 on Sunday, September 10 at 3 p.m. ET on USA, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

Hendrick Motorsports’ Kyle Larson is the first Playoff driver to earn his spot in the Round of 12 with his victory last weekend at Darlington, leaving 11 spots still up for grabs, as the series heads to Kansas for the second of three races in the Round of 16. Four drivers will not move on to the Round of 12, and the contenders currently under the outline heading into this weekend are 23XI Racing’s Bubba Wallace (-1 point), Stewart-Haas Racing’s Kevin Harvick (-2 points), JTG Daugherty Racing’s Ricky Stenhouse Jr. (-4 points) and Front Row Motorsports’ Michael McDowell (-19 points). Joe Gibbs Racing’s Christopher Bell is currently in the 12th and final transfer spot on points.

The 2023 season marks the second-time the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs’ second race has been hosted by Kansas Speedway. Kansas (2022-2023) is the fourth different track in NASCAR Cup Series history to host the second race of the Playoffs; joining Dover Motor Speedway (2004-2010), New Hampshire Motor Speedway (2011–2017) and Richmond Raceway (2018-2021).

A total of 14 different drivers have won the second race of the Playoffs, led by seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson with three wins (2005, 2009, 2010); followed by Kyle Busch (2017, 2018), Matt Kenseth (2013, 2015) and Martin Truex Jr. (2019, 2021) with two victories each.

Team Penske’s Joey Logano leads the NASCAR Cup Series in Playoff wins at Kansas Speedway with three postseason victories (2014, 2015, 2020); followed

by four other drivers with multiple Kanas Playoff wins: Tony Stewart (2006, 2009), Jimmie Johnson (2008, 2011), Greg Biffle (2007, 2010) and Stewart-Haas Racing’s Kevin Harvick (2013, 2016). 23XI Racing’s Bubba Wallace is the most recent Playoff race winner at Kansas Speedway (2022).

Winning the second the race in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs has been a springboard for a few competitors throughout the years. When Dover Motor Speedway hosted the second race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs (2004-2010), twice the winning driver went on to win the series title that same season – Jimmie Johnson (2009 and 2010). When New Hampshire Motor Speedway moved to the second race in the Playoffs (2011-2017), only one driver won the event and went on to win the title that same year – Tony Stewart (2011). Stewart won five races in the 2011 NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs (a series-record tied with Kyle Larson, 2021). None of the Playoff race winners at Richmond Raceway (2018-2021) went on to win the title in the same season.

Twice the winner of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race at Kansas Speedway has gone on to win the title that same season. In 2008, Jimmie Johnson won the Kansas Speedway NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race from the pole, leading 124 laps, and then went on to win his third consecutive series title later that season. Kansas was the third race of the Playoffs in 2008. The Kansas win was the first of three Playoff wins for Johnson en route to the 2008 title. Then in 2017, Martin Truex Jr. won the Kansas Speedway NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race from the pole, leading 91 laps, and went on to win his first NASCAR Cup Series title later that season. Kansas was the sixth race of the Playoffs in 2017. The Kansas win was the second of four Playoff victories for Truex en route to the championship in 2017.

Last season, 23XI Racing’s Bubba Wallace became the first non-Playoff driver to win the second race on the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs’ schedule (2004-



Kevin Harvick, driver of the #4 Mobil 1 Take 5 Ford, stands on the grid during the national anthem with his wife, DeLana Harvick, son, Keelan Paul Harvick and daughter, Piper Harvick prior to the NASCAR Cup Series Cook Out Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on September 03, 2023 in Darlington, South Carolina. (Photo by James Gilbert/Getty Images)

2022). Wallace was ranked 20th in the standings at the time of the win.

