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# County veteran funeral honors are in jeopardy

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

John F. Kennedy once said, "Today we give our thanks, most of all, for the ideals of honor and faith we inherit from our forefathers--for the decency of purpose, steadfastness of resolve and strength of will, for the courage and the humility, which they possessed... As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

The United States Military embodies the values to which JFK referred in his speech. They fought wars to win our freedom, and then fought wars to sustain our freedoms. They deserve our appreciation for their service in life, and our honor in death, for when their service is over.

One of the ways to honor our great American Veterans is to provide military funeral honors detail. According to U.S. Code 1491, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that, upon request, a funeral honors detail is provided

*"The problem is our  
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*- Emil Moldovan,  
Commander of the  
Honor Guard of Dublin  
American Legion Post  
#58*

ed for the funeral of any Veteran, except when military honors are prohibited under Section 985(a) of this Code.

In Pulaski County, these military honors details have been performed by the Pulaski VFW Post #1184 and more recently by the Dublin American Legion Post #58.

Commander of the Honor Guard, Emil Moldovan, of our Dublin American Legion Post

#58, started the (Dublin) military honor funeral guard in 2010. He is concerned that not enough Veterans are volunteering to help with providing funeral honors for Veterans; and that these services may end soon.

Moldovan explained the types of military funeral honors detail. "By law, every Veteran is entitled to a military detail if served for one-year or more, has an honorary discharge or equivalent and has not been convicted of a capital offense."

"There are two types of military funeral honors details. One is where the detail present the U.S. flag to the next of kin and Taps is played on a trumpet or bugle. The full military funeral honors is provided for those who have served 20-years or more, been a ranking officer or Medal of Honor recipient or been a Prisoner of War. This honor guard consists of three-riflemen, five-pallbearers, two member presentation team who fold and present the

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# Newbern Fall Festival 2023: 'A good community thing'

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

The 2023 Newbern Fall Festival began with overcast skies and a chill in the air, but by noon the sun had broken through the clouds, sending temps into the upper sixties. By early Saturday afternoon, large crowds of festival goers were ambling along the one-mile length of Wilderness Road that serves as Newbern's principal thoroughfare.

The Newbern Fall Festival draws thousands of visitors every year to the tiny community of Newbern, which was originally established as waystation along the Wilderness Road between

Christiansburg and Evensham (later renamed Wytheville). The village of Newbern was the first town to be officially established in what is now Pulaski County. Patrons of the Wilderness Road Regional Museum celebrated Newbern's history by making apple butter and engaging in other pioneer era activities, all done in period correct costumes.

During this annual two-day festival, a multitude of vendors of most every description line both sides of the road offering arts, crafts and food for purchase. There was music too, with live bands playing from a stage at Wilderness Road Museum and up the road at the Newbern Church of

God. In addition to the vendors, representatives from both political parties set up their tents that Saturday in hopes of swaying prospective voters in the upcoming election.

One of these candidates for political office was seen viewing the Annular Eclipse that took place during the Newbern Fall Festival through her special dark lens eclipse glasses.

The Newbern Community Center was the center of activity at the west end of town, with several vendors setting up shop both in the yard and in the interior of the old schoolhouse. Several

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A military honors guard performs during a funeral at the SWVA Veterans Cemetery in Dublin.



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# Veterans

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flag, and one trumpeter or bugler who plays Taps.”

Dublin is among only three locations in the Commonwealth of Virginia to have the honor of providing a Veterans Cemetery as a final resting place for our Veterans and eligible family members – a place of honor, dignity, respect and remembrance.

The other two locations are the Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Amelia and the Albert G. Hornon, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery is in Suffolk.

During the Veteran’s funeral, the military honors guard will try to maintain a military-type presence by performing specific maneuvers. They will present arms as the casket is removed from the hearse and stand at attention while the family and casket move into place. If the military honor guard performs their duties first, it takes only a few minutes; but if the minister or pastor speaks first, the honor guard may have to stand at attention, sometimes up to 45-minutes.

Moldovan says members of the

American Legion Post 58, located at 408 E. Main Street, Dublin, have been conducting military funeral honors for buried veterans at the local Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery and other private cemeteries in the area.

However, he and Craig Shay of the Pulaski VFW Post 1184, are sounding the alarm that there is a strong possibility that military funeral honors for these Veterans may be coming to an end in the near future. They are making an appeal to local Veterans to help by donating their time and talent for this important service.

“The problem is our aging Veterans groups; and the lack of attracting newer and younger members is impacting the ability to provide military funeral honors details. Some of the members who serve on the details are in their 50’s and 60’s but others are in their 70’s, 80’s and even one member is 95-years. As we age, health issues arise and some are at a point where exposure to cold weather during the funerals can result in painful fingers, flu or pneumonia.”

“In an effort to ward off this calamity, I met with the Virginia Cemetery Director, Michael Henshaw, and we agreed to begin forming an honor guard team consisting of Veterans meeting the qualifications. By law, Veterans acting on an honor guard team must have served in the military for at least two years and been discharged honorably,” explained Moldovan.

Although this option may be a temporary solution, local Veterans are encouraged to volunteer their time and talents to ensure their military counterparts are shown the highest appreciation for their service to our nation.

To volunteer and participate in the American Legion military funeral honors guard, please contact Emil Moldovan at 540.674.0684.

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# Virginia's Sales Tax Holiday returns this weekend

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order, and by telephone without paying sales tax.

"As Virginians continue to face inflation and high prices, Virginians will receive some needed tax relief this weekend. This sales tax holiday is an important measure to help Virginians keep more of their hard-earned money when purchasing essential school supplies, hurricane preparedness items, and clothing," said Governor Glenn

Youngkin. "My administration has delivered over \$5 billion in tax relief and will continue to stand up for Virginia families and further our efforts to lower the cost of living across the Commonwealth."

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Detailed lists of qualifying items and more information for retailers can be found in the Sales Tax Holiday Guidelines and on Virginia Tax's website.

## Virginia sheriff offices asked to contribute excess gear to Israel

By Morgan Sweeney

(The Center Square) — Attorney General Jason Miyares has enlisted the help of the commonwealth's 123 sheriff's departments by asking for expired or surplus gear that can be donated to the Israeli military.

"I am shocked and grieved by the senseless terrorist attacks on Israel by the Hamas terrorist organization. The loss of innocent life and disregard for human rights is painfully tragic to see," Miyares wrote in the letter.

Miyares asked for "body armor, protective gear, and tactical equipment."

Some offices are unable to contribute, though they support the initiative, like the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department, which gave several hundred vests to the Ukrainian war effort last year.

"Our office supports the attorney general's call for donations... but we do not have any material in inventory at this time," Thomas Julia, a spokesperson for the office, told The Center Square in an email.

Others can give. As of early Wednesday afternoon, 20 departments had committed to donating equipment less than 24 hours after the initiative went out, according to Victoria LaCivita, a spokeswoman for Miyares' office.

Because the offices operate more independently and thus can often make decisions more quickly than police departments, which must seek approval from other local authorities, they can more easily contribute in situations like this.

The total shipping costs will depend on the amount of gear Miyares' office receives, but the office is working with nonprofits and Israeli officials to cover the expenses, LaCivita told The Center Square.

Last week, the National Sheriff's Association released a statement condemning "in the strongest of terms" Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on Israel and designating Friday, Oct. 13, a day to stand in solidarity with the Jewish nation rather than a day to rally with Hamas, as Hamas had appointed it "General Mobilization Day."

"Every Sheriff and the NSA rejects this in no uncertain terms. Instead, we encourage law enforcement of the United States to use [Oct. 13] as a day to stand with law enforcement and against terror of all kinds," said President of the National Sheriffs' Association Greg Champagne.

The initiative by the attorney general's office comes after multiple expressions of support for Israel from Miyares and Gov. Glenn Youngkin.



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- Jason Miyares, Attorney General



Justin Griffith, Republican candidate for Pulaski County Commonwealth's Attorney

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- Jason Miyares, Attorney General

*Our Honorable Attorney General has continually instilled a transparent victim first based approach to his leadership. We will learn from the leaders around us. From the perspective of the Commonwealth Attorney I will continue the office transparency and victim first approach. As Clerk I will embrace the tenet of transparency and customer service. We both believe in strong service to the community, beyond even the respective offices to include significant community involvement.*





# Area Obituaries

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**MARGARET ROSE CLARK PATTON**

Margaret Rose Clark Patton, age 80 of Pulaski passed away Sunday, October 15, 2023 at the Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Dublin. Born July 20, 1943 in Baltimore, Maryland she was the daughter of the late James William Clark & Sarah Rose Fертitta Jones. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Tommy Howard Patton, daughter, Donna Faye Burton, half-sisters, Patricia Ann Jones, Nancy Jean Jones, stepfather, Nathaniel Franklin Jones and stepbrothers, Alvin and Nathaniel Wayne Jones.

She is survived by her Daughter – Dreama Dawn Umberger – Pulaski Grandchildren Amanda & Jeremy Shorter – Pulaski Brittney & Cody Dalton – Wytheville Katee & Thomas Johnson – Pulaski T.J. Umberger – Pulaski Jordon Umberger – Pulaski Step Grandchildren Joshua & Silvia Burton – Chester, VA Kandice & Ricky Salmonsens – Chester, VA

An abundance of Great Grandchildren Funeral services were held Thursday, October 19, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Rev. Herman Sarver officiating. Interment followed at the Newbern Cemetery, Dublin.

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

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**DONALD "DONNIE" JOSEPH YATES**

Donald "Donnie" Joseph Yates, age 58 of Pulaski, died Sunday, October 8, 2023 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. Donnie was born on February 9, 1965 in Roanoke, and was the son of the late Sandra Joan Oney Yates and the late Cecil David Yates.

He was a plumber by trade for many years. Donnie and his wife Mary, on occasion, attended Grace Ministries in Pulaski, where their pastor was Mike Williams.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother: Cecil David Yates, Jr. and a sister: Lisa Yates. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Katherine Harris Yates of Pulaski: a brother; Daniel Yates of Nathalie, VA, and two special grandchildren: Tannar Smith, and Rowan Smith.

All services will be private. Please take time to send a word of condolence to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



**ANTHONY GENE LEWIS**

Anthony Gene Lewis passed away in the early morning of Sunday, October 8, at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia. Anthony was born April 23, 1948 in Radford, Virginia. He was the son of the late Ray Whitfield Lewis, Sr. and Regina Casey Lewis.

Anthony spent his early life in a loving home in New River, VA which included eleven other siblings and a hosts of nephews and nieces living nearby. He attended William Gresham Elementary School, Christiansburg Institute (CI), and graduated from Dublin High School in 1966.

After spending four years in the U.S. Navy, Anthony settled in Norfolk, VA for the next 50 years of his life. He spent much of that time involved in printing as a profession, but, his true passion was community activism and involvement in the Social Justice Movement. Along that path he served his community, and developed many lifelong political and personal friendships that he greatly

cherished.

Anthony (Tony) was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Regina Lewis, sisters Christine Lewis Wright, Valerie Lewis Morton, Eliza Lewis Charlton, Caroline Lewis Manns, and his brothers Ray Whitfield Lewis, Jr., Leander Vernal Lewis, Joel Rodney Lewis, and James Waldeck Lewis.

