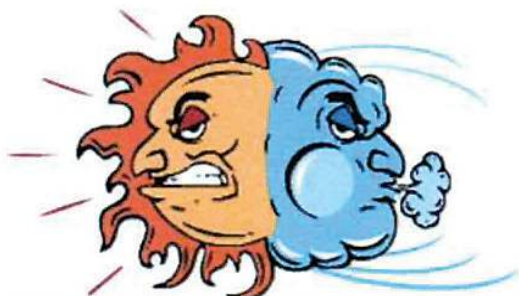




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## Glenn Insurance in Pulaski sold to Ridpath Insurance



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Glenn Insurance has been sold. (From left) David Ramsey, Greg Ridpath, Meredith Glenn McGrady and Nick Glenn.

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

After over 70 years of service to the Pulaski area community, the Glenn family has sold Glenn Insurance Agency.

Greg Ridpath and his Ridpath Insurance – currently with offices in Fairlawn and Mt. Pleasant, S.C. – have purchased the agency.

"It is with VERY mixed emotions that we are selling Glenn Insurance Agency," began a recent letter to customers from Meredith Glenn McGrady and Robert "Nick" Glenn announcing the sale.

Nick, Meredith and the Ridpath team will celebrate the changeover with a special event on Friday, Oct. 20 from noon to 5 p.m.

They're billing the event as a

"Joint Retirement / Customer Appreciation / Welcome the New Owners Party."

They invite customers and well-wishers to stop in anytime from noon to 5 p.m. that day for light refreshments and giveaways.

"Dick (Glenn) started this agency in 1952 and many of our clients

See GLENN, page A2

## YMCA, schools renew swimming pact

The Pulaski YMCA has announced a restored partnership with Pulaski County Public Schools (PCPS) to offer free Water Safety and Introduction to Swimming lessons to all second-grade students. These classes will promote and teach water safety and introduce children to swimming in a controlled, nurturing environment.

The Pulaski YMCA has long been committed to serving the youth of the New River Valley.

This includes ensuring students are prepared for the water-related activities our community has to offer.

"With Claytor Lake, the New River, Little River Reservoir and Gatewood Reservoir and other rivers and streams within the County, we felt this would be an outstanding opportunity to teach our students the importance of water safety and give them the chance to learn how to swim under the direction of certified life-

guards", said PCPS Superintendent Robert Graham.

This is the first week these lessons have been offered since before the pandemic. The classes are open to second graders at all Pulaski County Elementary Schools. More than

50 students have participated so far with lessons to continue throughout the year. Multiple life-guards, instructors, YMCA and

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# Glenn

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have been here for some or all of those years,” the letter to customers continued.

“We’ve had some wonderful employees through the years, been through ups and downs with the insurance market and we appreciate you trusting us with your insurance needs and sticking with us through it all. We are extremely proud of our history and have searched tirelessly to find a successor who will take our business into the future and think we have found a great fit.”

Welcoming Ridpath Insurance back to Downtown Pulaski, Nick and Meredith said they are confident the Ridpath team will continue the great service they have provided to Pulaski and beyond for years – from the same location and with their same insurance carriers. Ridpath is a native of Pulaski, was once just a Nationwide agent, but is now independent like Nick and Meredith.

“That means nothing will change for you, our clients, except the person who greets you in the office and on the phone each day,” the letter continues.

“Greg primarily runs his South Carolina office, but has a wonderful staff in Fairlawn and will be

placing David Ramsey in our Pulaski office to run operations here. Please help us welcome David the next time you come in or call. David is also a Pulaski native and many of our clients may already know his friendly face,” Meredith and Nick state in the letter to their customers.

“Nick will finally get to fully retire and Meredith is going to start a new business venture in their building next year.

“We both truly appreciate each and every one of you and hope you will still feel like you can come to us if you need anything. You will never get insurance out of our brains after all these years! We will both be staying licensed with Ridpath Insurance and able to assist if necessary, but we feel confident we are leaving you in capable hands.”

Meredith has worked full time in the family business since 2002 and is a licensed property and casualty insurance agent. After graduating from Pulaski County High School and attending NRCC, she decided to follow in her father’s and grandfather’s footsteps to pursue a career in insurance. As the office manager, Meredith works with clients on a daily basis to find the coverages that fit their needs.

After graduating from Virginia Tech with a degree in finance in 1974, Nick returned to Pulaski to work for his father in the family business. Now over 40 years lat-

er, he is a veteran of the insurance industry and has extensive knowledge of personal lines of insurance. You can find Nick throughout town staying up to date on local happenings and volunteering his time and knowledge with local organizations. He even served as Mayor of Pulaski for two years. Nick can also be found at the New River Valley Airport where he has served as Chairman since 1990.

The Ridpath family has a long history with insurance, serving the New River Valley and communities of Radford and Pulaski County since 1961. Ridpath’s father, Benny Ridpath, was among the first established agents for Nationwide in Radford and was passionate about serving his community with integrity.

Greg shared his father’s passion and became an Associate agent under his father in 1989 after graduating from Virginia Tech. Greg branched out on his own in 1991, continuing the tradition of integrity and superior customer service that he and his father had worked so hard to build.

Ridpath Insurance continues that tradition today.

“We are a full-service, independent insurance agency that exists to help our members find the coverage protection they need. We opened our South Carolina location in Mt. Pleasant in 2022,” Greg said.

# Annual Newbern Fall Festival returns this weekend

On Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15, Newbern Volunteer Fire Department (NVFD) will host its annual Newbern Fall Festival. The festival covers a one-mile stretch of Historic Newbern along Wilderness Road in Pulaski County.

This year’s festival boasts 150 food, craft, and boutique vendors. There will also be live music and historical demonstrations taking place at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum throughout the day.

On Saturday, attendees will have the opportunity to catch the Pulaski County Transit to ride through the Festival. The Newbern Fire Department will be open and available for festival attendees to tour and see the trucks and equipment.

The nearly 50-year-old festival is a fundraiser for the Newbern Volunteer Fire Department (NVFD). On Saturday, festival goers can find NVFD members at the Fire Department selling their famous ham biscuits and raffle

tickets for several opportunity drawings. Members will also be parking cars for donations to the department. The department typically raises between \$9,000 and \$12,000.

These funds allow the all-volunteer department to update equipment on a regular basis. Brandon Hamblin, NVFD Chief, says “The Newbern Fall Festival has provided years of heritage quality arts and crafts vendors, as well as great food and fellowship to our community. This festival has become a family tradition for our department members as well as community members. It is also a true financial asset to our volunteer fire department.”

“The Newbern Fall Festival has become a staple Fall event for Pulaski County. Each year the event seems to get bigger and better. From the delicious local food vendors and talented arts and craft vendors to the colorful changing leaves through the town, this event truly shines a light on Pulaski County’s culture and beauty,” says Erika Tolbert, Pulaski County Tourism Director. “We look forward each year to welcoming our local community and guests from across the area to this stand-out festival!”

# Swimming

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PCPS staff were on hand to help children navigate the lessons in a safe and enjoyable setting. Accommodations have been made to ensure students with various backgrounds and abilities are able to take part in this and learn basic water safety and be introduced to swimming.

“It is great to see so many kids enjoying and learning in our YMCA pool. We appreciate our partnership with the Pulaski County School System and thank Superintendent Graham, the school principals, and the Pulaski County School Board for working closely with the YMCA to provide this resource to the youth of our county,” said YMCA CEO Dave Adkins.

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(At left) New River Line and (above) Fork Mountain Ramblers

## NRCC Concert Series to hold free concert Oct. 14

The music of New River Line and The Fork Mountain Ramblers will be featured during New River Community College's Concert Series event on Sat., Oct. 14, 2023. Music will begin at 6 p.m. in 117 Edwards Hall at NRCC in Dublin.

Since its informal beginning several years ago, New River Line continues to evolve and incorporate music which is influenced by many of the founding traditional bluegrass and gospel bands. The band has won multiple awards in band and instrumental competitions. The Woodlawn, Va. based band is passionate about producing music that incorporates both gospel, traditional, and contemporary bluegrass music. The band consists of Travis Branch, Cody McGrady, Brad Bartley, Jon Faries, and Kamron Nunn.

Named for a part of Floyd County where the fiddle and banjo players live, the Fork Mountain Ramblers have been performing old-time string band music for over 10 years. The band honors the string band tradition and is influenced by local fiddling legends including Babe Spangler, Taylor Kimble, Norman Edmonds, Henry Reed, and Tommy Jarrell. They also perform traditional country songs that were popularized in the 1920s and 1930s by artists such as Blind Alfred Reed, Charlie Poole, Uncle Dave Macon, and the Stonemans. The band will focus on lively dance tunes of the southern Appalachians peppered with some waltzes and two-steps.

Corporate sponsors of the music events include Anderson Audiology, Dublin; August Jewelers & Boutique, Inc., Radford; CCCKY, LLC – Fazoli's, Dublin;

### Trick or Sticker! for Halloween

Andrea K. Wann  
Extension Agent  
Virginia Cooperative Extension

The countdown to Halloween is on as parents and grandparents prepare their little ones for the spookiest night of the year! If you're like most households, your child receives so much candy that you could re-supply the neighborhood kids with candy all over again. Let's be honest, sometimes it's just too much candy and goes to waste, not to mention all of that sugar. The good news is there are some ideas to change up your candy bowls for those Trick-or-Treaters. Here are some ideas you can add in with your candy this Halloween.

- Stickers (pre-cut ahead of time)
- Temporary tattoos (pre-cut ahead of time)
- Spider rings
- Bubbles
- Stamps
- Pencils (unsharpened)
- Erasers
- Fun Band-Aids
- Slap bracelets
- Mini notepads
- Vampire teeth
- Friendship bracelets

Be sure to check grocery stores, and other retail stores for discounts this week! Many times, right before Halloween, they will drop the prices of Halloween items leading up to October 31st. Trick-or-Treat everyone! Have a safe, warm and fun Halloween.

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The doors open at 5 p.m. for the show. Admission is free; however, donations will be accepted to help offset the travel expenses for the musicians. The music events are typically held the second Saturday of each month through April at NRCC, a Crooked Road affiliated venue.

For more information about the NRCC Concert Series, please contact Tim Jones at (540) 674-3625 or visit [www.nr.edu/concerts](http://www.nr.edu/concerts).

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**Penny has been a strong supporter of increased school security for Pulaski County Schools ensuring that all schools have a Resource Officer available, with two officers at the high school. Penny invests countless hours in support of our students ensuring that all decisions are made in the student's best interest and is thoughtful in her decision-making process.**

**I encourage you to vote for Penny Golden for her 2nd term as your representative from the Ingles District to the Pulaski County School Board.**

Sincerely,

*Jim Davis*

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**EDNA BEATRICE  
WALKER PHILLIPS  
GOODMAN**

Edna Beatrice Walker Phillips Goodman, age 86 of Dublin passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at the Montgomery Regional Hospital. Born September 6, 1938 in Grant Parrish, Louisiana she was the daughter of the late William W. "Bill" Walker & Ollie Gatherright Walker. She was also preceded in death by her three infant children, Nancy Marie, Angela, and Earnest Alan.

Edna is survived by her Husband of 43 years – James Edward Goodman – Dublin

Daughter – Tina Phillips Jack and husband Kenneth Jack – Jasper, TN

Stepdaughter – Stephanie (Gary) Roberts – Roanoke

Stepsons – Joe Phillips and Johnnie Phillips – Jena, LA

Brother – Randel Walker – LA

Sisters – Betty J. Franks – LA, Glenda K. Michaels – LA

Nieces and nephews & many loved ones, too numerous to list

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Perry Slaughter officiating. Interment will follow at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin.

Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until service time Wednesday at the Funeral Home.

To sign Edna's online guest-book, visit [www.bowerfuneral-home.com](http://www.bowerfuneral-home.com)

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



**MRS. EMMA J.  
TRUEHEART**

Mrs. Emma J. Trueheart, 98 of Pulaski passed away October 6, 2023.

She was born November 30, 1925 to Rachel Spears. She was loved by all who knew her.

Mrs. Trueheart had a great personality and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garland W. Trueheart. Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Milton Eddie, sister, Frances Bradson, 3 nieces, Sharon Johnson, Deborah Bradson and Regina Bradson, other relatives and friends.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, October 14, 2023, 2:00PM in Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin, VA with Rev. D. Beamer officiating.

Arrangements by Serenity Funeral Home Pulaski, (540) 980-9100.

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**MONROE WALKER  
MCMILLIAN**

Monroe Walker McMillian, age 88 of Pulaski passed away Monday, October 9, 2023 at the Galax Health and Rehabilitation Center. Born November 1, 1934 in Pulaski County, he was the son of the late George Jefferson McMillian & Erma Gregory McMillian. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Doris Ann McMillian.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army.

Monroe is survived by his Children – Cynthia, Rebecca and Jennifer

8 Grandchildren

18 Great Grandchildren

Sister Margaret Cox – Pulaski

Graveside military funeral services will be held Friday 10:00 A.M., October 13, 2023 at the SWVA Veterans Cemetery, Dublin with Chaplain Bobby Ward officiating

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**JEAN FRANCES DAVIS  
COX**

Jean Frances Davis Cox, age 83 of Pulaski County passed away Sunday, October 8, 2023 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital, Pulaski with her family by her side. Born January 5, 1940 she was the daughter of the late Bennett Rodman Davis & Pearl Stewart Davis. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Windel Keith "Buster" Cox, sister, Audrey Jones, brothers, Bob and Jack Davis.

Jean is survived by her

Children – Sandy Cox Stevens – Bedford, Brian Cox – Radford

Grandchildren – Tosha Deanne Shingleton, Trista Leenette Stevens, Bailey Alana Nelson, Rileigh LaRea Cox, Brockton Keith Cox

Great Grandchildren – Remington, James Gaitling, Case, Paislee, Weston, Gavin

Sisters – Jeanette Fletcher – Dugspur, Fannie Rudd – Woodstock

Special Friend – Dr. John Casali – Christiansburg

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 12, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Neil Wood & Pastor Tony Hart officiating. Interment followed at the Page Cemetery (Snowville).

To sign Jean's online guest-book, visit [www.bowerfuneral-home.com](http://www.bowerfuneral-home.com)

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

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**LACY DARYEL WILSON**

Lacy Daryel Wilson, affectionately known as "POGO", of Draper died on Friday, October 6, 2023, at the age of 75. Born on October 7, 1947, to the late Lacy Winfield Wilson and Leona Bostic Wilson. Also preceding him in death are two brothers, Dale and Donald Wilson, of Union West Virginia and a grandson, Brice Peve.

Pogo retired from Volvo, Dublin Virginia. He was avid golfer, hunter, bowler, and softball. Loved the outdoors, especially the woods where he enjoyed the views with peace and quiet. He enjoyed people and loved to joke and pick everywhere he went. He attended church at Open Door Baptist Church, Pulaski Virginia.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife for almost fifty-four years, Patricia Bowyer Wilson. Daughter Malena (Matt) Spraker, granddaughters Brittany (C.J.) Snider of Dublin and Jackie (Anthony) Willis, also of Dublin. Great grandchildren Lacy Snider, Roen Snider, Mila Perkins, Blaze Willis and Azlee Willis. Brother Eddie (Christy) Wilson of Forest Hills, West Virginia and sister-in-law, Linda Wilson of Union, West Virginia. A host of nieces and nephews also survive.