All the NASCAR Cup Series on-track activity at Kansas Speedway gets rolling with practice and Busch Light Pole Qualifying on Saturday, September 9 from 12 – 2 p.m. ET on the USA Network, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

**Playoff Round of 12 Clinch Scenarios: Kansas Speedway**  
Californian Kyle Larson and the No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports team can sleep easy over these next two weeks after taking the win in the Playoff Round of 16 opener at Darlington Raceway last Sunday. With Larson clinching his spot in the next round, only 11 of the 12 spots remain as the NASCAR Cup Series arrives at Kansas Speedway for the Hollywood Casino 400 (Sept. 10 at 3 p.m. ET on USA, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) – one of two chances left to clinch a spot in the Round of 12.

**Already Clinched**  
The following driver has clinched a spot in the 12-driver field of the next round: Kyle Larson.

**Can Clinch Via Points**  
If there is a repeat winner or a win by a driver who cannot advance to the next round, the following drivers could clinch by

being 56 points above the 11th winless driver in the standings. The same point requirements listed below would hold true if a new win comes from among William Byron, Tyler Reddick, Chris Buescher, Denny Hamlin, Martin Truex Jr., Kyle Busch, Brad

Keselowski, Ryan Blaney, Ross Chastain or Joey Logano. William Byron: Would clinch with 53 points (55 points if Reddick, Buescher, Hamlin or Truex Jr. wins, needs help if Busch, Keselowski, Blaney, Chastain or Logano win).

## ACC

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outcome, which will support the best interests of our student-athletes and aligns with Berkeley’s values,” said University of California-Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ. “We are confident that the ACC and its constituent institutions are an excellent match for our university and will provide an elite competitive context for our student-athletes in this changing landscape of intercollegiate athletics. I want to thank UC president Michael Drake, Director of Athletics Jim Knowlton, and ACC commissioner Jim Phillips, for the partnership, hard work, and leadership that made this agreement possible.”

“This is a transformational day for SMU,” said President R. Gerald Turner. Becoming a member of the ACC will positively impact all aspects of the collegiate experience on the Hilltop and will raise SMU’s profile on a national level. We want to thank everyone who has helped position SMU for this important moment. Joining the

ACC is an historic milestone in our institution’s history, and the start of a new chapter in SMU Athletics.”

“Stanford welcomes the invitation extended by the ACC member universities, and we are excited to join them beginning in 2024,” said Stanford University President Richard P. Saller. “Student-athletes come to Stanford to pursue their highest academic and athletic potential, and joining the ACC gives us the ability to continue offering them that opportunity at a national level. We appreciate the dedicated efforts of Commissioner Jim Phillips and the leaders of the ACC member institutions to create this promising path forward.”

Cal, SMU and Stanford will begin competing in the ACC across their respective sponsored sports beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year. The ACC leads all Autonomy 5 conferences with 15 women’s sports offerings and no conference offers more than the league’s 28 total sponsored sports.

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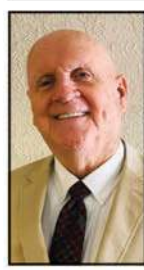
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# Matthew 24, Living in Perilous Times

In the perilous times of the last days, there'll be those who are threatened to denounce their faith, and they'll do it to save their own skins. Many will turn away from the faith. And will betray those who remain Christians and turn them over to the authorities to be punished during the tribulation period.

Luke wrote in Luke 21:16 of this same discourse and he added that Jesus also said, "And ye shall be betrayed both by parents and brethren and kinsfolks, and friends, and some of you shall they cause to be put to death."

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Our race towards heaven is a race of endurance. It's not the one who starts the race who wins the crown, but the one who endures to the end, and finishes the race.

Regardless of the obstacles, snares and pitfalls we will surely encounter in our service to Christ, we must of necessity keep on running the race of life, until we cross the finish line.

Vers 14. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

The great commission issued by Jesus Christ was a command for His followers to go into all the world and to preach the gospel, the good news of the Kingdom.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:19. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We are to go and share the gospel with others out of every nation, in the power of the Lord. If we can't go ourselves, then what we can do is to give our financial and prayerful support to those who do go.