Left to cherish his memory are his sister, LaVerne Lewis Brown, NY, two brothers, Walter Sandy Lewis, Sr. and Richard Courtney Lewis and wife Teri, New River, VA. Also left to remember and cherish his selfish life of service are a great host of loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews as well as other relatives and wonderful friends, especially those with whom he worked in the Norfolk community.

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**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

Stepchildren Robert Donithan – Pulaski 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.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com) – Bower Funeral Homes – Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

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## Memorial to host Beirut bombing observance

(Richmond) 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 unprovoked attack on the Marine barracks in Beirut forty years ago resulted the greatest loss of Marines in a single day since the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II," said Dr. Clay Mount-

castle, Virginia War Memorial Director. "These young Marines and their fellow Sailors and Soldiers were stationed in Lebanon not to fight, but to act as peacekeepers between the

various factions fighting in that nation's civil war. Their ultimate sacrifice should never be forgotten, and this is why we are hosting this observance of the 40th anniversary of the attack."

"We have invited the families and relatives of those who perished in the attacks, active-duty Marines from Fort Gregg-Adams, and veterans groups to attend and we encourage all Virginians to come join us as we honor and remember these brave heroes," added Dr. Mountcastle.

The Virginia War Memorial is located at 621 South Belvidere Street, Richmond, Va. 23220. Free parking is available in the surface lot and in the underground parking deck at the Memorial.

The Memorial's exhibit buildings will be open to visitors from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and the grounds from dawn to dusk. Admission is free.

For more information about the Commonwealth's Observance of the 40th Anniversary of the Bombing of the Beirut Marine Barracks, please visit [www.vawarmemorial.org](http://www.vawarmemorial.org), or call 804.786.2060.

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Clay

Dear Clay,

You guys are doing a great job of getting control of your finances and planning for the future. Speaking of the future, do you plan on having more kids? If you do, you might want to go with 30-year policies. If you've decided two are enough, then based on your present situation I think 20-year policies would work out fine.

I recommend folks have 10 to 12 times their annual income in life insurance coverage. That means you'd need between \$800,000 and \$960,000 in coverage, while your wife needs a policy in the \$600,000 to \$720,000 range. But let's take a deeper dive into all this.

Your kids will be in their mid-twenties in 20 years. Ideally, they both should have finished college by that time, or at the very least, be working and living on their own. If you continue to follow my plan, you and your wife will have paid off your home in a few months and be completely debt-free. And, you'll have been saving 15% of your income for



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Dave Ramsey

retirement over those 20 years. On average, that alone should give you more than a half-million dollars for retirement.

Do you see where I'm going with this, Clay? Eventually, you two will become self-insured by getting out of debt, staying out of debt and piling up cash. So, if you've got \$500,000 or more in a retirement fund, no debt and your children are grown and out of the house, even if you or your wife were to die unexpectedly at that point, the other would still be taken care of and in great shape financially.

Keep up the good work!

—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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On the morning of October 7th, Hamas (the terrorist organization which currently governs Palestinians in the Gaza Strip) carried out a surprised attack on a number of communities in Israel. Hamas fired thousands of missiles in Israel, as fighters invaded Israel by land, air, and sea.

Hamas' brutality has been stunning. At the time of writing this column, they have killed more than 1,000 Israelis, including more than 200 people attending a music festival, and 27 Americans. There are stories of kidnapped families, murdered grandparents, beheaded babies, and burned children. All innocent civilians who were killed for no other reason than being in Israel.

These acts of terror are unconscionable, yet Hamas says their actions are justified. Ghazi Hamad, spokes-



person for Hamas, said the attack was justified due to the attacks by Jewish settlers, against Palestinians, in the West Bank.

To the shock of many around the world, Palestinians and other Muslims agree, saying after years of injustice at the hands of Israel in the Gaza Strip, it's only right that Hamas would react in such a way.

This thinking does not surprise me, however. Palestine has long blamed Israel for their suffering, while both its leaders and people have actively worked against their own self interests.

One such example is the destruction of greenhouses in the Gaza Strip.

From 1967 until 2005, Israel controlled the Gaza Strip. In 2005, Israel decided that it was best for Israeli military and citizens to leave Gaza, due to nonstop violence stemming from the Palestinian uprising known as the Second Intifada.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon put forth a plan for Israeli disengagement, which was then ratified by the Knesset (Israel's Parliament).

On August 15, 2005, Israel Defense Force (IDF) installations and forces were removed from Gaza. About 9,000 Israeli citizens were evicted from settlements in Gaza and northern Samaria in the West Bank and paid a lump sum by the Israeli government to move. Jewish cemeteries in Gaza were even dug up by IDF forces and the bodies were then reburied in Israel. By September, Israel's withdrawal was complete.

As Israel pulled out, there was an international effort to preserve greenhouses in Gaza (built by the now-evicted settlers), which were to be taken over by Palestinians. The greenhouses had been very successful, producing vegetables and flowers that were exported around the world.

American Jewish donors bought the more than 3,000 greenhouses from Israeli settlers and transferred them the Palestinian Authority (Palestinian leadership at the time). In all, about \$13 million was spent on the project, which was set to provide thousands of jobs for Palestinians.

But instead of capitalizing on the flourishing agricultural industry supported by these greenhouses, the Palestinians destroyed them. Looters took off with irrigation hoses, water pumps, and plastic sheets. There were even reports of entire greenhouses being dismantled and carried away.

Some of the Palestinian police charged with guarding the greenhouses also joined in with the looters to steal equipment.[1]

Many blamed the Palestinian Authority, saying they did not provide enough security to prevent the looters from stealing.

The Palestinian economy was in bad shape, people were in desperate need of jobs (with unemployment estimated to be at about 50 percent), but Palestinians destroyed what could have been job providing infrastructure that was fault to them.

Is that Israel's fault?

Gaza has struggled to rebuild, made even worse by the election of the Hamas political organization in June 2007. Since the takeover by Hamas, Israel and Egypt have often closed their border crossings, making it extremely difficult to export goods out of Gaza.

And instead of investing in infrastructure, such as hospitals and schools, for its people, Hamas has used what funds they have been able to acquire to build weapons in order to attack Israel. In one instance, they dug up water pipelines meant to provide water for Palestinians in Gaza and turned them into missiles.

They have also built a network of military tunnels to smuggle men and weapons around Gaza and to access the Israeli border. These tunnels are often built under civilian areas in order to use innocent people on the surface as shields.

While the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is extremely complicated, Israel has proposed a two-state solution, Israel and Palestine, where each would recognize the other. The Palestinians, however, refuse to recognize Israel and still maintain their objective of the destruction of the state of Israel and elimination from Israel any person who came after the early part of the 20th century.

OPEN FORUM

Vote for School Board change

Dear Pulaski County Voters,

I would like to start this by saying thanks to the current school board members. Thank you for your service, it takes nerve and passion to hold a publicly elected position of any kind.

I would like to point out some facts about our school system. We have gained a few things that were needed such as our new middle school, more and successful CTE classes at the high school. We also, however, have lost. Now it would be naive to point fingers at the board for all things that went down hill and definitely not fair, however they are in control of several of them.

Here are some statistics to consider, in 10 years we have lost roughly 900 students for a variety of reasons (sports, policy disagreements, attrition, etc), while our budget has increased in that same time frame by more than 20 MILLION dollars! Our reading scores are down around 8%, our math scores are down 11%, and our science scores are down 23%, all over that same 10 year period. There are also issues of discipline and bad behavior we all hear about. Of course we have driving factors such as COVID, inflation, etc but over every 10 year span there will always be issues and problems that can be blamed. Ultimately they are excuses. The question is are you ready for a change yet?

I know that we have the teachers, the staff, and the facilities to be an educational desti-

nation. In the not so distant past we were a great school system with great sports teams and great respect from the whole state. I believe it's time for a change, time to put new ideas, new faces, and new mentalities in place so that we can become all of those things again. I hope you will join me in voting for change for our school board! Vote early if you can but please vote this election cycle!

Supports Hager for Clerk of Court

To the editor,

It is my honor to endorse Terri Nice-wander Hager for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Contrary to false rumors, Terri is married to JEFF Hager, and she does not own and has never owned a Lamborgh-ini. Terri and Jeff have two sons, Bailey and Mason and they are respected citizens of Pulaski County. The Hagers are small business owners and know the value of customer service.

Serving the citizens of Pulaski County as Clerk of Circuit Court for 17 years has shown me that experience in the clerk's office is critical. The day-to-day operation of the office takes someone

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Rich Lowery

Editor, National Review

Israel is not a colonial state

It doesn't take long to read or listen to anti-Israel advocacy before the word "colonial" or "colonialism" is hurled at the Jewish state.

After the spasm of Hamas murder, rape, and kidnapping over the weekend, the U.S. Palestinian Community Network exclaimed, "Our people are waging an anti-colonial, anti-occupation, and anti-Zionist liberation struggle!"

According to an anti-Israel statement signed by dozens of student groups at Harvard, Israel is undertaking "colonial retaliation."

An academic cottage industry is devoted to deeming Israel a decades-long exercise in "settler colonialism," and Hamas itself is partial to the term.

The use of the word "colonial" in all its forms isn't meant to accurately describe reality or clarify anything; rather it is a term of abuse wielded to delegitimize Israel and justify every means of resisting its very existence.

The "colonial" smear can't survive contact with the slightest critical scrutiny.

First of all, the original Jewish settlers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries weren't sent by any mother country to set up enclaves for the honor and profit of the homeland. To the contrary, they were escaping countries that, in many cases, didn't want them. It would have been perverse for Jews to have sought, say, to establish an outpost of Russia in the Levant, given the atrocities routinely carried out against them on Russian soil.

They thought of their venture as a return to a place that Jews had inhabited for thousands of years.

Indeed, the colonialism charge raises the question of how an indigenous people can be colonizers?

The Jewish people have had a connection to Israel since Abraham. The people became fundamentally identified with the land; indeed, they were synonymous. The land was a locus of the Jewish faith -- the site of its holy city, Jerusalem. The place where many religious commandments, the mitzvot, were supposed to be performed; the object of yearning after the dispossession of Ancient Israel ("Next year in Jerusalem").

There is a reason that Zionists had no interest in settling in Uganda, as was proposed in the early 20th century.

On top of this, Israel has been willing at key junctures, notably right at the beginning in 1948, to accept a two-state solution.

The Palestinians must be counted among the worst nationalists the world has ever known: They have repeatedly rejected opportunities to obtain a nation-state because they hate Israel's legitimate national aspirations more than they love their own.

In one sense, Israel's ultimate offense is to have won defensive wars fought against antagonists

Election Letter Policy

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

The Patriot



Mystery of the Federalist Papers

Last week, family members decided to take a short vacation, so I dutifully stayed behind thinking I could get caught up on a number of projects and household chores.

With no family members around to distract me, I immediately started clearing up clutter and going through the 3-inch pile of junk mail that had accumulated during the week. My reward for this tedious but necessary work was going to be relaxing with some light reading.

Well, you know the saying about good intentions... While reshelving some research material, I came across something that would supplant my "light reading" goal and instead of cleaning, I became engrossed in The Federalist Papers. Hardly light reading!

In actuality, there were 85-essays written by John Jay, James Madison and Alexander Hamilton. They were published in 1787 - 1788 during the heated national discussion and ratification process for the proposed Constitution of the United States.

Many historians and scholars believe that The Federalist Papers are the classic commentary on the thought-process behind the proposed Constitution; a masterpiece of political argument which was used to persuade the public to adopt the Constitution as the framework of our government.