Visitation and Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski with Pastor Kelly Howlett officiating. Interment followed at the cemetery of the Memorial Christian Church in Draper.

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

Floral condolences may be sent by visiting [www.pulaskiflowers.com](http://www.pulaskiflowers.com)

## **DORIS ANN SIMMONS**

Doris Ann Simmons of Pulaski went to be with her heavenly family and father on Oct. 10, 2023.

She was preceded in death by a son, J.R. Bishop, her mother and father, five brothers and two sisters.

Left to cherish her memory are Teresa Bishop, Pulaski; Lisa Bishop (Ric), Dublin; Cathy Draper (Ernie) of Radford.

Doris had 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild on the way, and her best friend of many years, Doris Hall, Pulaski.

Doris retired from Pulaski Furniture after many years of service. As per her wishes she will be cremated.

Serenity Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

The family would like to thank Medi-Home Health and Hospice for all their support.

Special thanks to her bestie, Zeb.



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RYAN KEITH HAYNES

**August 17, 1986 – October 3, 2023**  
Ryan Keith Haynes, age 37, departed this life on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, in a work-related accident in Orange County, Florida. Ryan was born August 17, 1986, in Radford, Virginia and is the son of Kaye Jones Gardner and Roy Haynes. He grew up in the heart of the New River Valley alongside his best friend and brother, Logan Haynes.

Ryan attended Pulaski County High School and Auburn High School. He was a junior firefighter for the Riner Volunteer Fire Department. In the years following, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served for nine years as an ammunition specialist. He is a veteran of the War on Terrorism and spent tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. His time of service took him to many places, but his favorite post was in Savannah, Georgia at Fort Stewart. After his discharge from service, Ryan enjoyed working in the construction industry where his talents, skills, and incredible work ethic shined. He was employed as an project manager at Concrete Impressions of Florida, Inc.

When Ryan was born, no one could imagine how the chunky baby boy would someday grow to be a towering, lanky man who gave a hug like he meant it. He was an extraordinary prankster, a special talent he honed over the years. He bestowed his jokes as a sign of his love and affection for people.

Ryan enjoyed watching NA-SCAR in his youth. As a boy, he pulled for fellow redhead, Bill Elliot. His passions for cars and racing led him to create his own adventures on the track. Ryan raced in the U-Car series at the Motor Mile Speedway in Fairlawn, Virginia. In February 2023, he also built his own car in two weeks and raced the #87 at the Scrambler 25 in Auburndale, Florida where he finished eighth the first time out.

At the time of his passing, he was an avid supporter of and Captain for the Okeechobee High School Bass Club. This was a role that combined his willingness to serve others with his love for fishing.

He was a Virginia Tech Hok-

ies and Tampa Bay Buccaneers fan. He is remembered by some as the best griller of chicken wings on earth. He enjoyed bow-hunting. Whether it was in his beloved mountains of Virginia or the swamplands of Florida, he was most at home in nature. Ryan adored his animals. Children were drawn to him because he made them feel special and safe. He made people laugh.

But above all, Ryan fiercely loved his family and friends. We thank him for all the laughs, the smiles and the hugs. Ryan simply loved big.

He is survived by his mother, Kaye and father, Roy; brother, Dr. Logan Haynes and his wife Eliza; special friends, Cristen, Korbyn and Bryson; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family. He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, H. B. Haynes and Helen Durrow Groves; and maternal grandparents, Levi S. and Emily Porterfield Jones.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Okeechobee High School Bass Club, 2800 Highway 441 North, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

The family will receive friends from 10 am until 12 pm on Friday, October 13, 2023, at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford. Funeral services will begin at 12 p.m. with Pastor Curt McKee officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia.

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

**CLIFTON LEROY STOWERS**

Clifton LeRoy Stowers, age 64 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, October 8, 2023 at the Highland Ridge Rehab in Dublin. Born April 9, 1959 Radford, he was the son of the late Berman & Betty Thornton Stowers. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Ratcliffe and two brothers, Joe and Berman (Junior) Stowers.

Clifton is survived by his  
Wife – Kathy Stowers - Pulaski  
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Gloria Donithan – Hillsville  
8 Grandchildren  
Sisters Becky Warden, Brenda Saunders, Virginia Ann Nester  
Sister-in-law – Karen (Mike) Malone – Pulaski, Sherrie Stowers - Pulaski

Many nieces and nephews

Memorial services will be held at a later date. To sign Clifton's online guestbook, visit [www.bower-funeralhome.com](http://www.bower-funeralhome.com) - Bower Funeral Homes – Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.



# Woman's Club of Radford adds WRC to programs is assists

The Woman's Club of Radford has been supporting children's literacy since 1993, beginning with Babies into Books (BIB) for newborns born at the old Radford Community Hospital.

This program continues at the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. In 1995, the club's Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program started at Radford's McHarg Elementary School. This program now includes Riverlawn and Snowville Elementary Schools in Pulaski County.

The Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley has recently been added to the Woman's Club's programs in order to provide books for children who are housed in the Emergency Shelter. These books, for infants to middle school, will be distributed by the Resource Center staff due to confidentiality issues. The children will be able to keep the books they choose.

The successful expansion of the literacy programs can be credited to the commitment of the mem-



Woman's Club photo

**Woman's Club RIF Coordinators choose books to be taken to the Woman's Resouce Center. Left to Right: Betty Overdorf, Sue Haswell, Vicki Tupman.**

bers of the club who reside both in Radford and Pulaski County and also to the generous community

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Pulaski County Personal Property tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible, but failure to receive your bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

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Tax payments mailed must be postmarked on or before October 16th, 2023 and addressed to Pulaski County Treasurer, 52 West Mail Street, Suite 100, Pulaski, VA 24301.

**Notice, the Pulaski County Treasurer's office is located in the old courthouse at 52 West Main Street, Pulaski, VA. Also, for the convenience of the taxpayer, there is a night drop box located at the back entrance of the courthouse. There are also options to pay online and by telephone on the tax bill.**

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We Told You!

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Someone in the Biden Administration finally came to the realization that we have a crisis at our southern border and building a border wall would be a good idea.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) just announced that they would be bypassing 26 federal laws in order to continue construction of 20 miles of the border wall in Texas. Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, who filed a notice in the U.S. Federal Register, stated, “there is presently an acute and immediate need to construct physical barriers ... in order to prevent unlawful entries into the United States.”

Well, duh!

According to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), during the month of August (the most recent statistics reported) 232,972 illegal immigrants were encountered along the southern border – a 14% increase since last August and an 100% increase since fiscal year (FY) 2019.



As a candidate for President, Joe Biden stated that there would, “not be another foot of wall constructed on my adminis-

tration.” Following through on this promise, he paused border wall construction on his first day as President.

I went down to the border a few months after he took office (one of several trips I’ve made) and saw construction materials for the wall lying uselessly in the sun feet away from where it was to be installed. This was an area illegal immigrants were known to enter the country.

In another area, a gate was built into the wall allowing pecan farmers in the area access their land. The engines that were to operate the gate had not yet been installed. Even though all of the equipment was paid for and on site, and only the opening and closing mechanisms were left to be installed, the Biden Administration ordered a stop to construction, leaving the gate open. Therefore, two Border Patrol agents had to monitor the gate in twelve-hour shifts instead of being able to rove along the border.

It was disappointing to see so much material wasted and already paid for by American taxpayers. Further, one could anticipate the health and safety consequences to both Americans and illegal immigrants by not finishing the wall and enforcing sensible border policies.

Close to three years since Biden took office, the consequences of his border policies are clear – a flood of immigrants that the United States cannot handle in such short order. Not to mention the human consequences of the cartels getting rich off of drug and human trafficking.

It reminds me of the Roman Emperor Nero who, according to legend, played the fiddle while Rome burned to the ground.

House Republicans in Congress have long called on the Biden Administration to close the border by resuming border wall construction, providing more resources to control the border, and following existing immigration law.

House Republicans passed H.R. 2, Secure the Border Act of 2023, in May, with not a single Democrat voting in favor. Further, the bill has never been brought up in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

When a short-term government funding bill was brought to the House floor on September 29th, with most of H.R. 2, every Democrat again voted against it.

Our border states have begged the Administration for help for years. Those cries for help have all fallen on deaf ears.

In 2021, Governors Abbott of Texas and Ducey of Arizona had to turn to the other states for help because the federal government was unwilling. So far, eight states (all Republican) have answered the call for help, including Virginia, sending members of their National Guard or other state law enforcement officers to the border.

It wasn’t until northern Democrat-run cities began to feel the effects of the border crisis that Democrats finally began to speak up.

Mayors from Washington, D.C., Chicago, and New York City have all called on the Administration for help, declaring immigration emergencies in the last year. Democrat Governors from Massachusetts and New York have also called for help, declaring states of emergency this past August.

Frankly, it is ridiculous that this has become a Republican vs. Democrat issue. This should have been an American issue, united in securing our borders.

Now that enough Democrats have become angry by the Administration’s policies, and another presidential elections looms just around the corner, the Administration finally decides to act.

But the 20 miles in new border wall DHS just announced is just a drop in the bucket. We have a long way to go to fix the damage done by this Administration by not protecting our borders.

Duh, we told you!

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

OPEN FORUM

Supports Price for School Board

Dear Voters,

I am writing to endorse Jake Price for the Pulaski County school board. I am a retired educator with over thirty years of experience in the classroom. Most of my career was spent teaching English at Pulaski County High School. During this time, I had the opportunity to work with Jake while he served as our school resource officer. Beyond a doubt, Jake Price is the best candidate for this position.

As a school resource officer, Jake exemplified honesty, fairness, and thoughtfulness. He was well liked and respected by faculty, staff, and students. Everyone knew Jake would respond to a situation with kindness and integrity. He always tried to do what was best for everyone involved. His ability to react to various circumstances with a calm, level head will be one of his greatest assets as a school board member.

Jake’s personal commitment to Pulaski County is unmatched. He has dedicated his career to making life better for the youth in our area. From establishing new programs, to serving on committees, to working tirelessly with community leaders, his level of involvement shows that he is willing to work with various groups to achieve a common goal. His positive outlook for the future, and his unwavering loyalty to this county make him an excellent representative for the school board.

Jake Price will bring his vision, his ex-

pertise, and his dedication to our public schools. I know he wants all students in our county to have the support and success they deserve. Pulaski County is lucky to have such an outstanding public servant running to be the Cloyd District school board representative. I urge you to vote for Jake Price on November 7.

Sincerely,  
Regina Grinnell

Mooney for Massie

To the editor,  
What does one look for in a candidate for public office.

Well let me tell you.  
My mother and father were the two hardest working people I have ever known.

Mike Mooney is the third!  
Throwing hay as a teen to mixing mud and carrying brick on masonry jobs, to starting with one heifer and building his own small herd, I have watched this man work his entire life and when he gives his word he sticks to it, like the men of yesteryear!

Most of all, when a family member is down he’s there.

I know he was there for me on my darkest days.

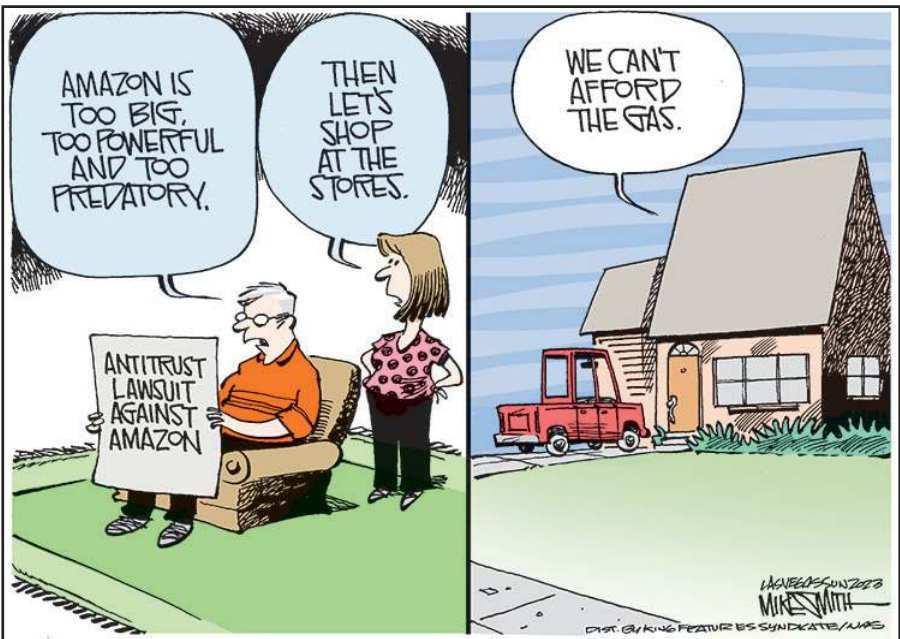
Proverbs 17:17: “A friend loves at all

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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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The Human Cost of Illegal Immigration

House Committee on Homeland Security Chairman Mark E. Green, MD (R-TN) delivered the following opening remarks during a hearing to examine the reckless open-border policies put in place by the Biden administration and Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

“One thing is clear, the cartels have seized control of our own border. These organizations are the most vicious, evil organizations in the Western Hemisphere.” He points to evidence with more than 5.5 million encounters and nearly 380,000 encounters of unaccompanied minors.

Green goes on to explain that the violence and atrocities these cartels create are not just being felt along the border. American communities throughout the country are suffering as violence can often be traced back to the cartels that subcontract their mayhem to gangs functioning as the cartels’ national distribution network. “Every dollar the cartels rake in is at the cost of an American life or livelihood.”

For example, the cartels have started operating “on a very large scale” in Montana. Another report tells how the cartels are recruiting American teens to drive for them and how car-jackings and high speed chases lead to horrendous deaths of drivers, law enforcement, as well as innocent citizens.

A Border Patrol agent reported that

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

transnational gangs like La Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), whose motto is “kill, rape, control” are working with the cartels to divert attention of the Border Patrol while smugglers bring illegals and drugs into the country at a different location. One sheriff’s department has arrested 900 human smugglers already this year.

ICE has found that 40-per cent of the arrested MS-13 members arrive in the U.S. as unaccompanied alien children. MS-13 is responsible for forcing girls, boys and women into sex trafficking to make money for the gang. In 2021, the cartels had made an estimated \$13-billion from human trafficking and smuggling. Additionally, as much as 60-per cent of unaccompanied minors are kidnapped.

Transnational gangs, like MS-13, threaten our national security and bring fear and terror disrupting the safety of our neighborhoods by ravaging our communities with violent crime and narcotics;

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Rich Lowery

Editor,  
National Review

A bomb thrower targets his own

The Matt Gaetz moment is upon us, and unless you enjoy politics as absurdist theater, you might want to skip it.

The bomb-throwing Republican congressman from Florida, who has hitherto distinguished himself with sundry attention-getting antics, is making his biggest play yet by trying to remove Kevin McCarthy from the speakership by offering a so-called motion to vacate.