Some believe the gospel has already been preached in every nation from what Paul wrote in Colossians 1:6 where he said, speaking of the dissimulation of the word of God, "Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world." And again in Colossians 1:23, "... which ye have heard and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven;"

Many believe that the gospel was preached to every nation in the world on the day of Pentecost when there were men who witnessed the event out of every nation of the earth.

Acts 2:5. "And there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven."

Peter preached the gospel under a heavy anointing of the Holy Ghost and three thousand gladly received the word and were saved and baptized.

Acts 2:41. Verses 15 - 22. "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth let him understand;) Then let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house; Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe be unto them that are with child, and to them that give them suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there

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should no flesh be saved; but for the elect’s sake, those days shall be shortened.”

Some believe this is referring to the Abominable Roman Army who compassed Jerusalem around and destroyed the city and the temple in AD70. Many others, me included, believe that this is referring to the time when the antichrist will set up an image of himself in the rebuilt temple at Jerusalem and demand that he be worshipped, and that this is the abomination of desolation Daniel was speaking of. Then the Jews shall know they have been deceived and will of necessity for reason of survival, flee for their lives to a safe haven prepared for them by God in Petra, the mountain stronghold.

Daniel wrote in Daniel 12:11, “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. The 1,290 days refers to the last 3.5 years of the tribulation period.

The first 3.5 years of tribulation will be caused by the antichrist. The last 3.5 years will be when God pours out His wrath upon the earth.

Verses 23 & 24. “Then if any man shall say unto you, lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

When the Roman Army laid siege around Jerusalem before entering the city and destroying it, many false Messiahs arose, who lied and said that they were the true Messiah. That they would deliver the Jews from Gentile domination. Others claimed to have found the true Messiah and led many out to meet Him in various places, and as a result many lost their lives.

False harbingers said, He is here, or He is there, and led many out to their deaths.

# Bible Trivia

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

2. From Acts 20:35, “That so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words, it is more \_\_\_\_ to give than to receive.” Righteous, Understanding, Blessed, Bountiful

3. Ecclesiastes 3:13 states, “And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the \_\_\_\_ of God.” Will, Gift, Guidance, Law

4. From Proverbs 14:23, “In all labour there is profit, but the \_\_\_\_ of the lips tendeth only to penury.” Whispering, Closing, Talk, Howling

5. In Ephesians 4:28, “Let him that stole steal no more, but rather let him labour, working with his \_\_\_\_.” Brothers, Soul, Might, Hands

6. From Exodus 20:9, how many days shalt thou labour and do all thy work? Two, Four, Six, Seven

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Blessed, 3) Gift, 4) Talk, 5) Hands, 6) Six