But the impact of The Federalist Papers

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

goes beyond the political articulation of their day. Modern historical scholars often cite the papers as proof of the Founders' original intent in interpreting the Constitution. Others believe the argumenets presented in the papers address problematic relationships between the theory and actual practice of our form of government. Still, others view the greatness of the papers as their ability to contrast the differences in American political thought. And then there are those who view the papers as classic American literature.

It is interesting to note that during the time The Federalist Papers were published, none of the three authors disclosed their identity, but cleverly chose the pen-name Publius, so the reader would consider the substance of the writings rather than the personality of the writer.

In fact, Hamilton and Madison chose not to retain their drafts or final manuscripts; only Jay kept his drafts. This

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Letters

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Commissioner’s office staffers support Matthews

To the editor,  
Working in the Commissioner of the Revenue Office gives you the warm feeling of working with family.  
Commissioner Kim Matthews has been supportive of deputy trainings and allowing us to reach our highest potential. She has created and maintains an inviting and safe work environment. She

works with employees when there is an unexpected turn of events in our personal lives.  
The office has gone through different changes to allow us to be accurate on tax assessments so that we can serve the community better.  
This is one of the best offices we have been a part of. We look forward to another four years.  
  
Employees of the Pulaski County Commissioner of the Revenue  
Anthony Phillips  
Trish Huff  
Amber Bays  
Sabrina Bishop  
Terri Carter  
Terri Earles

Gun Violence: An unrealistic term

By Danny W. Collins, Fairlawn  
  
In the October 6 edition of The Roanoke Times, Luke Weir had an article about the Roanoke Gun Violence Prevention Commission. It seems they are having questions about the effectiveness of the Commission, and they apparently will meet with the Roanoke City Council to answer questions about funding as the Roanoke Police reported a 31st non-fatal shooting this year.  
Gun Violence Prevention seems to be the mantra everywhere we turn for our news or public


information. In my opinion it is a conflict in terms.  
Guns cannot do violence, but sadly the increase in violence is a people problem. There is a moral degradation of our society and a breakdown in the home in our society.  
It seems that the Covid Pandemic is blamed for almost everything from Climate Change to violence in the streets. I contend that the most effected area was in the homes in America and in the churches of our land. Many churches have still not opened and many more have suffered in attendance and loss of clergy. We have allowed misinformation about the pandemic to separate us from each other and from our God. When people are detached from each other and children have no proper relationship with their teachers and parents, chaos ensues, and chaos leads to violence.  
In the study of gun violence, the first argument is always to control the ownership of guns. Less guns means less violence. This has proven to be a fallacy repeatedly. There are more laws on the books to control the purchase and ownership of guns than ever before, but it does nothing except to stimulate peaceful individuals to purchase

more guns.  
Those who commit violent crimes must be punished according to the laws of our land and must serve the time associated with that crime. For a liberal district attorney to either set no bond or release them after the violent crime adds to more violence not less. Removal of guns from peaceful citizens will not amend that reality. Laws are intended to be enforced. Before more gun violence commissions are established, an elementary idea would be to have a commission to study homelife and establish goals for a moral society.  
Charles Carroll, a signer of the Declaration of Independence said the following, “Without morals a republic cannot subsist any length of time.” His words are coming true.  
What is the problem in our society? Is it really “gun violence” or something much deeper? Trying to solve the crime problem on our streets by more commissions on the study of gun violence is like a person standing in a bucket of water and trying to pull themselves up by the handle.  
Danny W. Collins is a citizen of Fairlawn and former writer for The Pulaski County Patriot.

Teachers association PAC lists its school board picks

The PCEA believes that public education is the gateway to opportunity. We believe ALL students have the human and civil right to a quality public education which develops their potential, independence, and character. We further believe public education is vital to building RESPECT for the worth, dignity, and equality of every individual in our diverse society.  
We also believe that our leaders MUST exemplify and MODEL these qualities as well as demonstrate good leadership governed by a diversity of both experience and unique skills.  
We also believe that our school board must have as a core value a commitment to create consensus amongst diverse viewpoints, while keeping, ALWAYS, at the

forefront of their decisions, the best interests of ALL students of Pulaski County Public Schools, no matter how difficult those decisions may be.  
With the highest confidence and fidelity, the Political Action Committee of The Pulaski County Education Association endorses the following Candidates for election to the Pulaski County School Board, Pulaski, Virginia.  
Massie District - Mrs. Beckie Cox  
Draper District - Mr. Timothy Hurst  
Ingles District - Mrs. Penny Golden  
Robinson District - Dr. Paige Cash  
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☐ T. Travis Hackworth - R

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☐ Jason S. Ballard - R

Member House of Delegates 46th District (Robinson and West Massie)

☐ Jonathan E. "Jed" Arnold - R

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☐ Justin L. Griffith

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☐ Michael W. "Mike" Worrell

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Board of Supervisors

Cloyd District

☐ Andrew R. "Andy" Cullip

Draper District

☐ D. I. "Dirk" Compton

Ingles District

☐ Laura W. Walters

Massie District

☐ Michael D. Mooney

Robinson District

☐ Jeffery G. Reeves

The Pulaski County GOP supports the following candidates for Pulaski County School Board

NOTE: School Board candidates run as independents in Virginia. The position of the candidates we support on the ballot is noted under their name.

Cloyd District

☐ P. Aaron Carr  
(2<sup>nd</sup> on ballot)

Draper District

☐ W. E. "Billy" Williams Jr.  
(1<sup>st</sup> on ballot)

Ingles District

☐ Gina M. H. Paine  
(1<sup>st</sup> on ballot)

Massie District

☐ Joshua D. Taylor  
(1<sup>st</sup> on ballot)

Robinson District

☐ Sabrina Smith Cox  
(2nd on ballot)

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Left to Right: Blanche Pearsall, Rebecca Harris, Betty Henley, Carolyn Kirk, Jeanette Sarver, Judith Vance, Wynona Gabbert, Lea Wall, Katrina Compton.  
Not Pictured: JoAnn Alderman

# Gen. William Campbell DAR celebrates 100 years

The General William Campbell Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, celebrated their upcoming 100th Anniversary on October 7, 2023 at the Radford Recreation Center. Guests were welcomed by Regent Betty Henley. The Honorable David Horton, Mayor of the City of Radford, gave a greeting to the guests and members. A presentation "Life in the 1920's" was given by Mr. Scott Gardner, Director of Glencoe Mansion, Museum and Gallery. Mr. Dana Jackson, Adjutant of VFW Post 776, gave a brief acknowledgement on the partnership between VFW Post 776 and the General William Campbell Chapter DAR.

Other guests included District VII Regents and members from Alleghany Chapter DAR, Colonel William Preston Chapter DAR, Fort Lewis Chapter DAR, Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR, the DAR State Recording Secretary, Adele Morris, Dr. Mickey Hickman, President of Calfee Cultural and Community Center and Sarah Carter of the Radford Heritage Foundation.

For more information or interest in joining please feel free to visit General William Campbell Chapter — Virginia DAR



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# A Man, a dog and a motorcycle

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

The crisp, bright days of early Autumn attract a wide assortment of visitors to the mountains of the mid-Appalachian range. The scenic hillside highways and the small towns along the way are particularly appealing to motorcycle enthusiasts, who emerge in great numbers at this time of

year.  
It is not uncommon to see a large group of these motorcycle enthusiasts rounding the corner of one of the many scenic highways on any given weekend ... or weekday for that matter.  
Mark Karomal is a motorcycle enthusiast who enjoys the company of others but doesn't necessarily want to ride in the midst of a large pack ... he's definitely a



William Paine/The Patriot

**Mark Karomal and his buddy Hank are rolling through the hills of Southwest Virginia in style. The duo paused for a moment at the scenic overlook of East River Mountain before heading to the Big Walker Mountain Overlook.**

small pack kind of guy.  
These days, Karomal rides his motorcycle with his best friend Hank in his side car. Hank is of the canine persuasion and is said to be a mix between a Newfoundland and a Poodle.  
“Hank and I haven’t been out a lot, said Karomal. “This is Hank’s first trip. He’s 4 ½ years old. We leave the puppy at home. We went part of the way on the Back of the Dragon and then came back. Today we’re just going to explore around.”  
“He’s living his best life,” quipped a fellow who rolled alongside on his Harley Davidson.  
Unsurprisingly, Mark Karomal and his riding companion, seem to strike up conversations, wherever they roam.  
“The more he rides, the more comfortable he gets,” said Karomal about Hank. “We had one that looked just like him. He was a little bigger and he rode with me like 12,000 miles. His name was Rudy and we had to put him down a couple of months ago. We would travel and he was so good at it. He was the mellowest dog in the world.”  
For his riding companion, Karomal picked out a used sidecar and then had a custom builder attach it

to the motorcycle.  
“The sidecar comes from an old Russian motorcycle design but I didn’t want to get the Russian motorcycle ... they don’t have the best reliability,” said Karomal. “Certainly not like a Honda.”  
Karomal rides a Honda CB 1100 motorcycle, and so do the 20 or so other members of the CB1100 Forum, on online group that makes plans to meet and ride at various scenic locations.  
Mark Karomal recently retired as an online trainer for Owen’s Community College near his home in Toledo, Ohio.  
“We mostly go to the eastern U.S.,” said Mark about his motorcycle club. “I’ve only got into it in the last three, four years and it’s been mostly Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia and Pennsylvania. You know, places where there’s nice roads because where I live, roads are straight and flat and boring.”  
This year, the group met in Bluefield, Virginia but Karomal doesn’t always ride with his group.  
“The C1100 is a sporty bike,” Karomal related. “So they ride pretty enthusiastically but I like to take it slow with Hank. The rest of the group is elsewhere. They ride pretty fast and so I tell them there

I’ll take my own ride and I’ll meet you guys for lunch or dinner and then we hang out at the hotel in the evening. So, we just cruise around the backroads.”  
Hank weighs in at a substantial 70 pounds and while he doesn’t wear a helmet, he does wear a pair of doggy goggles for the ride.  
They’re especially designed for dogs,” Karomal explained. “Rex Specs are for Military dogs and Police Dogs. They’re very protective and they come in different sizes and screens. You know, I worked with him and trained him a little bit and the more they ride the more they seem to like it.”  
“Ever think of doing this with a cat,” I inquired jokingly.  
“I thought about it,” Karomal answered with seeming sincerity. “The cat climbed into the sidecar one day when it was sitting at home ... but that’s just a curious cat.”  
“Watch out for deer,” said the Harley Davidson rider.  
“There’s lots of bear this year, too,” said Karomal. “They’re raiding the garbage cans at the hotel.”  
It seems the bear population is on the upswing everywhere.  
After enjoying the view from the top of East River Mountain, which marks the border between Bland (VA) and Mercer (WV) counties, Mark and his buddy Hank were ready to roll.  
Where to next?  
“We’re thinking of following the New River on our next outing,” said Karomal. “Now that I’m retired, I’ll be doing these rides every chance I get.”  
When Spring comes, watch for Mark and Hank, his canine companion, traveling on a scenic roadway near you.

## Griffith: \$980,000 for tourism initiative

Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) today announced that the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded \$980,000 to Friends of Southwest Virginia through their Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative.  
“Through the ARC funds awarded today, Friends of Southwest Virginia will be able to make substantial investments in Southwest Virginia’s tourism and recreation economy through the development of marketing and branding campaigns,” said Griffith. “This workforce initiative aims to bring in new visitors from across the country, helping to boost economic development in the region.”  
Friends of Southwest Virginia, through the Southwest Virginia Creative Economy and Tourism Workforce Initiative, will partner with SW Virginia organizations to invest in 18 counties, four cities, and 51 towns in Southwest Virginia.