McCarthy’s alleged offense is relying on Democratic votes to pass a last-minute spending measure over the weekend to avert a government shutdown that would have been blamed on Republicans.

Would it have been better if McCarthy hadn’t had to do this, or hadn’t done it without first putting on the table a Republican version of a stop-gap bill? Sure. But Gaetz and some of his GOP confederates refused to get behind any remotely plausible Republican alternative.

So, Gaetz is the arsonist and the fireman, forcing McCarthy into the expedient for which he maintains McCarthy should be fired.

Joseph Heller would understand.

Since Gaetz’s motion to vacate requires a majority to succeed and presumably has the support of only a small fraction of Republicans, Gaetz himself has to look to Democrats to help him take the speaker’s gavel from McCarthy. Who’s the apostate now?

Giving Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries ultimate say over the composition of the Republican leadership of the House is a funny way to show ideological or partisan purity. Indeed, Gaetz reportedly made his initial outreach on behalf of his motion to the Congressional Progressive Cause -- because, of course, the most left-wing members of the House are very discerning judges of the quality of Republican speakers.

In other words, Gaetz wants to use a majority of House Democrats to counteract the will of a majority of House Republicans on the question of McCarthy’s fate.

If this works, it should long be studied as one of the most witless acts of partisan self-sabotage in congressional history. Gaetz makes Marjorie Taylor Greene look like Joseph Cannon by comparison.

The escapade, with its echo of past House Republican internal contentions, requires an addition to the famous Karl Marx quote -- history repeats itself first as tragedy, second as farce, finally as a ginned-up event for some extra notoriety.

The likes of Matt Gaetz believe that Republicans have a problem with the quality of their leadership when the quality of the followership is more the issue.

Republican backbenchers used to be people such as Jack Kemp and Paul Ryan, who became something by promoting ideas that they carefully developed,

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perpetrating heinous gang violence, murder and criminal behavior; and senseless violence in the name of loyalty to their gang.

Border Patrol apprehensions of individuals on the FBI’s terrorism watchlist have increased sharply in the past few years. In fiscal year 2023, Border Patrol reported apprehending 151 illegal immigrants with positive terrorism watchlist matches who entered the U.S. illegally along the southern border.

Then there are the gotaways, with unknown motives and potential criminal records. Someone in the Biden administration recently let it slip that they’ve had over 1.5 million “gotaways” since 2021. It is frightening to imagine how many gang members, cartel members or terrorists were in that count...and continue to get

through our porous border! The consequences for the nation can be devastating!

Over the past few weeks, the Biden administration has allowed razor wire fencing along the border to be cut so illegals could pour through. They have launched a program providing photo ID cards for illegal immigrants and handed out work permits to 400,000 immigrants from Venezuela. Additionally, over 200,000 illegal immigrants have been transported free of charge by the government to cities of their choice.

The illegal immigrants are also victims of cartel atrocities. Cartels often continue to extort them and use them for criminal activities, smuggling drugs or humans across the border until they “work off” their debts to the cartels.

During the past two years, thousands of “special interest aliens” have been arrested by the Border Patrol while attempting to illegally come into the country. Here is a list of some of the countries they are from: 6,386 from Afghanistan, 3,153 from Egypt, 659 from Iran, 538 from Syria, 13,624 from Usbekistan, 30,830 from Turkey, 1,613 from Pakistan, 164 from Lebanon, 185 from Jordan, 139 from Yemen, 123 from Iraq and 15,594 from Mauritania (west Africa).

Every dollar the cartels rake in comes at the cost of an American life or livelihood. There were more than 109,000 drug deaths in 2022 alone, many from fentanyl. And the cartels are continuing to push fentanyl into our country in record

amounts, destroying our communities, one family at a time.

The American citizens are paying a huge price in human suffering because of the bad immigration policies of the current administration! Health care in some border states is difficult to obtain, hospitals are overrun, classrooms over crowded, epidemics of mumps, measles, tuberculosis, influenza, scabies, etc. infect our communities. It is also reported that violent attacks and property damage and destruction have increased.

And now, with the recent attack on Israel by Hamas and joined by Hezbolla, do Americans have to worry about potential terrorist strikes at home by “special interest aliens” who breached our borders? Some of these are from countries

that chant, “Death to Israel. Death to America.”

To read the report, go to: <https://homeland.house.gov/2023/07/19/chairman-green-every-dollar-the-cartels-rake-in-comes-at-the-cost-of-an-american-life-or-livelihood/#:~:text=Cartels%20have%20made%20a%20record,sold%20for%20%2410%2D%2430.>



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## Beyond just ‘jobs, jobs, jobs’

Pulaski County has had no lack of announced successes lately, from new businesses locating to and expanding in Pulaski County, such as NRV Fleet Services and Grucci, to a new and unique adult outdoor fitness court at Randolph Park. This year we have enjoyed over twenty ribbon cuttings, ground breakings, and economic development announcements in Pulaski County and are on track to break last year’s record year.

But one of the most meaningful projects we have announced was one that did not receive the level of attention it certainly deserved.

Not only does Pyramid Healthcare’s operations create up to two hundred new professional jobs in the healthcare industry, but they will bring much needed behavioral health services to our greater community by housing one hundred and sixty in-patient beds that will serve Pulaski County, the New River Valley and beyond.

As we work in partnership with private developers to construct more than four hundred new residential units, we continue to facilitate significant new job creation and capital investments, we are also looking at the holistic needs of a healthy and growing community.

Proximal access to high quality behavioral health services are essential for communities in today’s post-pandemic world. The Pyramid Healthcare ribbon cutting is so much more than the revitalization of the former Saint Albans Hospital and the creation of up to two hundred new profes-



**Patriot's Post**

Jonathan Sweet  
Pulaski Co. Administrator

sional jobs, it is effectively moving the needle in a big way to fill the gap of behavioral health services that will strengthen the fabric of our community and enhance the health of our citizens.

The flavor of most political palates at all levels of government is to simply pursue the cliché of “jobs, jobs, jobs.” The leadership of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors and the Economic Development Authority is to take a more intentional and strategic approach to comprehensively advancing and strengthening our local economy.

The diverse focus of residential, commercial, small business, workforce, entrepreneurial, retail, educational, industrial, and community development are the ingredients in our overall recipe of success that ultimately fosters a vibrant and sustainable local ecosystem.

So, the new mantra in the post-pandemic world should include more than just the pursuit of “jobs,” it should encompass an all of the above approach we like to by definition call - economic development.

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*“As the Draper District supervisor I believe it is my duty to be connected with my community. I know firsthand Spencer Rygas shares the same belief. This is evident every time I see him at a Chamber ribbon-cutting, and even more so to me when he attended the Draper Community Park fundraiser and ribbon-cutting. His connected and engaging attitude will translate perfectly to the position of Circuit Court Clerk. I’m honored to announce my endorsement of Republican candidate, Spencer Rygas, for Clerk of Court.”*

-Dirk Compton, Board of Supervisors, Draper District

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sincerely believed, and persuaded their colleagues to embrace. Now, the emphasis is on becoming a micro-celebrity via constant outrage.

There’s a reason that Gaetz conducts himself with the thoughtfulness of an anonymous Twitter account -- because attention, especially on social media, is his ultimate metric of success.

Congress is merely a platform for the development and enhancement of a personal brand, not an institution to be honored and served. In this sense, Gaetz is a better dressed and much more right-wing version of John Fetterman.

TITLE: None of this is to say that Speaker McCarthy is above reproach. Another flaw with the motion-to-vacate gambit, though, is that there’s no good alternative. Even Gaetz, the ringmaster of his own circus, isn’t touting anyone else -- and for a reason. There’s no one who would obviously do a better job. There’s no one who represents a different philosophical disposition.

With a slender majority and Democrats in control of the Senate and the White House, House Republicans inevitably have limited leverage, and Speaker of the House is inherently a thankless job in these circumstances. It requires corralling a fractious caucus, some members of which will never be satisfied, at a time when

there’s a premium on being bombastic and recalcitrant.

And then, there’s the fact that whoever is Speaker has to deal with Matt Gaetz. And who would want to do that?

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



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-- Jeff Bain  
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times,  
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He'll keep that same work ethic

for the people of Pulaski County!  
So Tuesday, November 7th cast your vote for Mike Mooney for the Massie District.  
**Bill Draper, Jr.**

## Experience in Education

**To the editor,**  
I was recently asked: “about experience in education and how the Pulaski community needs someone who knows education to be on the school board.” My immediate response was, “Absolutely.”  
I spent 30+ years earning a living as an administrator and professor in public higher education and that appeared to be a very naive question. Would I hire my electrician to fix the toilet, would I hire my gardener to paint the house, or would I call my babysitter to clean the house? No!

Upon reflection, I did call the painter to repair the roof when it rained, I did call the carpenter when the plumber was sick, and the babysitter does look after the kids and always leaves the place immaculate.  
My point is, I might be defining my jobs with straight lines and not considering how the work is best completed.  
We have for years elected well meaning, educated people to lead our educational institutions with the knowledge that they would build the foundation for our children to build upon. “How is that working for us?” Our kids have fallen behind in basic educational standards, they can’t carry a conversation with direct eye contact, they can’t do basic math without the calculator on their cellphone, and they think history is what happened yesterday. That isn’t acceptable. Those well intended board members and our lack of attention to our most expensive possession has caused a disconnect being filled by the internet, cellphones and influencers.  
What about we face reality and take a look at our education base builders. The real base for our educational system is being constructed by parents and grandparents who get up every day, go to work, pay bills, and figure out how to buy gas and food. Our “well intended” board is focused on being politically correct, getting maximum state and federal dollars and polishing their personal vita with “School Board Member.”  
Change is here, and we are looking at the same problems that have plagued us for years with the idea that things will get better. No, they won’t! Boil an egg 100 times and it will come out boiled, not fried.  
Change is what brought us from an agrarian society to a mighty nation. Change is what refocused our attitudes about equal rights and change is the only thing that will bring our kids, our future, to reality.  
What then should we be looking for in new school board members. People who understand daily work routines that can’t be legislated out of existence. People who

can figure out how to get the job done. People who got their kids through the Pulaski system and on to college with strong financial discipline and the desire to do homework after work and the will to be at practice with the kids after a hard day at work.  
Thank you to those who have served thus far, but the kids aren’t alright. Take the appreciation for what you have accomplished and let’s give change a shot at it. It’s obvious that what we have been doing isn’t working.  
My “adopted grandkids” know the Pledge of Allegiance and can sing the National Anthem. They know that WW II is not WW Eleven. They know that financial aid is not free money from the government, and they know that hard work and financial responsibility is their responsibility.  
If nothing changes ... nothing changes.

**Edward Smith  
Step-Grandfather**

## Rygas the right pick for clerk

**To friends and residents of Pulaski County,**  
  
It is an honor and privilege to pen this letter in support of Spencer Rygas for Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk. I attended Pulaski schools with Spencer until the mid-1980s, before a family relocation out of the area, and in July 2020 I moved back to the area to be a proud resident of Pulaski County once again. I connected with Spencer over the years through professional career contacts, but I am so proud to be his friend and neighbor again.  
I have been a Certified Public Accountant for many years (30 year career), having managed everything from an audit of a single client, to \$1,000,000 plus fee relationships of large companies, then becoming the Managing Partner of a 4 office region of a national accounting and consulting firm, leading a large industry group of the same firm with 50 plus partners reporting to me, and two terms on their Executive Board ( 6

years total ) helping lead strategy, covering 9 states at the time and positioning future growth. I have now moved on to real estate and consulting work.  
Success and excellence in executive type roles requires education, leadership, people skills, and opportunity. People with those capabilities can join and be successful in a wide variety of roles whether in industry, professional service, or government. They have the capacity to learn the specifics of the new role swiftly.  
The role of the Clerk is an executive role for Pulaski County. (And as a bit of history, 2 of the last 4 clerks have been attorneys Marvin Graham (1953 to 1975) and Woody Lookabill (1998 to 2006) ... so 40 of the last 70 years our community was served by a Clerk who was a lawyer).  
So back to why Spencer Rygas is the candidate for the office of Clerk of Court...

First, as an attorney, he is already familiar with the environment of the clerk’s office and in fact the court system as a whole. He not only files the documents with the clerk, he prepares them and supports them. He interfaces with judges, attorneys, and the clerks.  
Second, Spencer is a CPA and businessperson. This background gives him yet another critical element for such a role, as the clerk maintains budgets, maintains trust funds for the community, and receives funds that are revenue to Pulaski County. For best practices, effectiveness and for less slow-moving bureaucracy, Spencer can bring a business mentality to the office along with accounting experience.  
Finally, and most importantly, Spencer has a world class education from William & Mary (business) and University of Florida (law).  
Success and excellence in executive roles requires opportunity. Not only is this an opportunity for Spencer to serve, it is an opportunity for Pulaski to be served ... by an exceptionally qualified candidate.  
Let’s not miss this opportunity ... this opportunity for Pulaski County.

**Sincerely,  
Robert Martin**

## Stafford for Supervisor


**To the editor,**  
Chris Stafford was one of the first people I met when I moved to Pulaski County over 25 years ago and I have considered him a close friend ever sense.  
He has been a role model to my sons and a Sunday School teacher to me and my wife. Chris is one of the most honest and genuine people I know and a man of integrity. Chris and I have not always agreed on every issue, but he has respected my opinion and been willing to listen.  
If re-elected to the Board of Supervisors, he will continue to be a truly independent voice. He will represent all residents of the Cloyd District while working collaboratively with other members of the board.  
Chris’ years of experience in the field of finance and public service have prepared him for this role and he will safeguard the hard-earned tax dollars of the citizens of Pulaski County. Since being elected, he has shown just how dedicated he is to serving the residents of the county. He offers specific solutions to the problems facing us and not just campaign slogans and catchphrases.  
Vote for Chris Stafford for Cloyd District.

**Doug Poe  
Dublin**

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# Student loan payments resume with new providers, plans

By Vali Jamal  
Capital News Service

RICHMOND, Va. -- Borrowers will resume student loan payments this month after a three-year freeze that started in March 2020.

Sudden job loss from an economy shuttered by the pandemic put the loan payments on pause, and the restart was extended several times. Student loans did not accrue interest until Sept. 1 this year.

Over 1.1 million Virginia residents carry a cumulative \$43.8 billion in student loan debt, according to the Department of Education. People between the ages 35-49 carry the most student loan debt in Virginia, for a collective \$16.6 billion owed.

Approximately 45 million Americans, or around 17.4% of the U.S. adult population, have student loan debt.

Scott Kemp is the student loan ombudsman for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

“People have gotten out of the habit of making loan payments,” Kemp said.

Many borrowers have a new loan servicer and might be unfamiliar with the new websites.

“Back in 2019, we had seven loan servicers; we’re now down to five,” Kemp said. “So I’d say the vast majority of loan borrowers have either a new loan servicer or they have a loan servicer who’s changed their name.”

Borrowers have options if they are struggling to pay back their loans.

If a borrower works for a qualified employer, they can apply to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. After 120 months or 10 years with such an employer, any outstanding debt is forgiven. The borrower has to make regular payments and provide annual employer verification.

There are now also four income-based payment options with the SAVE plan being the cheapest option, according to Kemp.