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.  
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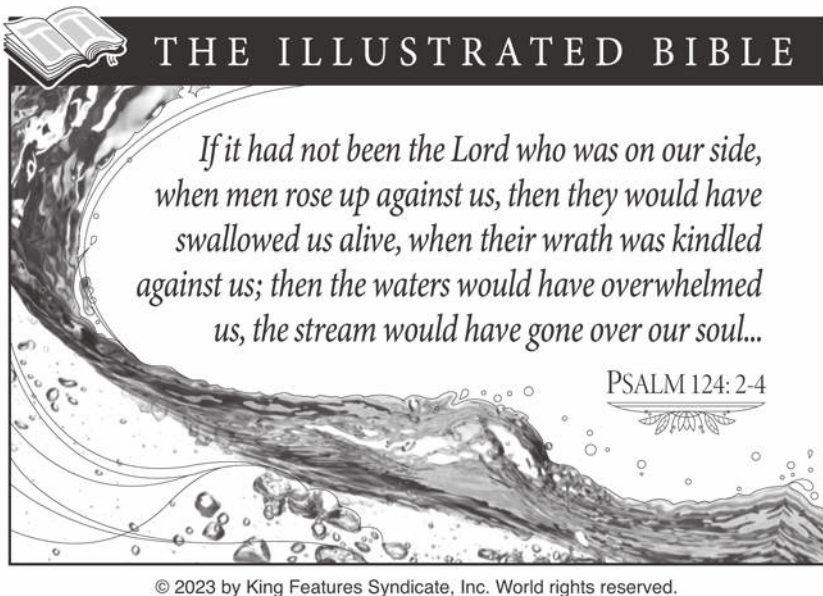
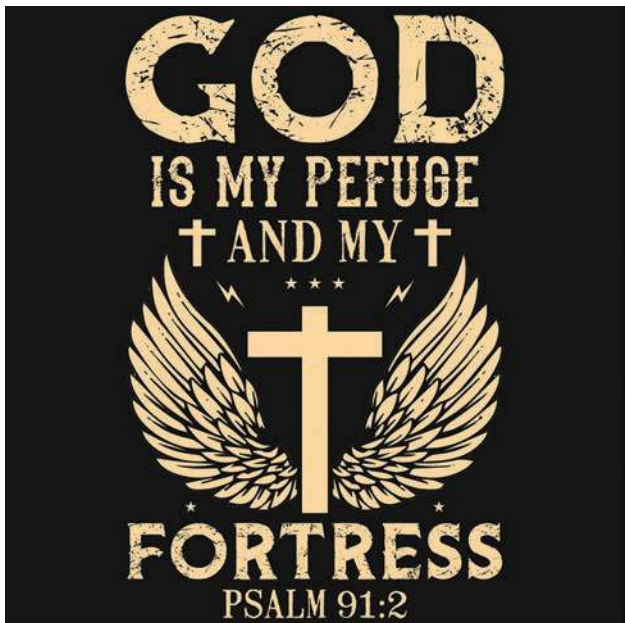
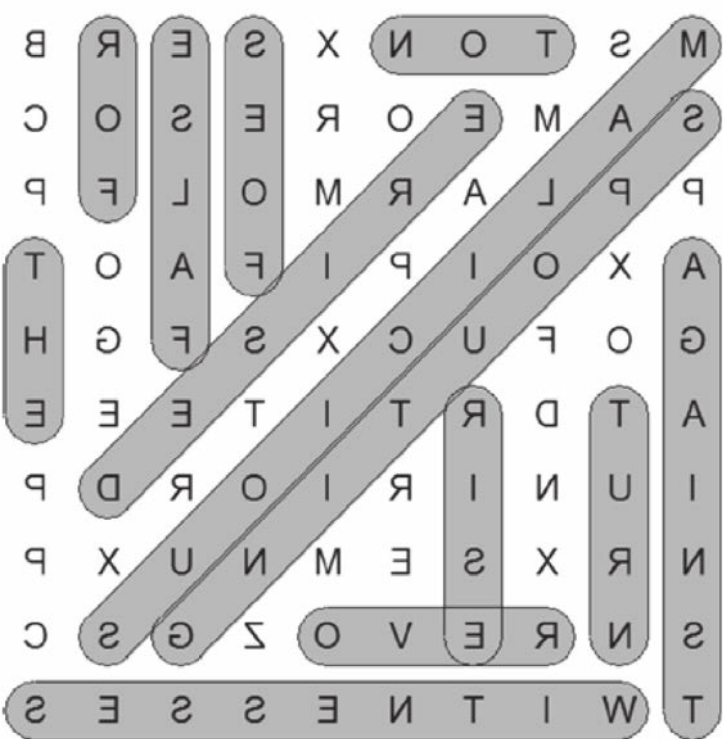
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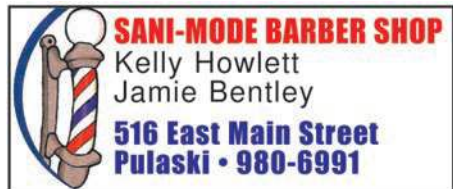