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Terri’s primary objective is to maintain the current office standards of excellence & modern practices, while being open to new & creative solutions to improve the office. By investing in the training and development of employees she can ensure the success of the office and continue to provide excellent customer service.

# VOTE HAGER FOR CLERK

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# Report: Self-sufficiency, child care assistance falls short

By Morgan Sweeney

(The Center Square) — The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission published an October study that shows Virginia’s self-sufficiency programs largely aren’t producing the desired results and existing child care programs aren’t meeting the needs of many Virginians in more ways than one.

“Self-sufficiency,” as it pertains to the studied programs, is defined as achieving a standard of living for which basic living expenses are provided.

The study found of the 856,000 Virginia households that don’t meet this standard, only about 1% participate in the self-sufficiency programs administered by the state. Of those, most ultimately don’t achieve economic self-sufficiency.

In fiscal year 2022, “only 9,900 households participated in the primary program intended to move impoverished Virginians toward self-sufficiency, the Virginia Initiative for Education and Work,” whereas about 1,160 households participated in the state’s other program per month in 2022, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training, according to the report.

Results were assessed for approximately 265,000 participants in these programs and the regu-

## Griffith: \$526,336 to Virginia Tech for new paper recycling method

Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) announced today that the U.S. Department of Energy’s Advanced Materials & Manufacturing Technologies Office has awarded Virginia Tech \$526,336 to advance a new method of paper recycling that will allow water-based inks to be separated from spent paper fibers.

“Today’s award from the Department of Energy will allow Virginia Tech to further develop a way in which paper printed with water-based inks can be de-inked during the recycling process,” said Griffith. “This new technology will allow for more paper to be recycled, benefitting

lar SNAP from 2018-2022, and JLARC found that the programs didn’t noticeably impact employment rates and “while half experienced wage increases by 2022, the median wage for the group remained below the federal poverty threshold.”

Additionally, less than 2% of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and SNAP recipients per year from 2018-2022 took advantage of services offered by the state’s workforce development system.

JLARC also evaluated child care services across Virginia and found that child care was unaffordable according to the federal definition for about half the households in the state, there weren’t enough child care providers to meet demand and several issues with the state’s Child Care Subsidy Program make it less helpful than is needed.

The federal government defines child care as affordable at or below 7% of a family’s household income.

“The costs of infant and toddler care exceed 7 percent of household income for more than 80 percent of Virginia families, and the cost of preschool exceeds 7 percent of household income for 74 percent of Virginia families,” according to the report.

The commission also determined that at least 140,000 households requiring child care in Vir-

ginia don’t have access to it due to few child care providers.

Lastly, though Virginia expanded its Child Care Subsidy Program with federal COVID-relief funds, those funds will soon dry up – and even with them, it can’t offer subsidies to all the families that qualify. And even if the state could supply subsidies to all families that need them, less than half of child care providers participate in the subsidy program.

JLARC offered several legislative and executive action recom-

mendations to help remedy some of the current shortcomings of the state self-sufficiency programs and the Child Care Subsidy Program.

The commission proposed that the legislature require coordination between social services offices and local workforce development boards; social services should be able to inform those on state assistance programs of employment resources and training that are available to them. It also prescribed the creation of sev-

eral pilot programs to test and improve aspects of VIEW and other self-sufficiency programs and recommended including employment requirements for child care subsidy eligibility.

Its executive recommendations included developing “modern caseload targets” for these programs, establishing policies that aid the programs in allocating and spending all their program funds and developing a process to “reimburse Child Care Subsidy

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### ABOUT TIMOTHY

Timothy is a lifelong Pulaski County resident and attended Pulaski County High School. Timothy went on to attend The American College of Financial Services, where he earned the CLF Designation for Leadership. He spent 40 years managing a large Financial Services firm. Timmy and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 43 years. They have two children, Christie and Emily, and 4 grandchildren.

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# Newbern

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Newbern residents also took part in the festivities by selling items from their own front yards. As has been the case in years prior, the Brooks family sold pumpkins from their residence at the intersection of Peak Creek and Wilderness Roads.

The Farris farm, which featured a petting zoo with chickens, baby goats, piglets, lambs and a calf marked the eastern end of the festival.

In between, the volunteers for the Newbern Volunteer Fire Department were busy making and selling “ham sammiches” to passersby.

“We’re thankful that the good weather finally broke out and it’s been really good,” said Michael Ratcliff, President of the Newbern Volunteer Fire Department, which sponsors the event. According to Ratcliff, the respon-

sibility of organizing and putting on the Newbern Fall Festival has changed over time.

“It’s gone through a lot of different hands over the years,” he said. “There was farming folks that started with the Community Center. The folks that were originally running it kind of got old and they asked us to take it over. So, we did. We do all the financing and the funding and everything for it and we take care of all the spaces and make sure everything gets ready to go.”

In addition to income from the ‘sammiches,’ the Newbern Volunteer Fire Department profits from vendor fees at the Newbern Community Center and shares some of the proceeds to help maintain that structure. Fees are also collected for vendors who set up on the property across the road from the Newbern Fire station and from the Farris Dairy Farm.

The Newbern Volunteer Fire Department has been associated with the Farris family since its in-

ception. Miller Farris, the retired Newbern Fire Chief, actually dug the foundations for the current fire station with a garden tiller back in 1961!

The fire department also benefits from individuals who rent their property for parking and donate those proceeds to the firehouse. Pulaski County supports the festival by providing a trolley that brings visitors from one end of the festival to the other. The trolley is driven by one of the many members of the Newbern Volunteer Fire Department, who tend to most every aspect of the festival.

“It’s been going on for over 50 years,” said Ratcliff. “The Fall Festival goes back in time to when people used to grow different stuff in different areas. They come together and exchange their wares for the wintertime. Certain farmers might grow crops of corn and another might grow peas or whatever. That was kind of the start of the fall festival. We’d like to keep

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William Paine/The Patriot  
Pulaski County High Schoolers James Paine (holding a bag full of honey) and Samantha Scott (fresh from an appearance at the Wilderness Road Museum making apple butter) ran into each other on the Old Wilderness Road during the Newbern Fall Festival.



William Paine/The Patriot  
Vernon Stepp, a proprietor of Five Stepp Honey House, holds a jar of his homemade honey. Vernon and members of his family sold his honey in front of the Newbern Community Center.

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# Newbern

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the tradition of that. A lot of this stuff is made by the folks that still trade stuff that they make.”

That would be the case for Ron and Jennie Tweed, who sold a variety of handmade items from the interior of the Community Center including hand warmers, heating pads, soup bowl cozies, kitchen scrubbies and three sizes of knitted Christmas trees ... to name a few.

“I’m a Pulaski girl ... born and raised in Robertson Tract,” said Jennie Tweed. “I met my husband 53 years ago in Hillsville at the Baptist Church. I was a 4-H extension agent but I love Hillsville. I’ve been there all this time. We live right in the thick of that flea market.”

The Tweed’s next venue is an event at the Galax Rec Center but Jennie says she travels less than she did when she was younger. “I’m 77 years old and I make all of this,” said Jennie as she motioned towards her wares. “I’m going to keep moving these arms and shoulders even though I’ve got a torn rotator cuff and severe arthritis. I’m going to keep moving so I can move.”

When asked to pose for a photo, Jennie replied, “You know the only thing that’s wrong with my pictures? They look just like me!”

Outside on the lawn, vendors sold everything from handbags and hats to honey.

Five Steps Honey House maintained a steady stream of customers at their table, as their golden hued goo seemed to be in high demand on this day. Perhaps honey’s popularity is due to the idea that locally made honey helps alleviate allergies ... but is that really true?

“Absolutely,” replied 5 Stepp Honey proprietor Vernon Stepp. “The darker honey is more pollinated. The lighter honey is sweeter and the darker honey is more flavorful and they recommend the darker honey for allergies.”

Vernon Stepp has attended the Newbern Fall Festival for the past four years and maintains more than 30 hives near Wytheville. He’s been in the beekeeping business for a dozen years.

“It’s something that my dad

did with me when I was a young teenager and then kind of got out of the business,” Stepp related. “When my dad passed away, I started thinking about the things that he and I used to do together. I never had the fear of the bees and always wanted to get back into it. So, I took a class at Wytheville Community College and basically got the knowledge of how to take care of the bees. I just made the plunge and jumped back into it and I love what I do.”

How much honey does Stepp produce every year?

“Well, the bees make it, I just take credit for it,” said Stepp, with a smile. “We probably average 150 to 200 gallons of honey. A good healthy hive will produce about 120 pounds of honey.”

Not too long ago, the honeybee population was said to be in an alarming decline, leading some to believe in their impending demise. “That’s actually gotten better,” said Stepp. “A lot more people are getting into beekeeping, so that has helped bring the bees back but there is the mite problem. You need to treat your bees to get rid of the mites. But basically, you want to take care of the bees and be vigilant in what you do and take care of them but honeybees are coming back.”

How many times has Vernon Stepp been stung?

“Too many times to count,” he said. “The most at one time is probably about 12 times. When the suit rips a bit, the bees find their way in there. But hey, you drive fast, you’re gonna wreck. Play with snakes, you’re going to get bit and you play with bees and you’re going to get stung.”

Can’t argue with that and why would you?

Sunday at the Newbern Fall Festival was marked by cooler temps and an occasional intermittent rain shower but visitors from far and wide still stopped by to wander along the old Wilderness Road in Newbern and take in the sights.

“It’s a good community thing and kind of historical to go back where communities get together and have a festival like this,” said Mike Ratcliff.

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RECORD-SETTING WIN



Antonio Nottingham/Pulaski County Cougar Football

Trevor Gallimore (22) had a record-setting night against Blacksburg.

Gallimore sets new rushing TD, yards gained records; Cougars host G-Men

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The now 2-5 Pulaski County Cougars enjoyed a record-setting night last week in beating the hapless Blacksburg Bruins, 69-13.

It's a safe bet this week's opponent – the Graham G-Men – will put up more of a fight.

Against Blacksburg last Friday, the Cougars took the lead with only seconds left in the opening quarter when Trevor Gallimore scored his second touchdown of the night.

Gallimore opened his own personal scoring barrage midway through the first quarter on a two-yard carry. He scored again with only eight seconds remaining in the quarter to put the Cougars ahead for good at 14-13.

Gallimore would add four more rushing touchdowns in the second quarter alone on runs of

50, 40, 52 and 11 yards, setting a new school record for rushing TDs in a game. He also set a new record for rushing yards in a game with 357 on 22 carries.

Marcus Reed enjoyed a fine second quarter himself, scoring off two Bryant Nottingham passes of 40 and 60 yards.

Nottingham also got in on the scoring bonanza, scampering into the end zone from 11 yards out. He added the PAT and the Cougars held a 62-13 lead at the half.

Reserves played the rest of the way for Pulaski County as the game continued on a running clock.

Junior varsity quarterback Brock Schneider hit paydirt on a 31-yard run to close out the scoring for Pulaski County in their 69-13 victory.

The Cougars piled up 597 yards of total offense, all but 100 of

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Antonio Nottingham/Pulaski County Cougars Football JV quarterback Brock Schneider scores on a 31-yard scamper.