The “Saving on a Valuable Education” plan is based on income and takes a smaller portion of the

borrower’s discretionary income.

Federal Student Aid also has a temporary “on-ramp transition” period, where borrowers have up to 12 months to resume payments without penalties such as negative credit reporting, or defaulting to a collection agency.

It may be appealing as borrowers adjust, but the option comes with costly drawbacks, according to Kemp.

“You may not be making a payment for 12 months, but unlike before, interest is going to accrue every month,” Kemp said. “If that loan was \$20,000 in August, if you wait a year, it’s probably going to be \$21,000.”

Many of the new options were established through a student loan reform led by President Joe Biden’s administration, although Biden’s signature \$10,000 loan forgiveness effort was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Many borrowers still feel overwhelmed and trapped by their outstanding loans.

Frustrated by mismanagement

Christina Winton has two degrees and currently works for the state of Arizona. As a public servant, she would qualify for PSLF. Winton said she has made more than the qualifying amount of 120 payments.

Winton shared her account record that showed just under \$30,000 of remaining student loan debt, from a master’s of business administration from the University of Phoenix.

She has filed paperwork for PSLF and for “borrower’s defense,” a discharge option available if a school engaged in misconduct.

Winton is frustrated by “mismanagement” from loan servicers and the Department of Education. She cited that her provided signatures were overlooked, her payment history lost and her applications stuck in a holding pattern.

She feels “trapped in debt” and is unable to make her student loan payment because she is already struggling with other important bills, Winton said. She feels forced between feeding her family, keeping the water running and a student loan payment plan that

has been a headache.

Winton works with the advocacy organization Student Loan Justice to help restore borrower and bankruptcy rights to student loans.

The Department of Justice issued guidance last November that could make bankruptcy discharge of student loans more likely, if certain stipulations of hardship are met. The DOJ guidance was to enhance “consistency and equity” of student loan bankruptcy claims in accordance with existing case law.

Current borrowers should keep a good record of their payment history and call those who can make a difference, according to Winton.

“Keep all your documentation and then call your senators, House representatives, contact the president, contact the first lady, contact your local constituent, your local attorney generals’ offices,” Winton said.

Winton also advised students to not borrow any more money and

called for the federal government to cancel all student loans.

“I would love to own a home”

Daniel Sherwood shared his account record that showed over \$70,000 in student loan debt, which he fears will keep him from home ownership.

He currently rents in Seattle but “would love to own a home.” Sherwood stated that he can’t, because of “student loans that will die with me.”

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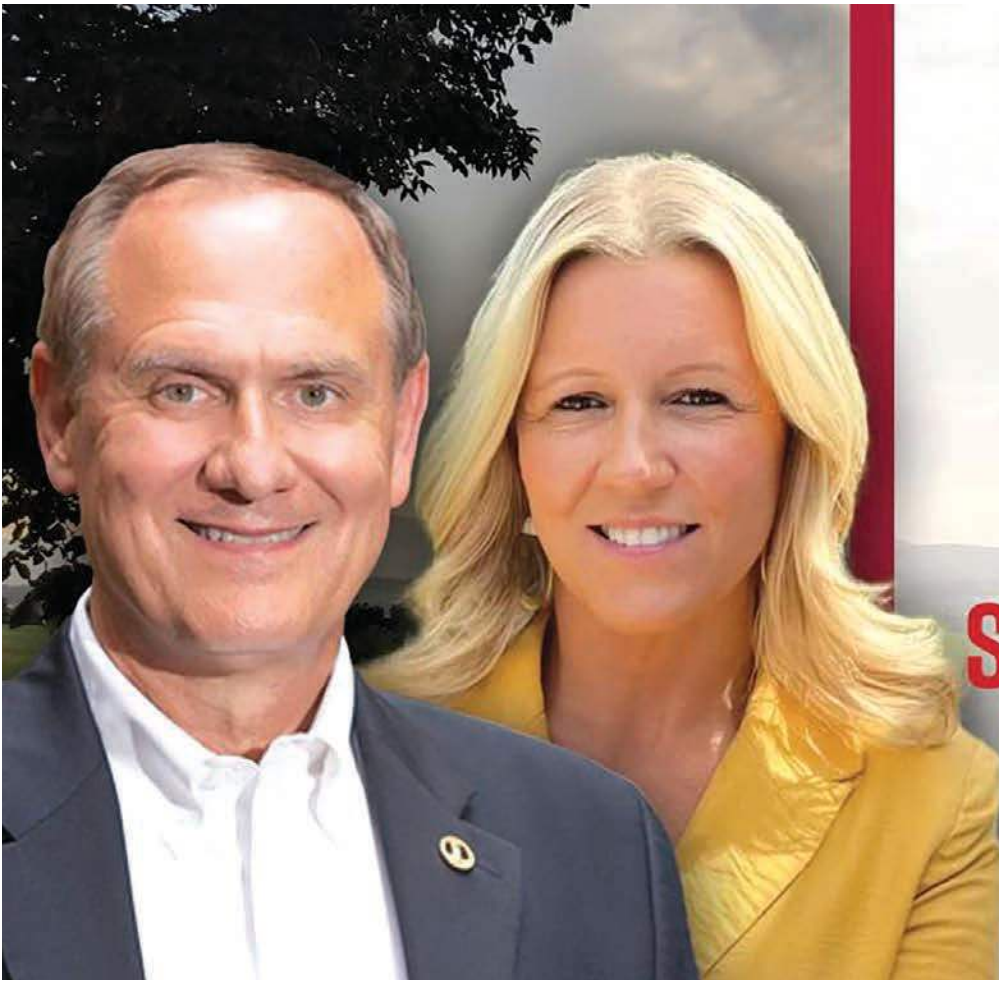
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# Loans

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Congress should pass bills to remove interest and require the borrower's consent before the loans are sold to another company, according to Sherwood.

"I wish they would've told me that they could sell my loans off to a different student loan company, and thus changing the terms and interest rates on you without getting your consent," Sherwood stated in an email. "I wish I fully understood the contract that I was signing at the age of 18."

Biden recently announced another plan to erase \$9 billion in student loan debt. An estimated 3.6 million borrowers will have a cumulative total of \$127 billion forgiven.

Sherwood understands the Biden administration wants to help people like him. He thinks borrowers who were promised \$10,000 student loan forgiveness, or more in some cases, should be in the next batch of forgiven

loans.

Higher education finance reform

Some organizations want higher education to be publicly financed altogether.

Liz King is the senior program director for education equity at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a legislative advocacy group founded in 1950.

Debt-financed education holds students back from pursuit of their goals, King said. They might not pursue an art, law, medical or engineering degree based on the final price tag.

"It limits our growth and development as a society if individual students do not have the opportunity to pursue their passions and share their gifts and talents with the rest of us," King said.

All student loan debt should be forgiven and the financing of higher education should be reformed, according to King.

"One of the most important messages to convey is how important it is to vote and be civically engaged and to ensure that your voice is heard," King said.

King also encouraged borrowers to contact policy makers and advocacy groups, and share their stories about the impact of their debt.

"Policymakers need to hear the real stories of what this really means, who's really affected and the way in which we need a broader, longer term, bigger picture, structural reform to move away from debt-financed higher education," King said.

Capital News Service is a program of Virginia Commonwealth University's Robertson School of Media and Culture. Students in the program provide state government coverage for a variety of media outlets in Virginia.

# It's Election Time

Not all elections are political. As we get ready to vote on November 7, 2023, we should remember that not all of the officials you vote for are about politics. It is not about red vs. blue, but choosing the person who can do the job more efficiently.

Virginia elects four constitutional officers, Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, Sheriff and Commonwealth Attorney, every four years and one constitutional officer, the Circuit Court Clerk, every eight years. These offices must follow the Code of Virginia, which are laws set forth by the General Assembly. They cannot give any advice to citizens that is not covered by these laws. Virginia is a Dillon Rule state. If the state says you cannot do something, then the office cannot adopt a different policy or law.

The Clerk of Circuit Court has hundreds of documents that are recorded on a daily basis. They are responsible for recording deeds, probating wills, liens, marriage license, divorce decrees, Board of Supervisor's meetings, just to name a few things that are performed. They also find people to serve on jury duty. The clerk also has many behind the scenes jobs.



For these positions, voters must consider the actual qualifications of the candidates running. It should not matter if the person is a Republican or a Democrat. It should not matter if this person is your friend or who their relatives may

be. These positions should be considered by the experience in the office. Terri Hager has been in the Clerk of Courts office for 21 years. She is the Chief Deputy for the Clerk of Court. This position means that she has been through an extensive amount of training for the Clerk's office and is able to step into the Clerks position at any time the Clerk absent. Constitutional offices have many classes and electives that are required in order to perform their jobs. The Weldon Cooper Center through the University of Virginia sets the curriculum of classes in which are required for all of their employees and the officer. This is derived by a point system and we must have a certain number of point credits each year.

Again, constitutional offices are non-partisan offices. We serve all citizens in Pulaski County. Please consider experience for the Circuit Court Clerk's office. Terri Hager is the best person for the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk. She has a wealth of experience and very knowledgeable concerning any questions the public may have. I strongly support Terri Hager for Clerk of Court on November 7, 2023.

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# Great local turnout for Re-New the New cleanup

RADFORD - Localities across the New River Valley hosted the eighth regional New River clean-up event entitled, “Fall into the New” on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at various locations throughout the region.

The regional event builds off the success of award-winning clean-up events championed for the last two decades by a Giles County-based community group, ReNew the New. Citizens across the New River Valley and beyond came out in droves to volunteer their time to ensure the namesake of the region is healthy and clean.

Since 2016, the regional Re-New the New Clean-up events have made an incredible impact on the watershed. To date, over 3,000 people have removed more than 45 tons of trash and 1,500 tires from 64 miles of the New River.

This year, in partnership with the New River Conservancy, Re-New the New expanded North into West Virginia just beyond the state line. Students from Concord College (Athens, WV) along with community members helped to gather over 175 tires from the three mile section. “This year’s ReNew event was definitely one of the absolute best in the event’s 23 year history.” Says Chris McKlarney, Giles

County Administrator. “With the expansion into WV, our dream of consistent, organized cleanup efforts, along with equipping the next generation to take care of this river that we all love, is becoming a reality. We are very appreciative of the New River Conservancy, the WV Department of Environmental Protection, The National Park Service, The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Concord University, and the Town of Hinton, for their support of the expansion efforts. As we have learned over the years, it takes a community to pull this off.” The ReNew the New team is looking forward to future participation across the watershed.

The success of these events comes in large part from active support of public and private partnerships across the region. Representatives from local governments, local businesses, advocacy groups, student organizations, and citizens meet quarterly as part of the New River Watershed Roundtable.

The Roundtable helps to coordinate and plan for these events, along with discussion and coordination of other regional watershed priorities and initiatives. The public is always welcome to attend Watershed Roundtable meetings to become more engaged in the region’s water quality.



New River Valley Regional Commission. Photo by Matt Ross.

Volunteers help clean the New River near Radford.

## ACCE Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser

New River Community College Educational Foundation is hosting a pickleball tournament on Saturday, Oct. 21 to support Access to Community College Education (ACCE) at NRCC for Radford City students.

The tournament will be held at the pickleball courts at Bisset Park in Radford at 9 a.m. All levels are welcome to participate in the tournament.

The tournament registration fee is \$25 per player, and participants need to register by Monday, Oct. 16 at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEViyJtaNTP8KooLX9yUeeCGvvWgYBYSBR1Vja-G5ifsN0Flg/viewform>. The registration fee includes a t-shirt.

Food, drinks, and t-shirts will be available for sale at the event.

Proceeds from the event support student tuition at NRCC through the ACCE program. For more information about the tournament, contact Kaylee Pelkey at 540-674-3608 or [kpelkey@nr.edu](mailto:kpelkey@nr.edu).

ACCE is an economic development public/private partnership that makes college available debt-free to high school and home-schooled graduates by funding NRCC tuition for two years. ACCE will support the youth of participating counties by making college within reach. With the support of ACCE, students will graduate from NRCC prepared to join the workforce or transfer to a four-year university without college debt.

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# Sheriffs: Open borders lead to heightened terrorist threats

## Surge in fentanyl deaths also cited as major public safety concern

By Bethany Blankley

(The Center Square) – Members of the American Sheriff Alliance are calling for immediate action due to heightened terrorist threats they fear existed because of U.S. border policies.

Their call comes as a record number of known, suspected terrorist (KSTs) were apprehended by federal Customs and Border Patrol agents in fiscal 2023, the largest number in recorded history.

Alliance members recently met to discuss “the continued pressure and strain on resources due to the lack of border enforcement throughout the United States, including the alarming statistics of encounters with individuals found to be on the Terrorist Watch List, also known as the Terrorist Screening Dataset,” as well as the influence of the Sinaloa Cartel and Jalisco New Generation Cartel.

The alliance cites apprehensions of KSTs between ports of entry along the southwest border as cause for concern, stating in the last two years there’s been a 906% increase in encounters. However, a significantly larger number is coming through the northern border. This fiscal year, 432 KSTs were apprehended at the northern border compared to 227 at the southwest border.

They also cite the arrests of individuals with criminal convictions or those wanted by law enforcement, which increased from 6,562 encounters in 2021 to 16,992 in 2022, to 18,586 in 2023, indicating a 183% increase in two years, as previously reported on by The Center Square. The crime data is actually higher when including ICE Enforcement Removal Officer actions.

In fiscal 2022, ICE ERO agents arrested 46,396 noncitizens with criminal histories, including 198,498 associated charges and convictions for 21,531 assault offenses; 8,164 sex and sexual assault offenses; 5,554 weapons offenses; 1,501 homicide-related offenses; and 1,114 kidnapping offenses.

The alliance also points to an unknown number of gotaways, arguing CBP estimates 600,000 this year “but there is no way of knowing the exact numbers. These alarming statistics are extremely concerning to the Alliance, and there are major homeland security concerns with these individuals especially, with the lack of information and vetting as to their intentions, criminal histories, or connections to our adversaries worldwide.”

The gotaway estimate is closer to 1.6 million since January 2021, according to data obtained by The Center Square.

With an influx of people and crime, the alliance says, “the strain on local resources both for border sheriffs and law enforcement across the country who do not have the adequate staffing or

funding to respond to this influx of migrants is troubling. The continued effect on communities across the country who are left to deal with violent criminals, illicit narcotics and the increase in overall criminal activity is straining public safety resources, ... including housing, medical services, and the judicial system.”

The head of the National Sheriffs’ Association compared the number of fentanyl deaths to a large plane crashing daily.

“When the number of people dying from drug poisonings is equivalent to a 737-airplane crashing each day, and the number of migrants that we are aware of coming across the border could fill the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans weekly, we have to sound the alarm,” Sheriff Greg Champagne of St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, president of the association, said. “If a plane crashed daily, there would be immediate action taken, and yet instead of seeing numbers decrease, we continue to set records for those who are dying from illicit narcotics mostly originating from the drug cartels in Mexico.”

Sheriff Leon Wilmot of Yuma County, Arizona, said the Mexican drug cartels are taking advantage of the border situation.