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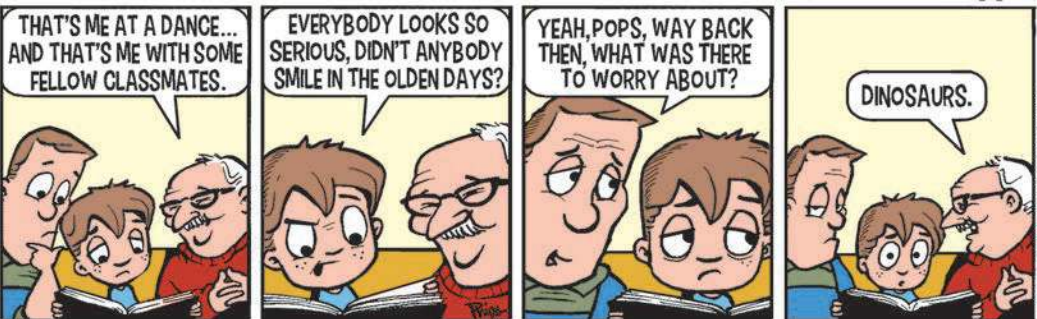
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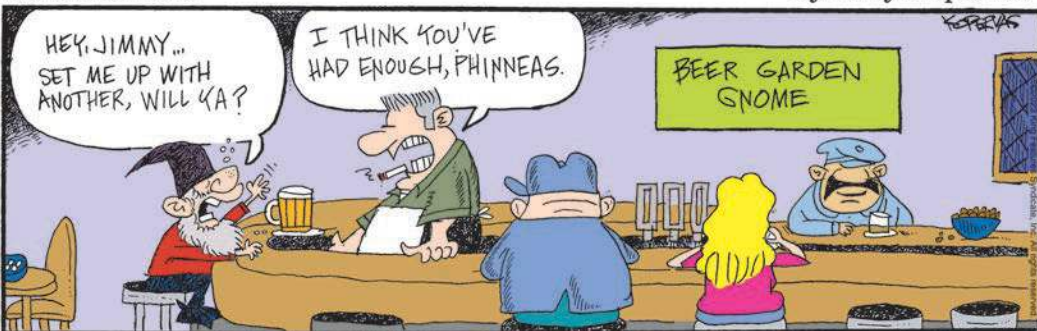
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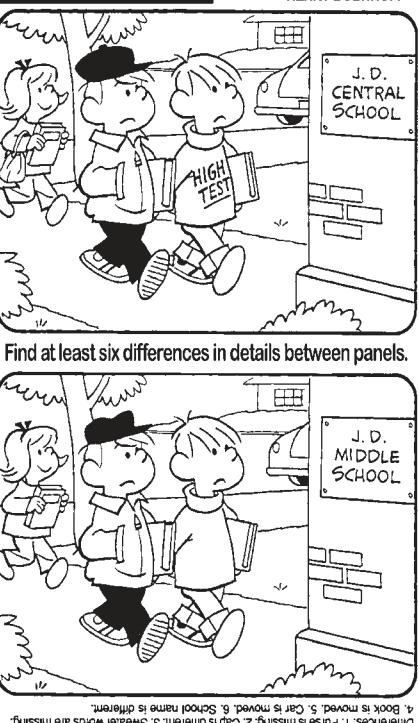