WEEK 9  
Schedule

Week 9 of the region's high school football games for Friday, Oct. 20:

James River at Glenvar  
Rockbridge Co. at Spotswood Wm. Fleming at Lord Botetourt  
Graham at Pulaski County  
Grayson County at Auburn  
George Wythe at Fort Chiswell, Grundy at Marion  
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Brookville at Jefferson Forest  
Magna Vista at Bassett  
William Byrd at Franklin Co.  
Floyd County at Radford  
Hidden Valley at Blacksburg  
Patrick Henry at Christiansburg  
Northwood at Rural Retreat  
Northside at Staunton River

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

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Scores

Alleghany 27, Glenvar 10  
Appomattox 51, Chatham 26  
Bath County 49, Eastern Montgomery 0  
Battlefield 42, Gainesville 0  
Baylor, Tenn. 49, Life Christian 10  
Benedictine 27, Collegiate-Richmond 0  
Bland County 27, Jenkins, Ky. 8  
Blessed Sacrament-Huguenot 68, Richmond Christian 8  
Blue Ridge School 55, Atlantic Shores Christian 19  
Briar Woods 28, Potomac Falls 0  
Broadway 42, William Monroe 21  
Brookville 43, Amherst County 9  
Bruton 14, Arcadia 7  
Catholic 41, Norfolk Christian School 8  
Central of Lunenburg 69, Nottoway 32  
Christiansburg 62, Hidden Valley 20  
Churchland 21, Granby 20  
Clarke County 54, Page County 0  
Colgan 54, C.D. Hylton 0  
Colonial Forge 41, Riverbend 21  
Colonial Heights 32, Prince George 13  
Courtland 49, James Monroe 12  
Culpeper 37, Chancellor 19  
Dan River 54, Nelson County 46  
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Eastern View 49, Spotsylvania 7  
Edison 55, Annandale 6  
Essex 56, Northumberland 35  
Floyd County 20, Carroll County 6  
Fluvanna 23, Orange County 16  
Fork Union Prep 42, Fredericksburg Christian 22  
Fort Chiswell 41, Auburn 7  
Fort Defiance 35, Wilson Memorial 14  
Frank Cox 21, Landstown 18  
Franklin County 31, Staunton River 28  
Freedom 7, Unity Reed 6  
GW-Danville 36, Bassett 7  
Galax 14, Giles 6  
Gar-Field 13, Forest Park 9  
Gate City 26, Lee High 19  
George Wythe 58, J.I. Burton 0  
Glen Allen 17, Hermitage 16  
Goochland 21, Western Albemarle 9  
Graham 59, Lebanon 14  
Grassfield 21, Hickory 14  
Grayson County 35, Bluefield, W.Va. 30  
Green Run 38, Ocean Lakes 0  
Gretna 26, Altavista 16  
Grundy 50, Hurley 34  
Halifax County 56, Tunstall 18  
Hayfield 24, Mount Vernon 0  
Henrico 47, Mechanicsville High School 34  
Heritage 21, Dominion 3  
Highland Springs 48, Potomac, Md. 0  
Holston 60, Northwood 6  
Honaker 74, Narrows 51  
Huguenot 12, Lloyd Bird 9  
Independence 22, Riverside 21  
Indian River 45, Nansemond River 38  
James River 35, Cosby 16  
James Robinson 27, W.T. Woodson 14  
James Wood 20, Fauquier 10  
Jefferson Forest 23, E.C. Glass 0  
Jefferson, W.Va. 35, Millbrook 28  
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King George 59, Caroline 13  
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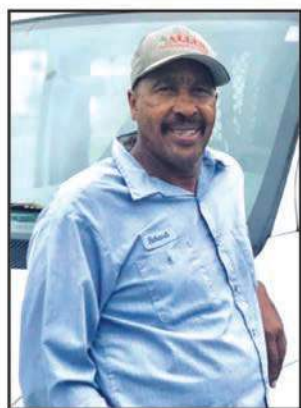
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### Route 693 (Julia Simpkins Road) Safety Improvements Pulaski County

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**Review** the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353 1-800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

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### Pulaski Town Council Public Hearing

Pulaski Town Council will a public hearing on Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW

To replace Chapter 46, Flood Insurance Rate Map, with language required by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Clerk of Council by Friday, November 3rd.

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v. ) Case No. CL23-451

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ROGER L. GOAD, BRENDA S. GOAD, )  
BETTY A. ANDERSON, RITA DALTON )  
LEGO, THE COUNTY OF PULASKI, )  
VIRGINIA, )  
and )  
PARTIES UNKNOWN, )

Defendant(s). )

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The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Tax Map No. 072-098-0002-011A, Tax Map No.072-098-0002-0011, and Tax Map No. 072-098-0002-0010 (lots at end of Craig Street). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before November 3, 2023, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

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# Virginia High School League Football Rankings Akers

## new PCHS hoops coach

By RODNEY YOUNG  
For The Patriot

Pulaski County Schools and Pulaski County High School have named Anthony Akers as their new boy's head basketball coach.

Akers is a 1988 graduate of Pulaski County High School. He played two years under then head coach Allen Wiley, and then his junior and senior years he played for then head coach Pat Burns.

After high school Akers went on to further his education at Elon College in North Carolina, which is now Elon University, where he continued playing basketball.

He works as Assistant County Administrator in Pulaski and has been the basketball coach at old Pulaski Middle School and Pulaski County Middle School.

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Pulaski County Public Schools  
Anthony Akers

High School Region	Group	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Magna Vista	3	3D	Piedmont	7	0	0	3	0	0	26.00000
Christiansburg	3	3D	River Ridge	7	1	0	4	0	0	24.50000
William Byrd	3	3D	Blue Ridge	6	1	0	2	0	0	24.42857
Lord Botetourt	3	3D	Blue Ridge	5	2	0	1	1	0	22.42857
Bassett	3	3D	Piedmont	4	4	0	2	2	0	19.50000
Abingdon	3	3D	Mountain 7	4	3	0	2	1	0	18.85714
Pulaski County	3	3D	River Ridge	2	5	0	1	3	0	18.14286
Cave Spring	3	3D	River Ridge	3	5	0	2	2	0	17.00000
Northside	3	3D	Blue Ridge	2	5	0	0	2	0	16.57143
Staunton River	3	3D	Blue Ridge	2	5	0	0	2	0	16.57143
Carroll County	3	3D	Three Rivers	2	6	0	1	3	0	16.00000
Hidden Valley	3	3D	River Ridge	0	7	0	0	3	0	13.57143
Tunstall	3	3D	Piedmont	1	7	0	1	3	0	13.37500

High School Region	Group	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Radford	2	2C	Three Rivers	8	0	0	4	0	0	25.75000
Gretna	2	2C	Dogwood	5	2	0	3	0	0	21.14286
Glenvar	2	2C	Three Rivers	5	2	0	1	2	0	20.57143
Chatham	2	2C	Dogwood	5	2	0	2	1	0	18.42857
Appomattox	2	2C	Dogwood	3	5	0	2	2	0	18.00000
Floyd Co.	2	2C	Three Rivers	3	4	0	3	0	0	17.71429
Patrick Co.	2	2C	Three Rivers	4	4	0	1	3	0	17.00000
Dan River	2	2C	Dogwood	3	4	0	1	2	0	16.42857
James River (B)	2	2C	Three Rivers	3	4	0	0	3	0	15.85714
Nelson County	2	2C	Dogwood	4	4	0	0	4	0	14.75000
Liberty (Bed)	2	2C	Seminole	0	7	0	0	4	0	13.14286
Martinsville	2	2C	Piedmont	0	8	0	0	4	0	11.12500

High School Region	Group	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Grayson County	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	7	0	0	2	0	0	23.42857
Bath County	1	1C	Pioneer	7	0	0	1	0	0	19.71429
Narrows	1	1C	Pioneer	5	2	0	1	0	0	19.28571
Galax	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	4	3	0	3	0	0	17.85714
Parry McCluer	1	1C	Pioneer	5	2	0	1	1	0	17.14286
Fort Chiswell	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	4	3	0	1	1	0	17.00000
George Wythe-W	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	4	3	0	1	1	0	16.85714
Giles	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	2	5	0	1	3	0	13.71429
Auburn	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	2	5	0	0	3	0	11.71429
Eastern Montgomery	1	1C	Pioneer	2	5	0	1	1	0	11.28571
Craig Co.	1	1C	Pioneer	2	4	0	0	2	0	11.16667
Bland County	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	1	5	0	0	0	0	7.66667

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# Cougars

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them on the ground. Blacksburg had 227.

Schneider finished with three carries for 88 yards; Isaiah O'Dell added four carries and 22 yards; Nottingham had two for 18 yards. Chase Lawrence added three carries for four yards; Parker Price had six carries for seven and Maddox Thompson added one carry for a yard.

Nottingham was 2 for 2 passing for 100 yards – all to Reed.

This Friday night the Cougars entertain defending Class 2 state champions Graham in Dobson Stadium.

The G-Men defeated Pulaski County last season, 41-14 in Mitchell Stadium in Bluefield despite Trevor Burton's 21-carry, 119-yard night rushing the football.

Graham is coming off an easy 59-14 win over the Lebanon Pioneers.

Ty'Drez Clements ran 19 times last week against the Pioneers and piled up 209 yards and two touchdowns.

Head coach Tony Palmer's G-Men are 6-1 so far this season, and can hurt you with the run and pass. They even scored last week on a 32-yard field goal by kicker, Dylan Nash.

Against Lebanon, Graham's defense racked up six sacks.

Rankings: Currently, Pulaski County sits in seventh place in the latest Virginia High School League ratings for Region 3D. The Cougars have an 18.14286 rating. That's over a point better than the eighth place Cave Spring Knights (17.00000).

After Friday's matchup with Graham, the Cougars hit the road against Hidden Valley the next week and then finish out the regular season against those same Cave Spring Knights.

## Parks, Rec golf tourney set for Oct. 27

Pulaski County Parks and Recreation will be hosting a Golf Tournament at Draper Valley Golf Course on Friday, October 27, 2023.

The 18-hole captain's choice tournament is a fundraiser to honor Juanita W. Petrone, a longtime resident of the New River Valley and golf enthusiast. Petrone participated in both recreational and tournament golf and volunteered her time to introduce area youth to the sport.

Petrone, along with other local female golfers, helped to establish the Blue Ridge Golf Association of Virginia's Women's Division.

In recognition of her fifty years of consecutive participation in the Virginia State Amateur Championship and support of the Virginia State Golf Association's Women's Division, the VSGA honored Petrone with an award stating that Petrone was a "true competitor, genuine friend, and loyal representative for the good of the game."

Ralph Petrone, son of Juanita, made a significant contribution to Pulaski County Parks and Recreation from his estate to area youth so that they could be introduced to golf.

"The game of golf teaches life lessons that are so valuable for us to teach our youth," said Shay Dunnigan, Pulaski County Director of Parks and Recreation. "Golf aligns with life skills like no other sport; it builds character and work ethic, which transcends into everyday life."

With Ralph Petrone's estate's contribution, Pulaski County Parks and Recreation was able to develop and implement their youth golf club in the spring of 2023. The club averaged 35 golfers ranging from ages 4 to 14. This tournament is set to wrap up the 2023 golf season and raise funds to allow Pulaski County Parks and Recreation clubs to continue to grow.