“The pressure on law enforcement at the local level is unsustainable with the continued daily increases at the southern ports of entry,” Wilmot, also a member of the Western States Sheriffs’ Association, said. “With the sustained unrelenting flow of migrants coming from all over the world and the limited background checks and vetting process, it is concerning who is being released into the interior. The cartels are actively promoting the weak border policies through social media networks, and it is clear they have been, sadly, very successful in their mission.”

Sheriff Tom Schmerber of Maverick County, Texas, and president of the Texas Border Sheriff’s Coalition, noted, “While federal, state, and local law enforcement are doing everything they can to keep their local communities secure and ensure humane conditions for migrants who are truly seeking

asylum, there is no doubt that the asylum system is being abused and the traditional avenues are overwhelmed to keep up requests forcing the release of these individuals without any accountability. El Mencho, El Mayo, and other troubling cartel criminals will continue to exploit these easy loopholes without action from

our elected officials.”

The alliance is calling on elected officials “at every level of government to speak out and draw attention to the need of making proper reforms to these extreme challenges.

“With hundreds of violent criminals entering communities every day around the country as

well as the flow of illicit narcotics poisoning our citizens, the Alliance is demanding the rule of law in this country be followed and that all available sanctions and statutes be used to help alleviate the pressure the men and women of law enforcement are facing during this unprecedented period in our nation’s history.”

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Dear Dave,

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Shannon

Dear Shannon,

This is a great question. I wish more folks would think about these kinds of things

## Farmer Named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, NH-- Travis Farmer of Pulaski (24301) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Summer 2023 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

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When you buy a prepaid plan, you could be years or decades away from needing it. Plus the inflation rate on funerals is about 4%, so in essence, you'd be making 4% on your money. And, of course, you're locked into everything at that point. If you took the cost of a funeral and invested it at age 30, instead of 4% on your money, you'd get an actual investment return. By the time you're 80, you'd have about \$600,000. So prepaying in your 30s or 40s is mathematically ridiculous. Now, if you're in your 60s, like you and me, there aren't as many years for that money to grow. You wouldn't see a

huge return on investment, but it would still provide for a nice service.

Believe it or not, it took me a while to figure out that the funeral world is an industry—an extremely profitable industry. And like with many things, when you add on stuff like financing or prepayment to a purchase, you're adding to their profits. Most funeral providers make as much money on prepayment plans as they do in actual margin on the goods and services that go along with this kind of thing.

That being said, I've got no problem with a business or industry making money. If they treat their customers well, no one's taken advantage of, and a quality product or service is provided, it's all good. But when it comes to funerals, I tell people to preplan. Don't prepay.

— Dave

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



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**Endorsement Letter from Town of Dublin Mayor, Benny Skeens**



I have known Timothy Hurst for many years and believe he is the best candidate for the School Board position. Throughout his service on the School Board, he has been a strong advocate for the education of our children. His knowledge and experience are valuable assets for the teachers, students and families of Pulaski County.

I offer him my complete support and ask that you join me in voting to re-elect Timothy Hurst to our School Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benny Skeens,  
Town of Dublin Mayor

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# Cougars try to bounce back in B'burg

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The Pulaski County Cougars travel to Blacksburg on Friday night to take on the Bruins. The game comes on the heels of a 49-13 loss to rival Salem last week in Dobson Stadium.

The loss dropped the Cougars' record to 1-5 on the season. In Blacksburg, the Cougars face a 2-4 team – already an improvement for the Bruins who entered the season on a 27-game losing streak. They hadn't won a football game since 2019.

Their improved season, however, took a hit last week when they fell hard to Christiansburg in the "Battle of the Burgs," 71-7.

Head coach Zack Leonard, in his second season at Blacksburg, employs a shotgun offense led by quarterback Ethan Karpa who went 4 of 6 last week against the Blue Demons for 31 yards.

Isaiah Lewis was the Bruins' top rusher against Christiansburg, carrying the mail 17 times for 33 yards.

Blacksburg will use a 3-4 defensive scheme to try and stop Pulaski County.

The Cougars are looking to get back in the win column in Montgomery County Friday night.

Against Salem, the Cougars' night got off to a bad start from the get-go.

A fumble on the opening kickoff return gave the Spartans the ball deep in Cougar territory and three plays later Salem scored to take an early 7-0 lead.

The Cougars were able to tie the score on a six-play (all rush-



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Trevor Gallimore rushes for some hard-earned yardage against Salem.

es), 80-yard drive with Trevor Gallimore covering the final four yards for the score.

Bryant Nottingham booted the PAT and the score was tied at 7-7.

From there it was pretty much all Salem with the Spartans' stars Peyton Lewis and Jayveon Jones leading the way to a 28-7 lead.

The Cougars got on the board again for the final time in the game

See COUGARS, page B5

# Brown out as head coach of Cougar boy's basketball

By RODNEY YOUNG  
For The Patriot

The Patriot and RodneySportsNow.com have learned that Pulaski County Head Coach Daniel Brown has been relieved of his basketball coaching duties.

Brown was hired in mid-June to lead the boy's basketball program. Four months later, the Cougars are without a head coach and the start of official practice is just around the corner.

Junior varsity head coach Rajai Hines has reportedly been carrying out much of the duties of the head coach during the summer, such as informing players of when and where open gyms were being held.

The Cougars' first action is slated for November 16 with a scrimmage at Lord Botetourt High School.



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Cougars head coach Cam Akers gives his quarterback, Bryant Nottingham the next play.

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## WEEK 8 Schedule

Week 8 of the region's high school football games for Friday, Oct. 13:

- Radford at Patrick County
- Craig County at Parry McCluer
- Galax at Giles
- Auburn at Fort Chiswell
- Alleghany at Glenvar
- Pulaski County at Blacksburg
- Liberty Christian Academy at Liberty
- Franklin County at Staunton River
- Martinsville at Magna Vista
- Honaker at Narrows
- Bath County at Eastern Montgomery
- Bluefield at Grayson County
- Lord Botetourt at William Byrd
- Jefferson Forest at E.C. Glass
- Carroll County at Floyd County
- Tazewell at Marion
- Cave Spring at Patrick Henry
- Bassett at George Washington
- Jenkins at Bland County
- Christiansburg at Hidden Valley
- George Wythe at J.I. Burton
- William Fleming at Northside
- Rural Retreat at Chilhowie

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

## High School Football Scores

- Abingdon 42, Marion 13
- Albemarle 34, Goochland 0
- Alleghany 47, Carroll County 0
- Altavista 40, Dan River 22
- Amelia County 63, Prince Edward County 30
- Appomattox 42, Nelson County 7
- Arcadia 23, Washington, Md. 8
- Atlee 48, Patrick Henry 27
- Bassett 51, Tunstall 21
- Bath County 47, Auburn 0
- Bethel 51, Gloucester 7
- Brentsville 51, Warren County 19
- Briar Woods 42, Riverside 13
- Broad Run 20, Heritage 0
- Brunswick Academy 62, Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot 0
- Buckingham County 57, Nottoway 0
- Cave Spring 43, Hidden Valley 7
- Chancellor 22, Caroline 21
- Chatham 26, William Campbell 20
- Christchurch 50, Rappahannock County 7
- Christiansburg 71, Blacksburg 7
- Courtland 35, Spotsylvania 0
- Deep Creek 28, Western Branch 7
- Dominion 30, Rock Ridge 6
- E.C. Glass 48, Brookville 14
- Eastern Montgomery 44, Craig County 24
- Eastern View 58, James Monroe 7
- Edison 24, Hayfield 10
- Episcopal 34, St. Stephens-St. Agnes 9
- Essex 52, Rappahannock 7
- Fairfax 42, W.T. Woodson 21
- Fluvanna 32, Western Albemarle 3
- Forest Park 35, Woodbridge 21
- Fort Defiance 28, Stuarts Draft 14
- Franklin 46, Surry County 26
- Franklin County 42, Northside 28
- Freedom 63, Osborn Park 14
- Freedom 66, Colgan 0
- Friendship-Edison, D.C. 33, Armstrong 16
- GW-Danville 79, Martinsville 0
- George Wythe 49, Giles 13
- Glenvar 41, Patrick County 21
- Granby 41, Lake Taylor 2
- Grayson County 25, Fort Chiswell 7
- Green Run 28, Bayside 14
- Grundy 49, Twin Valley 28
- Halifax County 21, Mecklenburg County 14
- Hanover 49, Mechanicsville High School 7
- Harrisonburg 20, Rockbridge County 14
- Heritage (Lynchburg) 16, Amherst County 6
- Hermitage 27, Douglas Freeman 13
- Herndon 21, Chantilly 14
- Hurley 52, Thomas Walker 23
- James Madison 28, Westfield 24
- Jefferson Forest 50, Liberty-Bedford 0
- John Battle 30, Central - Wise 6
- John Champe 28, Loudoun County 21
- John Marshall 29, Charles City County High School 0
- Justice High School 14, Annandale 12
- Kellam 28, Tallwood 26
- Kempsville 48, Landstown 7
- Kettle Run 61, Meridian High School 6
- King William 14, Colonial Heights 6
- King's Fork High School 68, Grassfield 21
- Langley 45, Wakefield 9
- Liberty Christian 41, Rustburg 0
- Lightridge 27, Independence 15
- Lord Botetourt 62, Staunton River 6
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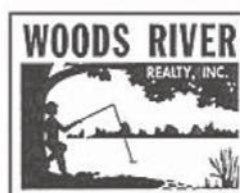
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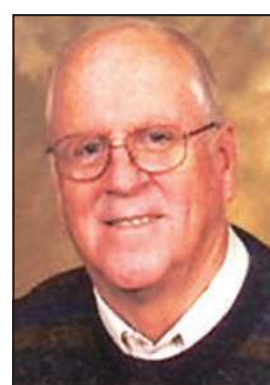
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Patriot 56, Gainesville 26  
Poquoson 28, York 6  
Portsmouth Christian 28, Nandua 26  
Potomac 14, Gar-Field 0  
Powhatan 33, Cosby 32  
Prince George 36, Meadowbrook 28  
Radford 55, James River 0  
Riverbend 41, North Stafford 20  
Riverheads 14, Staunton 12  
Roanoke Catholic 28, Bland County 0  
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# Virginia High School League Football Rankings

High School	Group	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Region	3D									
Magna Vista	3	3D	Piedmont	6	0	0	2	0	0	25.66667
Christiansburg	3	3D	River Ridge	6	1	0	3	0	0	24.14286
Lord Botetourt	3	3D	Blue Ridge	5	1	0	1	0	0	23.16667
William Byrd	3	3D	Blue Ridge	5	1	0	1	0	0	23.00000
Bassett	3	3D	Piedmont	4	3	0	2	1	0	19.71429
Abingdon	3	3D	Mountain 7	4	3	0	2	1	0	18.28571
Cave Spring	3	3D	River Ridge	3	4	0	2	1	0	16.57143
Northside	3	3D	Blue Ridge	2	4	0	0	1	0	16.33333
Pulaski County	3	3D	River Ridge	1	5	0	0	3	0	16.33333
Staunton River	3	3D	Blue Ridge	2	4	0	0	1	0	16.16667
Carroll County	3	3D	Three Rivers	2	5	0	1	2	0	15.85714
Hidden Valley	3	3D	River Ridge	0	6	0	0	2	0	13.00000
Tunstall	3	3D	Piedmont	1	6	0	1	2	0	13.00000

High School	Group	Region	District	Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	Rating
Region	2C									
Radford	2	2C	Three Rivers	7	0	0	3	0	0	24.57143
Glenvar	2	2C	Three Rivers	5	1	0	1	1	0	21.16667
Chatham	2	2C	Dogwood	5	1	0	2	0	0	19.66667
Gretna	2	2C	Dogwood	4	2	0	2	0	0	19.00000
Patrick Co.	2	2C	Three Rivers	4	3	0	1	2	0	17.28571
Appomattox	2	2C	Dogwood	2	5	0	1	2	0	16.28571
Floyd Co.	2	2C	Three Rivers	2	4	0	2	0	0	16.16667
James River (B)	2	2C	Three Rivers	3	4	0	0	3	0	15.28571
Nelson County	2	2C	Dogwood	4	3	0	0	3	0	15.14286
Dan River	2	2C	Dogwood	2	4	0	0	2	0	14.50000
Liberty (Bed)	2	2C	Seminole	0	6	0	0	3	0	12.50000
Martinsville	2	2C	Piedmont	0	7	0	0	3	0	10.14286

High School	Group	Region	District	Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	Rating
Region	1C									
Grayson County	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	6	0	0	2	0	0	22.00000
Narrows	1	1C	Pioneer	5	1	0	1	0	0	19.83333
Bath County	1	1C	Pioneer	6	0	0	0	0	0	19.66667
Galax	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	3	3	0	2	0	0	16.83333
Parry McCluer	1	1C	Pioneer	4	2	0	0	1	0	16.33333
George Wythe-W	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	3	3	0	1	1	0	16.16667
Fort Chiswell	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	3	3	0	0	1	0	15.33333
Giles	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	2	4	0	1	2	0	14.16667
Auburn	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	2	4	0	0	2	0	12.00000
Craig Co.	1	1C	Pioneer	2	3	0	0	1	0	11.20000
Eastern Montgomery	1	1C	Pioneer	2	4	0	1	0	0	10.83333
Bland County	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	0	5	0	0	0	0	5.80000

## Playoffs Round of 8 revs up at Las Vegas

### From NASCAR

After Kaulig Racing’s A.J. Allmendinger played spoiler in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs’ Round of 12 elimination race at the Charlotte ROVAL stealing the win from the Playoff contenders, four more drivers have been eliminated from the postseason – Brad Keselowski, Ross Chastain, Bubba Wallace and Kyle Busch. Now, the eight elite drivers that have made it

this far, need to regroup as the Playoff spotlight turns to the 1.5-mile Las Vegas Motor Speedway for this Sunday’s South Point 400 on NBC, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio (Channel 90), the first race of the Round of 8.

This is the sixth-year Las Vegas Motor Speedway has hosted a NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race (2018-2023). The 2023 season also marks the second-time the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs Round

of 8 has opened at Las Vegas Motor Speedway - race No. 33 of the season and seventh of the postseason.

Las Vegas Motor Speedway is the sixth different track to host the seventh race in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs; joining Atlanta Motor Speedway (2004-2008), Talladega Superspeedway (2009-2010), Martinsville Speedway (2011-2019), Kansas Speedway (2020) and Texas Motor Speedway (2021).

Prior to the 2022 season, Las

Vegas Motor Speedway hosted the first race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs in 2018 and 2019 and the fourth race in the Playoffs, the first race of the Round of 12, from 2020-2021.

Five different drivers have won the five previous Playoff races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway – Brad Keselowski, Martin Truex Jr., Kurt Busch, Denny Hamlin and Joey Logano.

A total of 11 different drivers have won the seventh race in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs, led by Jimmie Johnson with four postseason victories (Atlanta: 2004, 2007 and Martinsville: 2012, 2016). Team Penske’s Joey Logano leads all active NASCAR Cup Series drivers in victories in the seventh race of the Playoffs with three post-

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## Allmendinger grabs emotional win at Charlotte

**By Reid Spencer**  
**NASCAR Wire Service**

CONCORD, N.C. – Road course aficionado AJ Allmendinger stole some thunder from the NASCAR Cup Series Playoff drivers with a convincing victory in Sunday’s Bank of America Roval 400 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course.