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HOCUS-FOCUS

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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 P

BD XSW EOOJX E FCERBMT OEQ  
RS EM ENFC DSG E ZGBCD  
OCGBSQ, BR NSWJQ ZC E RHS-  
ABMWRC HEGABMT.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

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Plan  
JETCORP  
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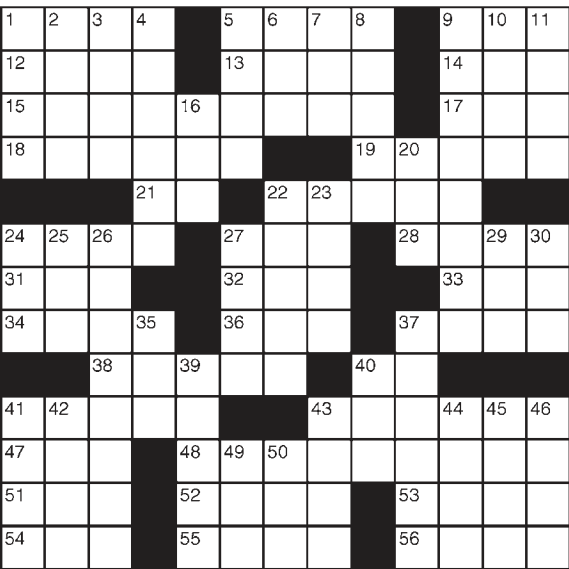
"Fifth floor, \_\_\_\_\_ Department  
— watch your step ... SIR!"

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Martial art
- 5 Smack a baseball
- 9 Romance
- 12 Abbr. on a phone
- 13 Sunscreen additive
- 14 "Big Blue"
- 15 Royal with a golden touch
- 17 Actress Vardalos
- 18 Naval rank
- 19 Avid
- 21 Hosp. triage area
- 22 Parsley and sage
- 24 Stately trees
- 27 Candle dripping
- 28 Incite
- 31 Luau souvenir
- 32 Glamorous Gardner
- 33 Santa — winds
- 34 Ward (off)
- 36 Tiara sparkler
- 37 Winter blanket
- 38 Accepted fact
- 40 "I see"
- 41 Flood protection
- 43 Clothe
- 47 Coach
- 48 Cell phone



- 9 Airplane mea- sure
- 10 Theater award
- 11 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- 16 Ball club VIP
- 20 Six-pack muscles
- 22 Refuge
- 23 Pre-diploma hurdle
- 24 Sprite
- 25 Grant's foe
- 26 Prized Chinese ves- sel
- 27 Carry on
- 29 Popular card game
- 30 Cold and damp
- 35 Conk out
- 37 Hide from view
- 39 Action words
- 40 Busy insect
- 41 Young fellows
- 42 New York canal
- 43 Early birds?
- 44 Formerly
- 45 Phone inven- tor
- 46 Actor Morales
- 49 401(k) alterna- tive
- 50 Aye canceler

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. FOOD & DRINK: What does the acronym "IPA" stand for in a beer?
- 2. LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Hunger Games" series?
- 3. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most lighthouses?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of New Zealand?
- 5. GAMES: What is a perfect score in bowling?
- 6. SCIENCE: What does an auxanometer measure?
- 7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female donkey called?
- 8. MOVIES: Which holiday is celebrated at the end of "When Harry Met Sally"?
- 9. TELEVISION: Which entertainer has hosted "Saturday Night Live" the most?
- 10. ANATOMY: What is the anatomical name for the kneecap?

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WORD LADDERS

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

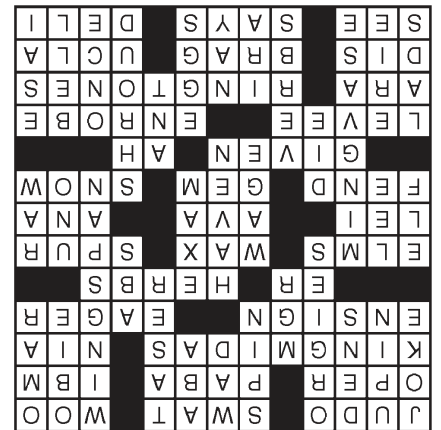
THREE

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Answers

1. India Pale Ale.  
2. Suzanne Collins.  
3. Michigan.  
4. Wellington.  
5. 300 points.  
6. Plant growth.  
7. A jenny.  
8. New Year's Eve.  
9. Actor Alec Baldwin, 17 times.  
10. Patella.



Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Americanisms

"Your 'good old days' are still ahead of you, may you have many of them."