Tournament registration and lunch will begin at 11 a.m. Shotgun start is scheduled for noon.

Lunch will be catered by Chick-fil-A and dinner will be catered by Dockside to Curb-

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Antonio Nottingham/Pulaski County Cougar Football

Zach Gallimore (8) and Savion Thompson (35) bring down this Blacksburg ball carrier.

## Akers

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Following the official announcement of Akers' hiring as the Cougars' new hoops boss, Akers sat down with this reporter and talked about the upcoming season.

Asked what style of play he prefers, Coach Akers said, "Well it will depend on whom we are playing and the personnel that I will have. I like uptempo the best." He then remarked, "Now that uptempo isn't always going to be the same."

Coach Akers then was asked about what kind of defense does he like or wants. He replied, "I'm a man-to-man kind of guy. Now again it will depend on the situation. What's the other team doing and if our guys would be better to mix things up."

When asked, why become a head varsity coach now, Akers said, "I feel like it's the right thing to do and the right time to do it. I know we are starting kind of behind other teams. I know and I'm fully aware of the tough schedule we are facing."

Akers then remarked, "I never played for a coach that's said, 'We're going to lose this game.' I look at it as, you have to hate losing more than you like winning!"

"I know it's going to be a tough

road ahead. It's not a piece of cake. I know through working here in the county and through sports, there are challenges. Challenges in life and sports."

"In life there are problem makers and problem solvers. In coaching and the way I was raised, I try to be problem solver. I try to surround myself with good people."

"I like versatile players, big guys that can shoot, dribble and rebound. Small guys that can dribble, shoot and rebound. All this in a team concept."

Coach Akers was then asked about the community so far after being named head coach and he answered by saying, "The support has been overwhelming. The existing staff has been really good. We have to get to work and do lots of teaching, coaching, and most of all, have fun playing the game of basketball."

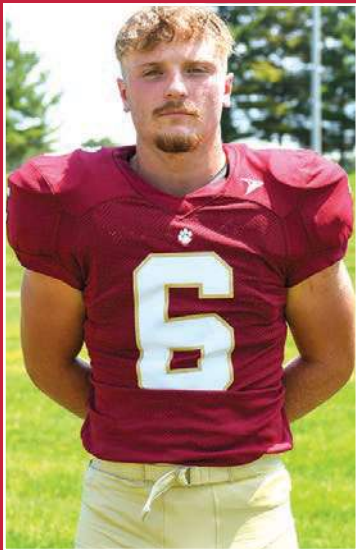


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Pulaski County Public Schools

Rajai Hines will continue in his role as the PCHS boys' varsity basketball assistant coach




**PCHS Player Of The Week**

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**Trevor Gallimore**

Trevor enjoyed a record-setting night last week against Blacksburg. He scored six rushing TDs (a record) and rushed 22 times for 357 yards (another record) in the Cougars' win.

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# Bobcats defeat Patrick County to go to 8-0

By ELIZABETH KANIPE  
For The Patriot

Radford has averaged 46 points per game so far this season. They just beat James River 55-0. The Bobcats traveled to Patrick County to take on the Cougars in their first Three Rivers District meeting. Radford has averaged 46 points per game so far this season. Last week they beat James River 55-0, while Patrick County lost to Glenvar.

Patrick County put the Bobcats down for the first time all season when Jermaine Penn took the opening kickoff 86 yards for a TD. But Radford didn't let it last long. Landen Clark hit Max Kanipe for a 63 yard pass on the first offensive play. On the next play Sincere Taylor would take a pop pass from Clark and sprint into the endzone from the 3 yard line. Clark would find Taylor wide open in the back of the endzone for the 2 point conversion to put Radford up 8-7 with 11:06 left in the 1st quarter.

The Bobcat's defense stood strong all night. Radford held the Cougars to negative yards on their first series and, after a bad punt, Radford looked to strike quickly. Clark found the middle of the field wide open and sprinted for a 19 yard touchdown. The Radford defense then held on 4th and 5 and forced a turnover on downs. Clark again finished the drive scrambling left and sprinting down the sideline for a 24 yard touchdown. Radford led 22-7 with 4:22 left in the first quarter.

Patrick County drove deep into Radford territory after a 55 yard run by Penn. The Bobcat defense would stiffen and force the Cougars to kick a 22 yard field goal. Patrick County's onside kick attempt rolled out of bounds which



Elizabeth Kanipe/For The Patriot

#52 Charlie Davis steals the ball during the hand-off and sprinted to the endzone.

gave Radford the ball in Cougar territory. JD Grubb sprinted up the middle for 33 yards inside the 10 yard line. Clark hit Jaden Hendrix in the back of the end zone to extend Radford's lead to 29-10. The Cougars put together a 13 play drive that ended when they kicked a 29 yard field goal on 4th and 2. Radford led 29-13 with 7:05 left in the half.

Radford was forced to punt on their next possession which gave the Cougars a chance to pull within one score. On 3rd and 13, Charlie Davis broke into the backfield and took the counter handoff and sprinted to the endzone. The play was called back after a hold was called on the Bobcats for the other linebacker tackling the running back as Davis was taking the handoff. On the next play Clark hit Taylor at the goal line to give Radford a 35-13 lead with 3:34 left in the half. Patrick County attempted to pass on first down but the throw was high and Radford's Clark intercepted it and ran 62 yards for his third pick six of the season. Radford led 42-13 with 3:21 left in the half. The Bobcats were not done for the half. After

forcing a punt, Luke Woodard leapt over the Cougar defender for a 50 yard reception at the 10 yard line. JD Grubb caught a Clark pass and ran in for the touchdown to make the score 48-13 at the half.

The Bobcats received the half-time kickoff and took three plays to score. Clark had a 41 yard run and Grubb scored from 14 yards out to make the score 55-13. Patrick County would score two touchdowns against the Bobcat reserves to make the final score 55-27.

Clark completed 11 of 18 passes for 173 yards and 4 touchdowns. He also ran 7 times for 112 yards and two touchdowns. On defense, Clark had 2 interceptions including his third pick 6 of the season. JD Grubb ran 11 times for 119 yards and one touchdown. Taylor had 3 catches for 38 yards and two touchdowns. Luke Woodard had 3 catches for 61 yards. On defense, Charlie Davis had 15 total tackles including 4 tackles for loss yardage.

Radford returns home next Friday to take on Floyd County for Senior Night.



Elizabeth Kanipe/For The Patriot

Bobcats defense was strong all night. #70 Daniel Nealey, #77 Ricky Bailey, #28 Brandon Thompson, #62 Reece Honaker

## Larson first to move to NASCAR's final four

By HOLLY CAIN  
NASCAR Wire Service

LAS VEGAS \_ Kyle Larson earned this trophy the old-fashioned way. The driver of the No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet led the most laps and swept both stage wins but still had to hold off a hard-charging, equally motivated Christopher Bell at the finish line to claim a dramatic victory in

Sunday's South Point 400 NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

The 31-year-old Larson blocked the final charge by fellow Playoff driver Bell's No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota as the two cars approached the checkered flag. Larson ultimately positioned his Chevy in front to claim a .082-second win and most importantly, secure the first of four available positions in the NASCAR Cup Series Championship 4 race at Phoenix in three weeks.

It was a compelling afternoon ushering in this final three-race, eight-driver round of Playoff competition to set up the four-driver title chase. There were seven race leaders and 20 lead changes. Larson held off the field on a re-start with 45 laps to go and never relinquished it despite quality challenges from Bell to close out the race and earlier, Roush Fenway Keselowski owner-driver Brad Keselowski,

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## Golf

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side/Tony's BBQ.

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Kyle Larson, driver of the #5 HendrickCars.com Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series South Point 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on October 15, 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada. (Photo by Chris Graythen/Getty Images)

# Larson

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who led 38 laps himself.

Larson led seven times and accumulated the most laps led – 133 of 267 – on the afternoon to top the 1,000-laps led mark on the season – his 1,031 total laps out front in 2023, most in the series.

Not only did he have to hold off Bell, who made up half a second in the closing five laps to get to Larson’s bumper, the 2021 series champ Larson survived a close call mid-race, his Chevy getting loose and out of control. But the former dirt race champion dramatically corrected and calmly carried on.

“Thankfully Christopher [Bell] always races extremely clean, it could have gotten crazier than it did coming to the start-finish line so “thank you” to him for racing with respect there,” Larson said. “What a job done by my team. Just a great race car.

“I almost gave it away there in Turn one and two. Got sideways and hit the wall and had to fight back from there. I was happy to pull away as much as we did and was hoping that would be enough to maintain, which it was. But I didn’t think they’d be able to get as close as they did at the end, so nerve-racking.

“This is really cool to get to race for the championship in a few weeks and really glad I don’t have to stress these next two races,” Larson continued.

Despite the impressive afternoon Bell, who started from pole position and led 61 laps now finds himself ranked fifth – three points below the four-driver cutoff line heading into next week’s Playoff race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

“I don’t know what else I could have done,” Bell said. “I feel like that was my moment, that was my moment to make the Final Four and didn’t quite capture it. Coming to the checkers there, I knew he was going to be blocking so I’m like I’ll try to go high, and he went high. I don’t even know if I had a run to get by him coming to the line. Just wasn’t enough, but a great day.

Great day for sure to get those stage points and a second place finish out of it. Puts us behind by two [points] so we’re not out of it by any means, but would have been nice to lock in.”

Seven of the eight remaining Playoff-eligible drivers finished among the Top 10. Playoff driver Ryan Blaney finished 36th. His No. 12 Ford was disqualified following post-race technical inspection when the left front damper didn’t meet the specified length. He now sits 56 points below the cutoff line for the Championship 4 and essentially must win one of the next two races – at Homestead-Miami Speedway or Martinsville Speedway – to advance.

The non-Playoff cars of Richard Childress Racing’s Kyle Busch, RFK’s Keselowski and Trackhouse Racing’s Ross Chastain rounded out the top five behind Larson and Bell.

Playoff drivers William Byron, Tyler Reddick, Martin Truex Jr., Denny Hamlin and Chris Buescher finished sixth through 10th, respectively.

The race shook up the Playoff points. Beyond Larson’s automatic bid, Byron still holds the championship lead in what is now more tightly-bunched standings. Byron is 11 points above the cutoff line, and is followed for the final championship spots by Hamlin (+4) and Truex (+3).

Bell sits three points below Truex on the cutoff line, followed by Reddick (-15), Buescher (-23) and Blaney (-56).

Hendrick Motorsports executive – and NASCAR Hall of Famer driver Jeff Gordon – smiled when asked about Larson’s day.

“I don’t know where to begin,” Gordon said. “It certainly looked like they were the class or the field at one point, then Bell did then Keselowski did. Great race really.”

Asked if Larson was potentially as “good” as the 93-race winner Gordon had been when competing, the former four-time series champion said, “You take a guy like Kyle and his capabilities and his talent and he’s impressed me

with his work ethic too. I wasn’t sure how he approached the Cup Series and [crew chief] Cliff [Daniels] and all the data that Cliff gives him in the meetings they have. .. it’s a lot of information you have to absorb.

“But he’s stepped up to the plate and done absolutely everything the organization has asked of him and then some. It’s been a great relationship and this year has been all about getting the car and team to align.

“Seems like in the Playoffs they’ve been bringing fast race cars and stepping up to the plate.”

The next race of this final three-race Playoff round to set the championship field is next Sunday’s 4EVER400 Presented by Mobil 1 at the 1.5-mile Homestead-Miami Speedway (2:30 p.m. ET, NBC, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio). Larson is the defending race winner.