Driving the No. 16 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet, Allmendinger led twice for a race-high 46 laps, including the last 33, and beat runner-up William Byron to the finish line by 0.666 seconds to win his first Cup race of the season, his first at the Charlotte Road Course and the third of his Cup Series career—all on road courses.

Kyle Busch finished third at the 2.32-mile, 17-turn circuit, two spots short of the win he need to advance to the Playoffs’ Round of 8. Joining Busch on the Playoff elimination list were Ross Chastain (who finished 10th), Bubba Wallace (16th) and Brad Keselowski (18th).

Allmendinger took the lead for the final time when Ryan Blaney pitted from the top spot on Lap 77, under caution for a wreck in the frontstretch chicane involving Denny Hamlin, Ty Dillon and Mike Rockenfeller.

The 41-year-old from Los Gatos, Calif., survived four more cautions and four more restarts before he completed what he termed “the drive of my life.”

Allmendinger was weeping during the cool-down lap and teared up in his post-race interview.

“I hate crying right now, but it’s a freaking Cup race, man,” he said. “You don’t know when it’s ever going to happen again...”

“This is why you do it. This is the only reason you do it. You fight. All the blood, sweat, tears, everybody at Kaulig Racing has just been such... I’d say a down year, but up-and-down year. It’s our second year in the Cup Series.”

Byron and Ryan Blaney already had advanced to the Round of 8 in the Playoffs by virtue of their respective victories at Texas and Talladega.

Joining them in the next round, which starts next Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, are Tyler Reddick (who ran sixth from the pole on Sunday), Denny Hamlin (37th), Christopher Bell (15th), Chris Buescher (seventh), Kyle Larson (who started from the rear in a backup car and finished 13th) and Martin Truex Jr. (20th).

The regular-season champion, Truex, claimed the final berth in the Round of 8 by 12 points over

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# Cougars

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prior to halftime when Gallimore scored from one yard out with 52 seconds left in the half.

The 14-play scoring drive covered 74 yards and included three pass receptions by Isaiah O’Dell along the way.

The snap on the PAT was bobbed and the Cougars trailed 28-13.

The second half was all Salem as they built their lead to the final, 49-13.

Salem rolled up 364 yards on the ground on 29 carries, while the Cougars amassed 176 yards on 39 rushes.

Pulaski County had 222 total yards in the game, while Salem

piled up 461.

Gallimore had 84 yards rushing on 22 carries to lead the Cougars. Chase Lawrence went 5 for 59 on the ground. O’Dell was 5 for 26 yards rushing and caught three passes for 30 yards. Nottingham added 5 yards on 4 carries, while Savion Thompson chipped in 2 carries for 3 yards.

Nottingham was 4 of 8 passing for 46 yards.

Salem went to 6-1 on the season with the win.

Gametime Friday night in Bluefield is 7 p.m. There is a small chance of showers Friday night, so bring some rain gear just in case.

# Charlotte

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Chastain, the first driver out.

Ill-fortune that befell Chase Elliott near the end of Stage 2 facilitated Allmendinger’s victory. Just as Elliott, the race leader, was approaching pit road to “short” the stage, BJ McLeod’s spin in Turn 4 caused the second of seven cautions and forced NASCAR to close pit road.

Elliott steered back to the racing surface and won the stage but lost critical track position after pitting during the stage break and never regained it. He finished ninth behind Hendrick Motorsports teammate Alex Bowman.

Ty Gibbs came home fourth, followed by Joey Logano.

After a strong run from start to finish, Busch was philosophical about his exit from the Playoffs.

“The guys gave me a great piece today,” he said. “The Le-novo Camaro was pretty fast, just lacked a little bit on the long run, just didn’t quite have the feel of the tire that I was really looking for to be able to turn into the corners and to be able to drive out of the corners and keep pace with the front two there at the end.

“But overall, this ride is on me anyways. The first two weeks of this round were obviously not very good, and we didn’t score any points. That’s where it’s at. That’s where it lies. Texas, Talladega, just not being able to execute and do a good job when points were on the line.”

NASCAR Cup Series Race – Bank of America ROVAL 400  
Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course  
Concord, North Carolina  
Sunday, October 8, 2023

1. (6) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 109.
2. (14) William Byron (P), Chevrolet, 109.
3. (5) Kyle Busch (P), Chevrolet, 109.
4. (10) Ty Gibbs #, Toyota, 109.
5. (7) Joey Logano, Ford, 109.
6. (1) Tyler Reddick (P), Toyota, 109.
7. (20) Chris Buescher (P), Ford, 109.
8. (16) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 109.
9. (8) Chase Elliott (P), Chevrolet, 109.
10. (12) Ross Chastain (P), Chevrolet, 109.
11. (18) Ryan Preece, Ford, 109.
12. (17) Ryan Blaney (P), Ford, 109.
13. (36) Kyle Larson (P), Chevrolet, 109.
14. (15) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 109.
15. (2) Christopher Bell (P), Toyota, 109.
16. (4) Bubba Wallace (P),

- Toyota, 109.
17. (24) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 109.
18. (19) Brad Keselowski (P), Ford, 109.
19. (22) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 109.
20. (11) Martin Truex Jr. (P), Toyota, 109.
21. (21) Aric Almirola, Ford, 109.
22. (25) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 109.
23. (32) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 109.
24. (31) Harrison Burton, Ford, 109.
25. (29) Austin Cindric, Ford, 109.
26. (28) Josh Bilicki(i), Chevrolet, 109.
27. (33) Austin Hill(i), Chevrolet, 109.
28. (30) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 109.
29. (26) Mike Rockenfeller, Chevrolet, 109.
30. (34) Zane Smith(i), Ford, 109.
31. (37) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 109.
32. (13) Michael McDowell, Ford, 109.
33. (3) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 109.
34. (27) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, Electrical, 96.
35. (35) Andy Lally(i), Ford, Accident, 84.
36. (23) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, Accident, 79.
37. (9) Denny Hamlin (P), Toyota, DVP, 76.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 81.596 mph.

Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 5 Mins, 57 Secs. Margin of Victory: 0.666 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 7 for 18 laps.

Lead Changes: 7 among 6 drivers.

Lap Leaders: T. Reddick (P) 1-27;C. Bell (P) 28-35;C. Elliott (P) 36-50;C. Bell (P) 51;K. Busch (P) 52-57;A. Allmendinger 58-70;R. Blaney (P) 71-76;A. Allmendinger 77-109.


Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): AJ Allmendinger 2 times for 46 laps; Tyler Reddick (P) 1 time for 27 laps; Chase Elliott (P) 1 time for 15 laps; Christopher Bell (P) 2 times for 9 laps; Kyle Busch (P) 1 time for 6 laps; Ryan Blaney (P) 1 time for 6 laps.

Stage	#1	Top	Ten:
45,23,1,19,20,99,9,8,54,16			
Stage	#2	Top	Ten:
9,20,11,45,5,1,23,19,34,8			

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# Meet The Cougars

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



**Assistant Coach**  
**Antwyn Calfee**  
A-Backs  
**Wife or significant other:** Christina Vance  
**Children:** Magnolia Calfee  
**Lives in Fairlawn**  
**Coached:** Second season at PCHS  
**Outside of football:** Going to church and spending time with family.  
He is a PCHS grad.  
He is a fan of the Washington Commanders and Virginia Tech  
As a coach, he enjoys seeing the kids progress in life after football.  
**Future plans:**



**Bryant Nottingham**  
**Age:** 15  
**Grade:** 10  
**Parents/Guardians:** Antonio and Rhonda Nottingham  
**Siblings:** Marcus Johnston  
**Lives in Pulaski County**  
**Favorite Subject in School:** Personal fitness  
**Hobbies/Things you do outside football:** Sleep, hangout with friends.  
**Positions:** QB, cornerback, kicker, punter  
**Other sports:** Track and basketball  
**Like most about football:** Scoring  
**Favorite college, pro teams:** Virginia Tech, Kansas City Chiefs  
**Future plans:** Play college basketball



**Blake Ratcliffe**  
**Age:** 15  
**Grade:** 10  
**Parents/Guardians:** Rebecca and Charles Ratcliffe  
**Siblings:** Bronson  
**Lives in Pulaski**  
**Favorite Subject in School:** Math  
**Hobbies/Things you do outside football:** Hangout with friends and eat  
**Positions:** Center, DE  
**Other sports:** Track  
**Like most about football:** Winning  
**Favorite college, pro teams:** Notre Dame  
**Future plans:** College

# NASCAR

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season wins; including last season’s race at Las Vegas (Martinsville in 2018; Kansas in 2020; Las Vegas in 2022).

Six times the winner of the seventh NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race has gone on to win the championship later that same season: 2007, 2011, 2016, 2018, 2021 and 2022.

In 2007, Jimmie Johnson won from the sixth starting position at Atlanta Motor Speedway and went on to win his second consecutive NASCAR Cup Series championship. The win was the second of four consecutive Playoff victories he put up en route to the title that season (Martinsville, Atlanta, Texas and Phoenix).

In 2011, Tony Stewart won from the fourth starting position at Martinsville Speedway and went on to win his third NASCAR Cup Series championship (2002, 2005, 2011). The victory was his third of a record setting five Playoff wins that season.

In 2016, Jimmie Johnson won from the third starting position at Martinsville Speedway and went on to win his record tying seventh NASCAR Cup Series championship. The victory was his second of three Playoff wins during his title run that season.

In 2018, Joey Logano won from

the 10th starting position at Martinsville Speedway and went on to win his first NASCAR Cup Series championship. It was his first of two Playoffs wins that season (Martinsville, Homestead-Miami).

In 2021, Kyle Larson won from the pole at Texas Motor Speedway and went on to win his first career NASCAR Cup Series championship. The victory was his third of a record tying five Playoff wins season en route to the title.

In 2022, Joey Logano won from the fifth starting position at Martinsville Speedway and went on to win his second NASCAR Cup Series championship (2018, 2022). The victory was his first of only two Playoffs wins that season (Las Vegas, Phoenix).

The worst finish by a driver in the seventh NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race that later went on to win the title that same season was at Atlanta Motor Speedway (2004-2008), when Kurt Busch posted a 42nd-place finish in the 2004 Atlanta race, then the seventh event in the Playoffs, and went on to win the title that same season. The finish was due to an engine failure.

The finishes by the eventual

champion in the Playoffs at Las Vegas Motor Speedway:

- 4th by Joey Logano in 2018 – the first race of the Playoffs.
- 19th by Kyle Busch in 2019 – the first race of the Playoffs.
- 22nd by Chase Elliott in 2020 – the fourth race of the Playoffs.
- 1st by Kyle Larson in 2021 – the fourth race of the Playoffs.
- 1st by Joey Logano in 2022 – the seventh race of the Playoffs.

Three times non-Playoff drivers have won the seventh race in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs: 2006, 2009 and 2010.

In 2006, Tony Stewart won the seventh race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs at Atlanta Motor Speedway, he was 11th in points at the time of the win.

In 2009, Jamie McMurray won the seventh race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs at Talladega Superspeedway, he was ranked 22nd in the points at the time of the win.

Make sure to tune-in for all the NASCAR Cup Series on-track action this weekend. The Cup Series will first hit the track with practice and Busch Light Pole Qualifying Saturday on the USA Network.



PCHS Player Of The Week

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Isaiah O'Dell

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# Radford blows out James River on Homecoming

By ELIZABETH KANIPE  
The Patriot

After a big win over Glenvar the week before, Radford looked to avoid a let down against James River for Homecoming. The Bobcats got off to a fast start and cruised to an easy victory. Landen Clark started the scoring on the Bobcats first possession from the 5 yard line and then ran the two point conversion to put Radford up 8-0. A bad James River punt snap gave Radford the ball at the Knights 15 yard line. Clark hit Max Kanipe on a tunnel screen for a 13 yard touchdown catch. Bobcats led 15-0 with 6:50 left in the first quarter.

On the second play of the next series, Sincere Taylor intercepted the James River pass at the 27 yard line and ran untouched to the endzone for a 22-0 Bobcat lead. Radford forced the Knights to punt giving the Bobcats possession at the Knights 26 yard line where two plays later Clark scrambled for a 23 yard touchdown run. The Bobcats led 29-0 with 4:02 still left in the first quarter.



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

**Radford's #7 Landen Clark waltzes into the end zone on the 2-pt conversion to open up the scoring on James River early in the 1st quarter.**

took the handoff at the 5 yard line and fumbled it to the one where Radford's Josh Turner picked it up and walked into the endzone. The Bobcats led 55-0 with 3:51 left in the first half. With the large lead, the second half featured a running clock and was played without further scoring.

Radford's defense kept pressure on James River all night. The Knights finished with -7 total yards for the game. Radford finished with 295 total yards of offense. Clark completed 9 of 12 passes for 181 yards and 3 touchdowns. All three of those touchdowns were to Max Kanipe, who caught 5 passes for 142 yards. With that yardage, Kanipe broke the regular season receiving yards record set last year by Parker Prioleau. Kanipe



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

**Radford's #18 Max Kanipe stretches out and dives to the end zone for one of his 3 touchdowns on the night.**

now has 898 receiving yards through 7 games.

Radford moves to 7-0 on the season. They will travel to Patrick County next Friday for their first Three Rivers District match-up against the Cougars.

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# School board congratulates Middle School Golf Team

Pulaski County Public Schools and Pulaski County School Board would like to congratulate the Pulaski County Middle School Golf Team. The team recently completed a perfect and undefeated season, winning all nine of their matches. The team has beaten Blacksburg, Scott Memorial, Fort Chiswell, Christiansburg, Galax, and Rural Retreat in various matches throughout their season. In their final match of the season, the Cougars recorded a team score of 114 to earn the win, overpowering Fort Chiswell by 35 strokes, Rural Retreat by 50 strokes, and Scott Memorial by 52 strokes. This is the second season of golf at PCMS and the first hopefully many more successful seasons for the program. The team consists of eighth-graders Evan Singleton, Mikey Gonzalez, and Will Rackaway; Seventh-graders



Pulaski County Public Schools

Noah Allen and Hunter Norman; and sixth-graders Owen Viers, and Aubrey Bower. The team is led by Head Coach Chase Dunnigan.

# County 4-H seeks help with Thanksgiving Dinner Food Baskets

Pulaski County 4-H Clubs in association with the Virginia Cooperative Extension – Pulaski Office, will be putting together Thanksgiving Dinner Food Baskets for families in Pulaski County again this year and need your help.

Over the past 14 years, working through New River Valley Community Services (NRVCS) Social Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Pulaski County 4-H Clubs have created over 148 baskets. This year we would like to create 30 baskets for families with children identified by NRVCS, Social Services, Department of Juvenile Justice and the T.G. Howard Center.

As we’ve done the past several years, we are asking for monetary gifts instead of asking for items to be purchased and dropped at the

Extension Office. Working with Kroger – Fairlawn, we’ll purchase all the items in bulk and pick up at the same time to then be sorted into family food baskets.