— Sam Levenson

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If you apply a healing pad to an ache for a brief period, it could be a two-minute warning.

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

Balderdash	Claptrap	Horsefeathers	Poppycock
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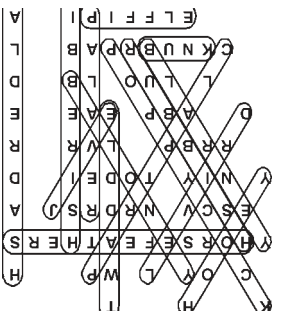
CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

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EAUOGLASL BA YTAC  
SBAFKEKGKEBAF TF KJL YBFK  
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— Joseph Addison  
real blessings or fortunes.  
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A cloudy day or a little  
answer

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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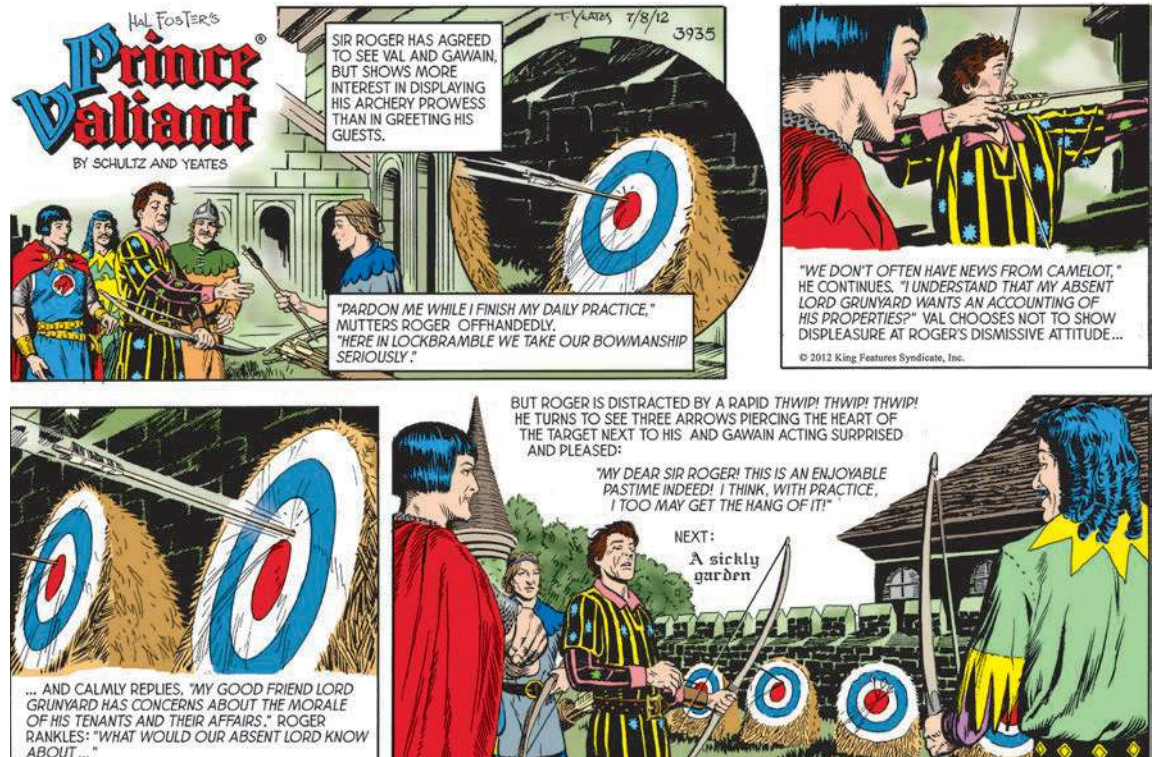
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**Go Pulaski County  
County-wide Day of Service on  
October 7, 2023**

Volunteer registration is open at [gopulaskicounty.org/volunteer](http://gopulaskicounty.org/volunteer) now through September 13. There are 18-20 projects being planned, mostly serving individuals through home repairs and maintenance. For more information contact us at [info@gopulaskicounty.org](mailto:info@gopulaskicounty.org) or visit our website: [gopulaskicounty.org](http://gopulaskicounty.org).