## 2023 ACC Basketball Tipoff Attendees are announced

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (theACC.com) – The Atlantic Coast Conference announced Wednesday the basketball student-athletes selected by its 15 league schools to attend the 2023 ACC Tipoff, which will be held October 24-25 at the Hilton Charlotte Uptown in Charlotte, North Carolina. The women’s event will be held on Tuesday, October 24, and the men’s on Wednesday, October 25.

ACC Network will be live from ACC Tipoff for two days of expansive coverage from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The 24/7 national network dedicated to ACC sports will provide the event’s most robust television coverage.

### Men’s Notes

- The ACC’s current 15 member schools have captured three of the last eight NCAA Championships, with 99 NCAA Tournament wins in that span.

- Current ACC schools have won eight NCAA titles in the last 22 tournaments and own 17 national championships overall.

- Current ACC member schools have combined for 67 Men’s Final Four appearances and a national-best 664 NCAA Tournament wins.

- The ACC owns the highest all-time NCAA Tournament winning percentage of any league (.618).

- All 15 league members own 1,000 or more all-time wins, including eight schools with 1,500 or more victories. Four of the top eight and six of the top 30 winningest programs in NCAA Division I basketball history currently reside in the ACC.

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# Community Foundation scholarship application now open

The Community Foundation of the New River Valley's (CFNRV) online scholarship application is now open. Through the generosity of many donors, in 2024, the CFNRV will give out more than

\$100,000 in scholarships to New River Valley (NRV) students. The scholarship application is open to graduating high school seniors and currently enrolled college students pursuing an education

at a 2- or 4-year college or university, trade, or technical school. Older adults returning to school are also welcome to apply.

Since issuing its first scholarship in 2002, the CFNRV has

awarded \$1,334,454.70 to more than 1,100 students. Now, the CFNRV has dozens of scholarship funds, each established by donors who wish to help others in our community further their education. Many funds were established in memory of loved ones with the goal of supporting NRV students for generations to come.

"We have a wide range of scholarship funds to support students from all walks of life," said Jessica Wirgau, the CFNRV's chief executive officer. "Some focus on graduating seniors, while others are open to students currently in a higher education setting or to individuals returning to school after time in the workforce or raising a family. Some prioritize financial need, while others focus on particular schools or majors. We truly do have something for everyone, and we feel fortunate that we can

support so many impressive students with these scholarships."

Interested applicants submit a single application and indicate the specific scholarships for which they would like to be considered. Most of the scholarship funds benefit students living and/or going to school in the Virginia counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski as well as the City of Radford. Eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria for each scholarship can be found at [cfnrv.org/scholarships](http://cfnrv.org/scholarships). Those with financial need are especially encouraged to apply.

Applicants are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and to submit a personal essay, their academic transcript, and two letters of recommendation. Some scholarship funds

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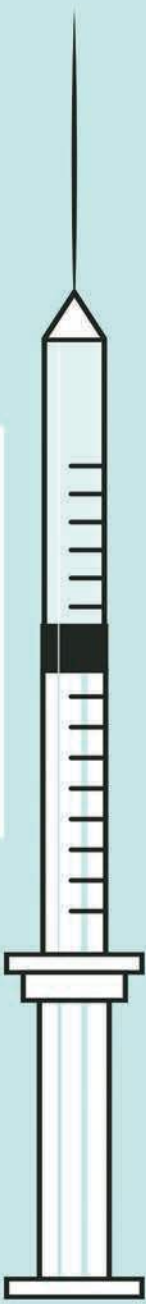
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# Top safety tips for teen drivers for Teen Driver Safety Week

RICHMOND — National Teen Driver Safety Week is October 15-21, and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), home of the Virginia Highway Safety Office, encourages parents to talk with their teens about the importance of driving safely and urges teens to speak up if they see something dangerous or feel unsafe in a vehicle.

"The freedom of driving is exciting for teens, but it is also serious business. We need to start conversations about smart driving habits to empower teens to stay safe," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey, the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "Parents, please talk to your teens. Teenagers, your voice matters. Don't be afraid to talk to your friends. If you see a

friend speeding, driving without a seat belt or constantly taking their eyes off the road, say something. Your voice in their ear could save their life."

So far this year, crashes involving teen drivers account for 15% of all crashes in Virginia, and teen driver crashes are up 6% over this time last year (13,213 crashes and 25 fatalities in 2023 vs. 12,452 crashes and 27 fatalities in 2022). In an effort to educate Virginians and help prevent fatalities, DMV shares the top 5 safety tips to help keep teen drivers safe behind the wheel.

## Tip 1: Buckle Up

• Always wear your seat belt and make sure your passengers do the same. Drivers are twice as likely to die in frontal crashes when back-seat passengers are unbuckled. Last year, 461 teen drivers were unrestrained when they crashed. 97 of those teen drivers were killed or seriously injured. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that in 2021 nationally, 51% of teen drivers who died in crashes were unbuckled.

## Tip 2: Keep Your Distance and Follow a Safe Speed

• Keep four seconds of following distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. Tailgating and speeding are some of the main factors in teen driver crashes. Last year, over 3,000 speed-

ing teen drivers were involved in crashes.

## Tip 3: Focus on the Road

• Driving is a complex task and requires your full attention. Driving distracted does not just mean using your phone. Other distractions are blasting music, loading the car up with friends, eating, and even daydreaming. Last year, over 2,000 distracted teen drivers were involved in crashes.

## Tip 4: Always Drive Sober

• Alcohol and illegal drugs slow reaction time and distort reality, making you think you're driving well when you're not. Virginia's "zero tolerance" law for teens includes losing your license for a year plus fines or community service. Last year, 254 drinking teen drivers were involved in crashes.

## Tip 5: Get Enough Sleep

• According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, teens need at least nine hours of sleep per night, which allows you to stay alert while driving. Driving drowsy is dangerous. Last year, 235 teen driver crashes involved driver fatigue.

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also require additional essays for students to be considered. If a student receives a scholarship, the awarded funds will be applied to the 2024-2025 school year.

All applications are due online by Monday, January 29, 2024 at 5

p.m. Students interested in applying can learn more at [cfnr.org/scholarships](http://cfnr.org/scholarships). If you are interested in setting up a scholarship fund, please reach out to Jessica Wirgau at [jessicawirgau@cfnr.org](mailto:jessicawirgau@cfnr.org) or 540-381-8999.

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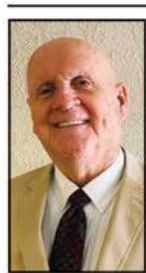
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Grace is one of the most outstanding attributes of God. The reason we are saved today, if we are, is found totally in God. God is rich in mercy, and it pleases Him to show us His great love, by saving our souls from destruction, by His amazing grace.

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

Jeremiah 17:9 describes man's inner condition: "The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" Before we were saved, we were so corrupted by sin that even we didn't even realize the extent to which sin has tainted us. In our natural state, we did not seek God; we did not love God; and we did not desire God.

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

How then, is it possible, for a holy, righteous, and perfect God to love such creatures?

To understand this we must understand something of the nature and character of God.

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

So, the answer to the question, why does God love us, it is because of Who God is. God is love. Romans 5:8 says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Where it says God commended His love toward us, it means God demonstrated His love toward us. He showed His love for us. He proved His love for us. The good work that Jesus did on the cross for us, is God's ultimate proof of His love for us. He may give additional proof, but He can give no greater proof.

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

Frederick Lehman wrote a wonderful song entitled "The love of God." The love of God, is greater far, than tongue or pen can ever tell, it goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest Hell. Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—The Saints' and Angels' song.

The last verse of this song was found penciled on the wall of a patient's room in an insane asylum, after he had been carried to his grave. The man who wrote them had a concept and a grasp of the love of God that few are able to attain.

"Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made, were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll, contain the whole, though See **MCCRAW**, page B11

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday School 7 p.m.  
www.vhmdublin.org  
540-674-4729

## Dublin Baptist Church

100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084  
540-674-6061  
secretary@dublinbaptistchurchva.org  
Website: dublinbaptistchurchva.org  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

## Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church

1560 Julia Simpkins Road  
Allisonia, VA  
Pastor Justin Phillips  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

## First United Methodist Church

301 N. Jefferson Ave. - Pulaski (physical)  
135 Fourth St., NW - Pulaski (mailing)  
Pastor's Name: Josh Kilbourne  
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM  
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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6648 Wilderness Road  
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Sunday Service - 11:00am

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6195 Cleburne Boulevard, Dublin  
Joe Ratcliff, Pastor  
Service Times:  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.;  
Sundays, 10 a.m.  
(540) 674-9220  
Website: www.heritagechurch.net  
Facebook.com/  
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## First Missionary Baptist Church

7318 Manns Drive  
Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524  
(540) 639-5331  
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Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  
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Sundays:  
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The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday  
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2755 Old Baltimore Road,  
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer  
& Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Phone - 540-994-9015  
e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org  
website - www.dvpca.org  
Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream •  
10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)

## Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA

2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski  
540-980-3624  
Pastor: Rev. Jessica Darty  
trinitypulaski@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
(Sept. - May)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
(June - Aug.)  
Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook  
Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon  
www.trinitypulaski.org

## Trinity United Methodist

Pastor: Bill Schoeneman  
540-695-0054  
Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
528 5th Street, S.E.  
Pulaski, Va.  
Phone - 980-0820

## Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy

1021 Macgill Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Church: 540-980-2118  
Cell: 276-233-8083  
Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485  
www.pulaskigracemin.com  
Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  
Pastor Mike Williams  
Children's Ministry  
Aaron & Becky Sampson  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.  
Men's & Women's Ministry Wed. 6:30

## Faith Bible Church

110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Jim Linkous  
Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox  
540-980-5433  
www.facebook/faithbiblechurch  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Children's Church: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
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5605 Dunlap Road  
P. O. Box 1330  
Dublin, VA 24084  
(540) 674-8434  
www.dublinchristianchurch.com  
Charles Pruett  
Minister  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Youth and Children's  
Meetings 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and  
Children's Classes 7:00 p.m.

## Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)

5436 Lead Mine Rd.  
Hiwassee, VA 24347  
Pastor: Jerry King  
Website:  
www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com  
(and Facebook)  
Office: 540-633-3761  
Email:  
office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Sunday School: 10:00 am

## Max Creek Baptist Church

3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324  
www.maxcreek.org  
www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist  
Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman  
Youth Minister: Charlie Prince  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Classes:7 p.m.

## Pulaski Church of God

1621 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Donald Jones  
540-980-8880  
www.pulaskicog.church  
Sunday Services  
Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.

## Randolph Avenue

## United Methodist Church

1607 Randolph Avenue  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Phone: (540) 980-8775

## Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.

4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  
www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/  
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(540) 250-2974  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Worship 7 p.m.  
Monday Bible Study  
7 to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

## First Baptist Church

220 Magazine Street  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
540-980-3336  
Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson  
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.

## Dora Highway Baptist Church

321 Dora Highway  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor: Harry Gunter  
Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
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We’ll probably never be able to fully understand the height and breathe, and depth of the love of God; if we live to be a hundred; but what we can do is accept it. 1 John 4: 19 says, “We love Him because He first loved us.” God’s love for us is from everlasting to everlasting. His love for us precedes our love for Him. Let no one ever doubt the love of God the Son for us. As Spurgeon said, “Let us remember that Jesus loves us; Jesus chose us; Jesus redeemed us; Jesus called us; Jesus has pardoned us; and Jesus has taken us into union with himself.”