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# Mental Illness Awareness

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

One in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Mental illness affects everyone directly or indirectly through family, friends or coworkers. The first week of October is Mental Illness Awareness Week, aimed to raise awareness, fight discrimination and provide support.

A mental illness is a condition that affects a person’s thinking, feeling, behavior or mood. Research suggests that there are multiple, linking causes of mental illness, such as genetics, environment and lifestyle to influence the development of a mental illness. Some examples of mental illness include: anxiety disorders, bipolar disorder, depression, dissociative disorders, eating disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder, psychosis and schizoaffective disorder. Each affected individual may experience different thoughts, behaviors and symptoms. Some include: risk of suicide, self-harm, sleep disorders, smoking and substance use disorders.

Although there is no “one size fits all” treatment for mental illness, medication, counseling, social support and education can all help improve the road to wellness for someone affected by a mental illness. There are various mental health professionals that can help decide what is the best route for each person and it is important to understand that you are not alone if you live with a mental illness.

More information and statistics can be found online at [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org).



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# Legacy of environmental stewardship at RAAP

By Matthew Wheaton  
Writer  
U.S. Army Joint  
Munitions Command

For over eight decades, the Radford Army Ammunition Plant, in southwest Virginia, has stood as a steadfast community partner in the New River Valley. This enduring commitment extends to the region’s people, the environment, and the responsible management of natural resources.

RFAAP consists of two separate facilities. The main manufacturing plant is located between the city of Radford and the town of Blacksburg and consists of 4,080 acres. The New River Storage Unit is located 12 miles from the main plant near the town of Dublin and consists of 2,821 acres. The main plant is divided by the New River into a northwestern portion (in Pulaski County) and southeastern portion (in Montgomery County). The Claytor Lake Dam, 10 miles south of the main plant, governs

the rise and fall of the New River along the boundaries of RFAAP. “Through a multifaceted approach, RFAAP exemplifies the Army’s dedication to environmental stewardship,” said Lt. Col. Adrien G. Humphreys, RFAAP’s commander. “Our natural resource staff shoulders the responsibility of preserving native species, conducting vital animal surveys for research initiatives, and crafting comprehensive management plans.” RFAAP’s collaboration with



A buck seemingly poses for a photo at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant, in southwest Virginia. (Len Diioia, Radford Army Ammunition Plant)

educational institutions and community organizations has yielded valuable insights and real-world experiences. Partnerships with West Virginia University, Drexel University, Virginia Tech, and Radford University have encompassed studies on everything from ginseng to southern pine beetle infestations. “These initiatives provide students with hands-on learning opportunities while furnishing the installation with essential data for its natural resource management plan,” said Len Diioia Jr., an environmental scientist at RFAAP. “These endeavors not only serve as a platform for students to actively engage in learning but also play a crucial role in advancing the installation’s sustainable practices and environmental stewardship.” There are 341 vegetation species at RFAAP and approximately 10% are invasive. Species such as ailanthus, autumn olive, Japanese barberry and pawlonia (hardwood trees) are at the top of the list for

control. Representatives from Virginia Tech have injected a few ailanthuses within a stand with a fungus that only feeds on them. The fungus spreads through the root system killing all adjoining ailanthus trees. RFAAP is home to a variety of species — monarch butterfly, Henslow’s sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, and regal fritillary butterfly — that are currently facing threats. The Endangered Species Act mandates the safeguarding of them and the places they call home. Any undertakings or initiatives that might potentially affect species listed under federal protection are carefully assessed to identify ways to minimize, alleviate, or offset any adverse effects on these animals. Wildlife management at RFAAP primarily concentrates on habitat management, except for white-tailed deer. Since 1985, RFAAP has collaborated with the Virginia Department of

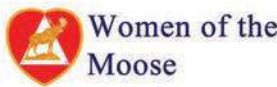
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# RAAP

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Wildlife Resources to organize a lottery deer hunt at the New River Unit, which is open to the public. Harvest objectives are established based on trend data from spotlight surveys, historical harvesting records, natural mortality statistics, and assessments of browse damage to both preferred and non-preferred plant species.

RFAAP's dedication to Veterans and the community is evident through its enduring partnership with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. For over a decade, the plant has hosted Wounded Warrior hunts, providing local and regional veterans with opportunities to hunt and fish on its premises. There are two ponds at the New River Unit, and the larger is approximately two acres.

RFAAP leases over 400 acres for cattle grazing and hay production at the New River Unit. There are six different leases at the facility. Four are for hay production with acreages of 127, 96, 50 and 30, and two leases are for grazing with acreages of 55 and 29. Local farmers benefit from this program, which utilizes installation property, while ensuring responsible land management to prevent adverse environmental impacts.

"With a steadfast focus on the future, RFAAP will continue to serve as a shining example of environmental guardianship for the generations yet to come," Humphreys said. "We will help ensure that those in the New River Valley thrive in harmony with our natural surroundings."



A pair of otters rest on a log at Radford Army Ammunition Plant in southwest Virginia. (Dr. Karen Powers, Radford University)

A pond located at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant, in southwest Virginia. (Len Diiioia, Radford Army Ammunition Plant)



## Va. War Memorial to host observance of Beirut bombing

The Virginia War Memorial will host the Commonwealth's Observance of the 40th Anniversary of the Bombing of the US Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon at a special ceremony on October 23, 2023 at 11 a.m. outdoors in the Memorial's Shrine of Memory –Global War on Terrorism & Beyond. The event is free and members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend.

The ceremony will honor and remember the 241 American service members who were stationed at the Barracks as part of the US peacekeeping mission in Lebanon and killed in the terrorist attack. 220 US Marines, 18 US Navy Sailors and 3 US Army Soldiers lost their lives during

the bombing.

Scheduled speakers include the Honorable Craig Crenshaw, Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, who served over 30 years in the US Marine Corps before retiring with the rank of Major General.

The ceremony will include the presentation of a memorial wreath by Secretary Crenshaw and Ms. Deanna Owens, representing the Gold Star Families. The names of the 11 Virginia Marines killed during the attack will be read by a US Marine accompanied by the tolling of the ship's bell from the USS Virginia.


The Virginia War Memorial is located at 621 South Belvidere Street, Richmond, Va. 23220. Free parking is available.

## Craft & Draft Celebrating Local Arts, Brews

Craft & Draft returns to Radford on October 21. Nine years in the running, Craft & Draft is a one-day festival featuring handcrafted wares, live music, food trucks, craftbeer, memories, and more.

Join the party from 11 am until 6 pm at Glencoe Field, the green space and parking lot next to Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery. There will be over 40 unique and original artists, creators, and makers from around the region joining the fun to bring their high quality, handcrafted art and wares directly to you! There will also be event-themed merchandise and signature t-shirts with original artwork by Main Squeeze Press available to purchase.

The drafts on tap will feature Mary Mary Why You Buggin' and Steppin' Up from Radford's own, Long Way Brewing, as well as Raspberry Wagon Road Apple Ale, Parkway Haze and Triple A Red Ale from Parkway Brewing Company. This year there will be 3 different cup options for purchase: glass, metal, and plastic.



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**Fri. Oct. 27th: Sister Ginger (Virginia Riggins)**  
**Sat. Oct. 28th: Evangelist Joyce Greer**

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# School board hands out October recognitions

## Senior of the Month

Pulaski County Public School and Pulaski County High School are pleased to announce our Senior of the Month for October is Ella Rae Tolbert. Ella is the daughter of Josh and Erika Tolbert of Dublin. Ella has shown great initiative, drive and determination. Ella is the DECA President for the 2023 school year and has gotten the DECA Club off to a great start! Under her leadership, membership is growing and they are setting new and exciting goals for club members. Ella is working tirelessly to prepare students to be successful at competition. She has developed a competition training program and is always ready to answer questions and help fellow DECA Members be a successful competitor. Ella also serves as the Marketing Intern. Part of her duties as the Marketing Intern is to attend Chamber of Commerce events as the Stu-



dent Liaison for Pulaski County Public Schools. Recently, Ella presented a presentation to the Chamber Board at their quarterly meeting highlighting all of the many things happening with Ca-

reer and Technical Education in Pulaski County. Throughout her years in taking marketing classes she has excelled at putting many different marketing concepts into reality. Ella is a great advocate

for the marketing program and a true example of Cougar PRIDE.

Upon graduation, Ella plans to attend New River Community College through the ACCE program to complete her general

studies. She then plans to transfer to ETSU pursuing a degree in marketing. In her free time, Ella works at Rock House Marina and enjoys spending time with her friends and family.

## Teacher of the Month

Pulaski County Public School and Riverlawn Elementary School are pleased to honor Meredith Airgahi as the Teacher of the Month. My music teacher is cooler than your music teacher are the comments that are often made about Meredith Airgahi. Mrs. Airgahi has been a music teacher for Riverlawn for two years now. Previous to her arrival at Riverlawn, Mrs. Airgahi was the choir teacher at Pulaski County Middle School. She coordinates, plans, and implements musical performances that lead the crowd to standing ovations. Mrs. Airgahi has a special talent of identifying students' strengths and capitalizing on them. She goes above and beyond the school day hours in order to provide students with a great musical experience that leaves them excited and ready to participate in the next performance. Staff, stu-



dents and parents are very thankful that Mrs. Airgahi's passion for

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## Pledge of Allegiance

Pulaski County Public Schools and Riverlawn Elementary School were honored to have Kendall Tolar lead the Tuesday, October 10, meeting of the Pulaski County School Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kendall is a fifth-grade student at Riverlawn Elementary. She is the daughter of Nicholas and Lindsey Tolar. Kendall is a well-rounded young lady with a fun personality and a positive attitude.

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# Employee of the Month

Pulaski County Public Schools and Riverlawn Elementary are pleased to honor Tammy Kolarich as Employee of the Month. Mrs. Kolarich has been a Riverlawn staff member for many years. She served in the capacity as assistant cafeteria manager and was recently promoted as cafeteria manager. Mrs. Kolarich has stepped into this role with pose and ease. She is always professional, personable, and kind. Students at Riverlawn adore her. In the mornings, they will often go to Mrs. Kolarich's Breakfast Cart just to say hello. In the cafeteria, she is always friendly and welcoming to students, staff, and parents. Even on tough days, Mrs. Kolarich has a smile on her face. She is dedicated to ensuring the nutrition program runs smoothly and does a superior job of taking care of our students. Riverlawn Elementary is excited to acknowledge Tammy Kolarich as Employee of the Month.



# NRCC to host gallery for Pulaski artist

New River Community College will host an art gallery, "Heavy Metal Apocalypse pARTy," by Pulaski artist Dave Rupe. The art is on display now and will be on display until December 15 at the Fletcher Gallery in Godbey Hall on NRCC's campus in Dublin.

"What is Art? To me all art is communication with the invisible world," said Rupe. "We are all spiritual beings who have a divine individual experience in physicality. Every machine, building, landfill...it's all art

in my opinion. From Mozart to a child's crayon drawing, it's all magic as well. If you ask me, a human's purpose simply is to live out loud."

Rupe grew up in Pulaski and graduated from Bridgewater College in 1994, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in studio art. He attended graduate school at Radford University in 1995, and that same year he joined the Army where he served in Bosnia. He has been in numerous solo and group shows in the New River Valley and Virginia since 1994.

Gallery hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays on request (ext. 3646), and Fridays from 10 a.m.- noon. More information is available by contacting Tammy Parks at (540) 674-3600 ext. 4468 or tparks@nr.edu.

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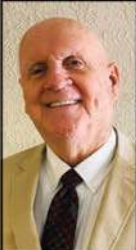
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Isaiah 59:19. “When the Enemy Comes in Like a Flood, The Holy Spirit Shall Lift up a Standard Against Him.”

Isaiah 59: 12 & 13.. “For our transgressions are multiplied before Thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them. In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.”

Isaiah seems to be trying here to confess to God over the sins of Israel. They have rebelled against God and Isaiah admits it on behalf of the people.

The guilt of sin was felt strongly. And that is one of the first steps to getting saved or reclaimed. A person must be made to realize that they are a sinner and in need of a Savior. If a person denies their sins, they can never be forgiven for them. For their sins are a witness against them.

Israel’s sins were staring them in the face. Isaiah names some of their sins. Rebellion against God; condoning and participating in the oppression of others; and lying about others to others.

The people were feeling the guilt of their sins. Guilt, someone said, destroys the soul. It causes folks to be bitter at those who are trying to help them see the error of their ways. Sin leads to guilt and depression.

But here’s the good news. One of the things we are delivered from when we become born again is the guilt of sin. We are saved from the guilt and penalty of sin; and from the habit and dominion of sin. When God forgives us of our sins, the guilt goes away. Because what was causing the guilt has been forgiven and cast into the sea of God’s forgetfulness, to be remembered against us no more.

That’s why when we get born again, we feel like we are walking on a cloud. The heavy burden of sin, guilt and shame has been removed by the application of the blood of Jesus. We are set free from sin and from all of the shackles of sin.

Verse 19. “So shall they fear the Name of the Lord from the West, and His glory from the rising of the Sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. And the Redeemed shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgressions in Jacob, saith the Lord.”

Isaiah, being a prophet, seems to leave mention of the present situation that Israel and Judah are in, due to their transgressions, and jumps over to the days when Messiah shall come with a mighty deliverance for His people. The Gospel shall be preached all over the world and shall spread from the East to the West.

He says, “When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Holy Spirit will lift up a standard against him.” The devil and his Demonic Hoard have already come in like a flood. Bringing a flood of immorality like it was in the days of Noah. Bringing in a flood of persecution the like of which hasn’t been seen since the formation of the Church.

The tides of the flood are rising every day across the world. But for the child of God, we are not to be frightened by being swept away by the flood. For we are anchored in the Lord. God will not allow us to be overcome by adversity but will deliver us from it by His power.

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# Church Directory

**Draper Valley Baptist Church**  
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Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.  
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**Grace Baptist Church**  
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**Draper Methodist Church**  
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne  
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Hispanic Service: 3 p.m.  
Contact Info. Phone: 540.980.3331  
e-mail: office@fumcpulask.org  
website: www.fumcpulask.org  
FACEBOOK@FirstUMCPulaski and  
WBLB 10:00 am

**Belspring Baptist Church**  
6887 Depot Street  
Belspring, VA 24058  
Pastor Darrell Linkous  
Service Times:  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study and  
Youth Group: 7 p.m.  
Darrell Linkous: 353-0081  
belspringbaptistchurch@gmail.com

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Dublin, Va 24084  
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Sunday Service - 11:00am

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540-980-5433  
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Monday's Child Youth Group, Monday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Harry Gunter  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Phone: (540) 320-0738

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10 a.m. Sunday School  
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A standard by one definition is a banner that is carried in the forefront of the battle. For the Christian Soldier it represents the mighty power of God's army. His banner over us is love. He loves His children too much to let them be overcome by the enemy of their souls.

When the enemy comes in like a flood implies a mighty force. And an even mightier force is required to repel them and to defeat them. God is that mightier force. In 2 Chronicles Chapter 20, we find a great army from three nations coming against Judah. And the people called upon the Lord for help. And the Spirit of the Lord came upon the Levite Jahaziel and he told King Jehosaphat and the people of Judah, "Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

He told them to march down to a certain place and to face the enemy and that they wouldn't even have to fight them. He said the Lord will go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you." And the people fell down and worshiped God.