**Sept. 8**

**EmPOWERINT Domestic Violence Survivors and Their Advocates...Finding a Path Forward**

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

**Sept. 9**

**Hot Dogs / Corn Hole**  
Hot Dogs / Corn Hole, Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at Rockford Community Church, 6867 Viscoe Road (next to Riverlawn Elementary School) in Fairlawn. Donations for hotdogs.

**Sept. 12**

**PSA Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 9:00 a.m. (Contact: Ashley Edmonds, Clerk, Pulaski County Public Service Authority, 143 Third Street, N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, [aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:aedmonds@pulaskicounty.org)) This Board is responsible for the operation of water, sewer, garbage and streetlight service in Pulaski County.

**PC Planning Commission**  
PC Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2023, Pulaski County Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia, 7 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders,

Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, [msaunders@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:msaunders@pulaskicounty.org)). This Commission oversees land – use, zoning and subdivision issues related to Pulaski County properties.

**Sept. 19**

**EDA Board to meet**  
Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Meeting, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Megan Bird, Clerk to the Board, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7705, [mwbird@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:mwbird@pulaskicounty.org)). The Economic Development Authority serves as the economic development arm of Pulaski County working with local industries and providing building spaces to local employers.

**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
Board of Zoning Appeals to meet Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Pulaski County Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room, Pulaski County Administration Building, 143 Third Street N.W., in the Town of Pulaski, Virginia,

6:00 p.m. (Contact: Markie Saunders, Clerk, 143 Third Street N.W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA, 24301, 540-980-7710, [msaunders@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:msaunders@pulaskicounty.org)). The Board of Zoning Appeals considers appeals of the Zoning Administrator’s decisions and the interpretation of the County’s Zoning Ordinances.

**Sept. 25**

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

**Sept. 26**

**Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board to meet**  
Tuesday, September 26, 2023, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7351 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Village Oaks Plaza, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-633-5146). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

**Oct. 6**

**22nd Annual Domestic Violence Conference**  
Hosted by SW VA Legal Aid Society

Oct. 6th, 8:45am – 4:30pm, Wytheville Meeting Center  
Fee: \$40 More info. and to register, visit <https://svlas.org/event/beyond-skin-deep/>  
More info, contact Gary Cody, [gcody@svlas.org](mailto:gcody@svlas.org)  
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**Oct. 20-21**

**Crafts Fair**

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

**Nov. 9**

**S.O.S. – Signs of Strangulation Conference**  
November 9th, 9am – 4pm  
FREE Registration  
Russell Co. Conference Center, Lebanon, VA  
Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/7fDiPJ0Cbp> or email [kallison@vacourts.gov](mailto:kallison@vacourts.gov)  
Continuing Education Hours for Attorneys, Law Enforcement, Magistrates and Clerks are being sought.

**Nov. 11**

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

**On going:**

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

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

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

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

**Heritage Cares Food still distributing food**

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



**‘Celebration And Retrospection’**

“Celebration and Retrospection,” marking the 151st birthday of First Lady Edith Bolling Wilson and the 15th anniversary of the opening of the Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum, will be held 2:30, October 15, at the Millwald Theater. A documentary, created by Wytheville native Chris Conte, will be shown, entitled “The Bolling Wilson Hotel: History, Heritage, Hospitality.” It shows Wytheville through the eyes of its Hotels, 1800-2023, with interviews of Wytheville residents, Ruth Anne Chitwood, Jean Lester, and John Johnson. A “Wine & Cheese” event will follow at the Bolling Wilson. Tickets are available at <https://givebutter.com/0iprMz> or call (276) 223-3438 Website: [www.edithbollingwilson.org](http://www.edithbollingwilson.org)

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