So, the next day they went down in masse, obeying the word of the Lord, and sent singers in the forefront, to sing praises unto the holiness of God, and the Bible says God set ambushments against the enemy and the enemy turned on one another and slew one another, and Judah didn't have to fire a shot.

After the battle, they went down to the battlefield and found only dead bodies. God had caused their whole invading army to be destroyed.

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## Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Mark (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. What phrase did Jesus use three times in resisting the temptations of Satan? My father above, God is love, It is written, Thou must repent
  3. In II Peter 1, what were holy men moved by in regard to prophecy? Kindred spirit, Holy Ghost, Sins, Love of God
  4. From Judges 6, which judge threshed wheat by the winepress? Gideon, Joash, Neco, Hosea
  5. Who was Saul's daughter who married David? Jephthah, Oholah, Rahab, Michal
  6. Shechem was the son of ...? James, Hamor, Jacob, Onan
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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Worship: 11 am

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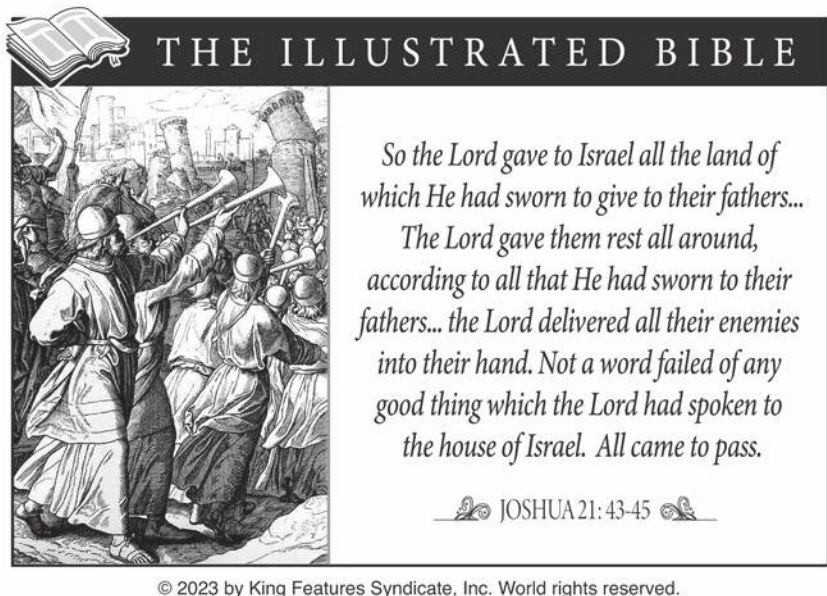
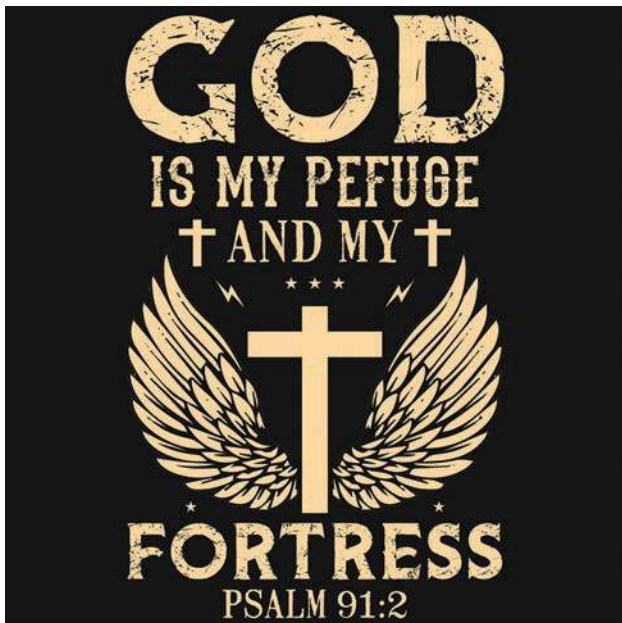
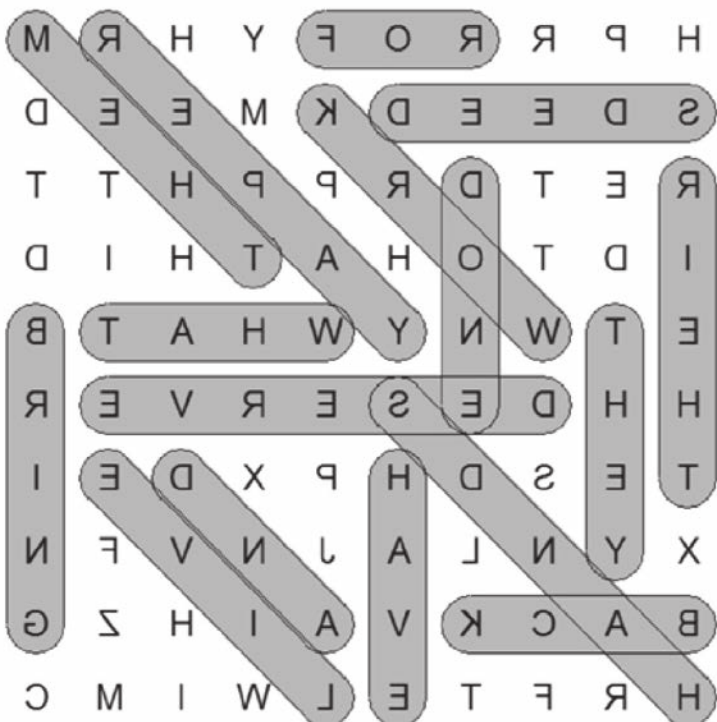
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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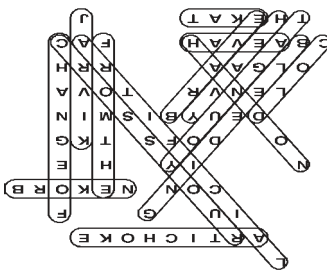
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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is the attraction of its  
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by Linda Thistle

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Oct. 15

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Oct. 16

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Oct. 18

**No Agenda Lunch**  
The Pulaski County Democrats will hold their next No Agenda Lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 18, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Compadres Mexican Restaurant, 1106 E. Mail St., Pulaski. These have been a great success. Come and join the party. For more information, contact Susan Trulove, at trulovesusan@gmail.com or Suzanne Bowen, chair of the Pulaski Democratic Committee, at (540) 980-4664. Learn more at www.facebook.com/pulaskivadems.

Oct. 19

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

Oct. 20-21

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

booths upon request. Food and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Oct. 23

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

Oct. 24

**Fairlawn Sewer Authority meets**  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 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. 26

**Community Supper**  
Mark your calendars! Cecil's Chapel Church welcomes everyone to Community Supper from 4:30 to 6:30. On the menu is chili beans and corn beard, but you know we'll have a lot of other delicious foods. As always, the meal is free and it is a time for the community to come together to visit. We will have the always popular yard sale/treasure find going on in the basement. The sales are by donation, no prices. And if you need it, take it. 5801 Cecil's Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA and see our FB page @cecilschapel for photos of what will be available at the yard sale.

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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Oct. 31

**No Tricks, No Treats**  
No tricks, just treats! Cecil's Chapel Church is opening our activities building from 4 to 6 p.m. for the community to stop by, have some warm apple cider and visit with each other. We'll have treats for those young and young at heart. 5801 Cecil's Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA.

Nov. 4

**Holiday Festival**  
Jordan's Chapel Methodist Church will hold its Holiday Festival on Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, vendors, furniture, jewelry and antiques. Breakfast, lunch and home baked goods will be available. 5095 Alum Spring Road, Pulaski.

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.

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.

132nd church anniversary and homecoming planned

First Baptist Church invites you to attend its 132nd Church Anniversary and Homecoming on Sunday, October 15. The service will start at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Douglas Anthony Slaughter of Second Baptist Church in Aiken, SC will be our guest speaker. Pastor Slaughter grew up in Draper, Virginia and is a former member of First Baptist Church. We are very excited that he will be delivering God's message.

After the morning service, we will enjoy a meal together. There will be picture displays of many recognizable faces; some are still with us, but many are not. This will be a wonderful time to reminisce about the good ole days and enjoy the company of friends you have not seen in a long time.

We would love for you to join us. Dress down and be comfortable. Everyone is encouraged to



Pastor Douglas Slaughter

come prepared for a great day of worship and celebration.

First Baptist Church is located at 220 Magazine Street in Pulaski, VA. The pastor is Rev. Douglas Patterson.

## Pulaski County Library System

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

**October 27, 10a- 4 p**  
**October 28, 10 a- 1 p**

Join us for a book sale during the spooky month!  
This may be the last book sale until the Spring so please join us.

We have a great assortment of history books and paperback westerns!

Corner of Third and Washington, near the Library

**Happy Halloween!**

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## Pulaski County Christmas Store

### Application/Intake Schedule 2023

Applications can be obtained online at [www.pulaskicountychristmasstore.com](http://www.pulaskicountychristmasstore.com), at your local library, or at the Pulaski County Department of Social Services.

Please apply at one of these four convenient locations!

**Pulaski Central Gym**

Saturday, October 14, (10am - 12:30pm)

Saturday, November 4, (10am - 12:30pm)

**Dublin Public Library**

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

**Pulaski Public Library**

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

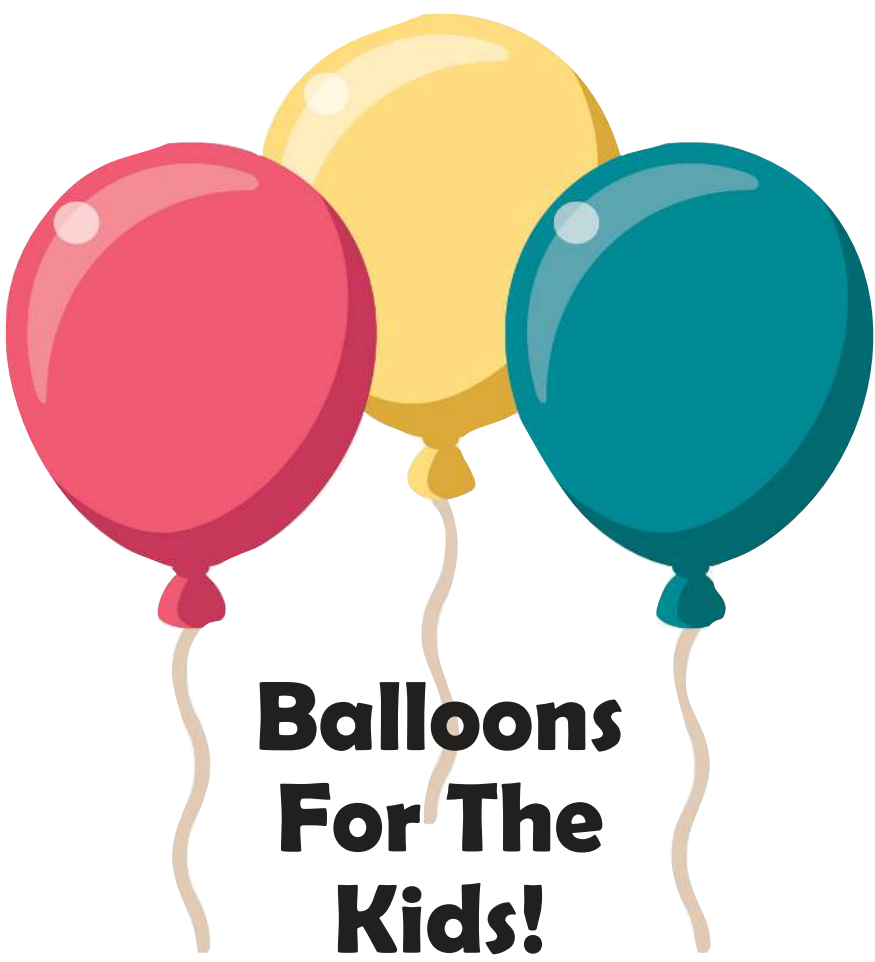
**Riverlawn Elementary School**

Thursday, October 19, (4:30pm - 6:30pm)

Please bring proof of residence/address, income verifications, and social security number for each child you are requesting assistance for.

Parents/guardians will shop for their child/children at the Pulaski County Christmas Store from the available inventory at the store on their scheduled shopping day and time.

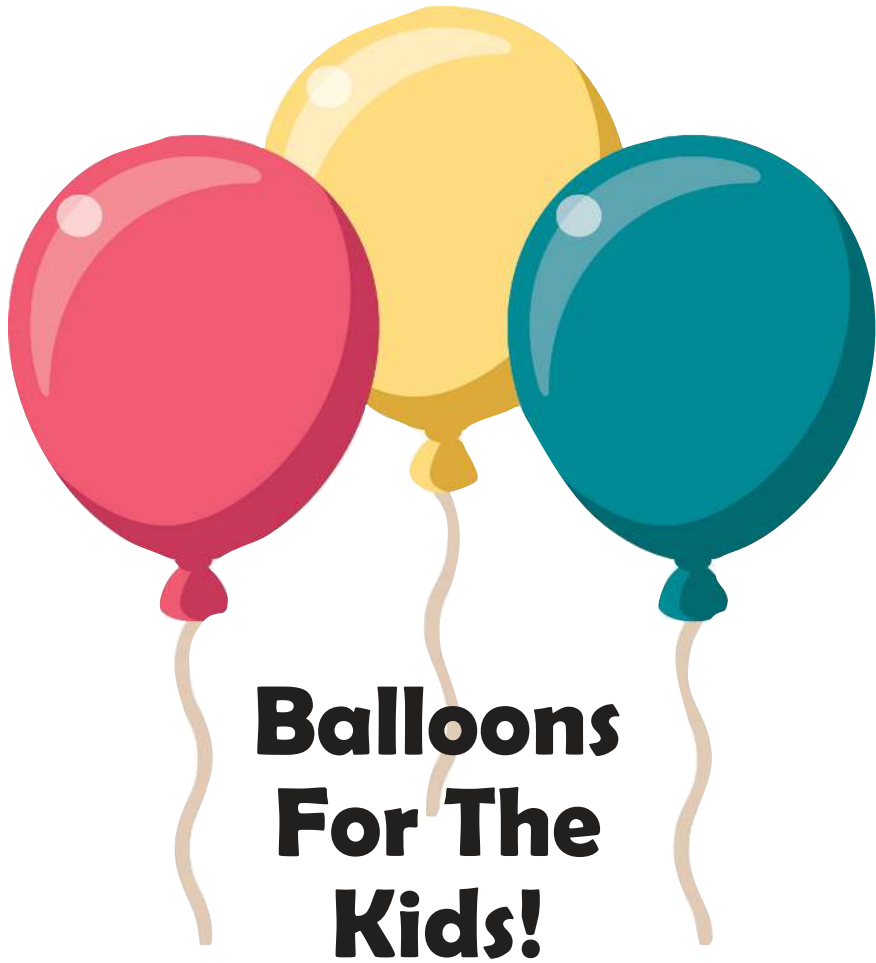




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