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

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

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

If it took something else added to the shedding of His blood to save us from our sins, then His blood wouldn’t be sufficient to save us from our sins. God’s amazing grace is available to everyone. Salvation is all inclusive.

“It’s not God’s will that any should perish but that all should come unto repentance.” His grace truly is amazing.

## Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Gomorrah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. From Matthew 24:35, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my \_\_\_\_ shall not.” Life, Children, Love, Words
  3. To what type person did Saul seek relief when an evil spirit tormented him? Harpist, Sorceress, Madman, Soldier
  4. What two weapons did David use to kill Goliath? Spear/Rock, Sword/Mallet, Sling/Stone, Ax/Knife
  5. The grain of what seed did Jesus liken to the kingdom of heaven? Mustard, Barley, Apple, Corn
  6. What daughter of Leah was defiled by Shechem? Bathsheba, Dinah, Elisabeth, Anna
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Words, 3) Harpist, 4) Sling/Stone, 5) Mustard, 6) Dinah**
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KidsZone 10:45 am  
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10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

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1749 Newbern Road  
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Pastor Frank Peters  
Sunday School: 9:45  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
980-3798

**New Hope Church**  
3050 Lee Highway  
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Services:  
Sunday’s 1st Service - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday’s 2nd Service - 11 a.m.  
Wednesdays - 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
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Church Phone: 540-980-5506

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

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

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

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Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

**St. Edwards Catholic Church**  
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and  
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Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng  
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
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**Community Christian Church**  
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084  
540-674-4308  
Pastor: Bill Neeley  
Children’s Director: Kristen Edwards  
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[www.C3family.org](http://www.C3family.org); Facebook: Community Christian Church|Dublin, VA; email: [triplecsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triplecsecretary@gmail.com)  
Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; C3Kids and C3Youth meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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

**Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church**  
3826 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA.  
  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.  
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**First Dublin Presbyterian Church (ECO)**  
409 Church Street, Dublin, Va. 24084  
P.O. Box 2027, Dublin, Va. 24084  
[first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com](http://first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com)  
Pastor:  
Mary Ann Armbrister  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

**New Dublin Presbyterian Church**  
5331 New Dublin Church Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.  
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**GOD  
IS MY PEPUGE  
† AND MY †**




**FORTRESS**  
PSALM 91:2



**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

✠ ROMANS 12:1 ✠



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

I KNOW WE WERE SUPPOSED TO INTERVIEW A GRANDPARENT FOR CLASS.

TEACHER SAID SHE WANTED 2 PAGES AND I ONLY DID 1 PARAGRAPH.

HOPEFULLY, SHE WILL ACCEPT IT AND GIVE ME A DECENT GRADE.

WHAT CAN I SAY? FORTUNATELY, GRANDPA IS A MAN OF FEW WORDS.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

WILL YOU LOVE ME WHEN I GROW OLD AND OVERWEIGHT?

YES, I DO.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

CAN I PLAY, TIGER?

GO AWAY— ONLY TWO CAN PLAY THIS GAME

NOT NOW. THIS IS A TWO-MAN GAME

ARM WRESTLING IS ONLY FOR TWO PEOPLE

OLIVE

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

EXCUSE ME, DEAR. CAN YOU HELP ME?

MY SWEET DARLING KIKI WENT AND GOT HERSELF STUCK. I AM SO WORRIED! SHE MIGHT FALL!

HEY, OLIVE! I GOT OUR COFFE-

-EEEE? OLIVE!

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phippe

UH....WELL, LET'S KEEP IT POSITIVE. ODDS ARE GOOD THEY ARE INSURED.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: C equals K

LNNC WLNYQ W VFJYIAWO  
DWUAIWI CAZUEND AZ SPAJP  
QPF WQDNBVPFOF PWB LFFZ  
EFVIFQFE:  
"WAOIFBB AZ SNZEFOIWZE."

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Story **BAFLE**  
Blame **CYDER**  
Coil **IWENT**  
Bless **NATION**

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Apple tablet  
5 Dispensed candy  
8 1980s Chrysler line  
12 — bene  
13 King, in Cannes  
14 British noble  
15 Diner employee  
16 Gerund ending  
17 Pub potables  
18 Candy bar nut  
20 Stoic philosopher  
22 Baseball film starring Robert Redford

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- lunch?  
49 "Doing my best"  
50 Vogue rival  
51 Brit. record label  
52 April forecast  
53 D.C. insiders  
54 Squealer  
55 North Sea feeder
- 8 Reeves of "Speed"  
9 Dieters count them  
10 "Right you —!"  
11 "Kidnapped" monogram  
19 Stanley Cup org.  
21 Paris summer  
23 Consumer crusader  
24 Curry and Landers  
25 Jared of "Panic Room"  
26 Feeling no pain  
27 Birthright bar-
- terer  
28 Helter-skelter  
32 Squad car  
33 Dracula, for one  
35 College URL ender  
36 Vegas lead-in  
38 Minnesota's 10,000+  
39 Custom  
42 List-ending abbr.  
43 First bed  
44 Emmy-winning Daly  
45 Zing  
46 "Xanadu" band  
48 Ms. Thurman

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6. Luyten 726-8
7. Ross 154
8. Ross 248
9. Epsilon Eridani
10. Lacaille 9352

Source: Space.com

? Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Girl Scouts, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912?
2. MOVIES: Which 1990s movie features a character named Jack Dawson?
3. ART: Who painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling?
4. ASTRONOMY: Which U.S. astronaut wrote his daughter's initials on the moon?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Australia?
6. HISTORY: In which year was Korea divided into two occupation zones that would become North and South Korea?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents were elected in the 1950s?
8. Which 20th-century novel features a character named Holden Caulfield?
9. TELEVISION: Queen Latifah stars in which 1990s TV sitcom?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest species of shark?

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WORD LADDERS

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

WARTS

LOADS

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- Answers
1. Georgia
  2. "Titanic"
  3. Michelangelo
  4. Gene Cernan
  5. Canberra
  6. 1945
  7. One — Dwight Eisenhower
  8. "The Catcher in the Rye"
  9. "Living Single"
  10. The whale shark

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Fable 2. Decry  
3. Twine 4. Anoint

WORD LADDER

Answer

WARTS, WARMS, WORMS, WORDS, LORDS, LOADS

Americanisms

"What is straight? A line can be straight, or a street, but the human heart, oh, no, it's curved like a road through mountains."

— Tennessee Williams

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CryptoQuip

Book about a peculiar magical kingdom in which the atmosphere has been depleted.

"Aristes in Wordland."

King Crossword

Answers

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WITH THE BRIGANDS' LEADER CALLING NOT FOR THE DEATHS BUT FOR THE CAPTURE OF VAL AND GAWAIN, THE TWO KNIGHTS FEND OFF THE ATTACK WITH THE FLATS OF THEIR BLADES. HEADS ARE BUSTED AND LIMBS BROKEN, BUT NO ONE IS BADLY HURT.

IN FACT, THE TWO FARE WELL ENOUGH TO ATTEMPT A FLANKING ACTION. WHILE GAWAIN DRAWS THE BRIGANDS' BLOWS, VAL HURDLES OUT OF THE CART, HOPING TO COUNTER FROM BELOW...

... BUT IS MET IMMEDIATELY BY THAT SAME SKILLED SWORDSWOMAN WHO HELD HIM AT BAY BACK IN CAMELOT. WITH LITTLE STOMACH FOR ENGAGING THE FAIRER SEX IN COMBAT, EVEN UNDER DESPERATE CIRCUMSTANCES

... HE FINDS HIMSELF RETREATING BEFORE THE FEROCIOUS LADY BANDIT. "I WOULD DO YOU NO HARM, WOMAN," HE OFFERS, IN AN ATTEMPT TO END THIS UNPLEASANT DUEL. "YOU INDEED SHALL DO ME NO HARM!" COMES HER RETORT.

NEXT: A compromise

STRANDED IN A HOSTILE, ALIEN WORLD.

FRAMED BY THE DESPOTIC MONARCH THEY HELPED TO OVERTHROW.

FLASH GORDON, DALE ARDEN AND DR. HANS ZARKOV ROAM THE PLANET MONGO, SEARCHING FOR THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR FLIGHT...

...MING THE MERCILESS!

FLASH GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE 10-15

AS THE HAWKPEOPLE'S CITY IN THE CLOUDS BEGINS TO LOSE ALTITUDE, DR. HANS ZARKOV IS RUSHED TO THE CONTROL ROOM.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

ZARKOV, A REACTOR BLEW! WE'RE LOSING POWER FAST!

MY LIEGE, DUROK HAD CORNERED FLASH IN HERE, WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?

...WHERE ARE THEY?"

LOOKS LIKE DUROK TOOK THE BRUNT OF THE EXPLOSION. PROBABLY THE ONLY THING THAT SAVED ME. BUT FOR HOW LONG...?

YOUR LUCK'S RUN OUT, GORDON!

WRONG, DUROK!

CHNC

KRAE

...I'M TAKING YOU WITH ME!

SWAPT

NEXT: LOST HOPE!

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

CAN I PLAY, TIGER?

GO AWAY— ONLY TWO CAN PLAY THIS GAME

NOT NOW. THIS IS A TWO-MAN GAME

ARM WRESTLING IS ONLY FOR TWO PEOPLE

I'LL GO ASK MOM WHAT ALL THREE OF US CAN DO TOGETHER

SUP BLAKE

MAGIC MAZE

DOUBLE LETTER ANIMALS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
Unlisted clue hint: INSECT THAT FLUTTERS BY

- Adder

Baboon

Bees

Blue gill
- Bollworm

Coot

Eels

Hippos
- Kitty

Llama

Mutt

Otter
- Puppy

Raccoon

Tyrannosaurus

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## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

DCTGR NCPMTFSTW TF SJC

XBFS WBXXBGMK SNPACMCE

NBPE SB XCETBWNTSK.

— ITMM FXTSJ

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Being realistic is the answer

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road to mediocrity. — Will Smith

DOUBLE LETTER ANIMALS

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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# PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

## 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. 21

### Craft & Draft

October 21, 2023 + 11:00AM - 6:00PM + Glenco Mansion Field  
Craft & Draft is a handcrafted marketplace with a festival flair - celebrating EIGHT years in Radford, Virginia and organized by local non-profit MountainTrotter Arts and a dedicated group of volunteers! This festival started with a handful of dedicated and eager volunteers who wanted to see a street-style festival in our small city. Craft & Draft features modern & indie handcrafted vendors from all over our region.

## Oct. 23

### Gospel Sing

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

### 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.

## Oct. 28

### Gospel Jubilee

A gospel jubilee will be held at First Baptist Church, 220 Magazine Street, Pulaski on October 28 at 6 p.m. in support of pastor's aid. Various church groups and singers from the NRV will be participating. We invite you to join us for a Saturday evening of Praise.

## 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

### Christmas Shoppe Sale

Christ Episcopal Church in Pulaski will hold its Christmas Shoppe Sale on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 8 a.m. to

1 p.m.

### Community Prayer and Praise Service

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

## On going:

### Alcohol Anonymous

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

### Pulaski Al-Anon Family Group

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

### Lifestyles Changes

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

### Celebrate Recovery

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

### Heritage Cares Food still distributing food

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



## The Glorylanders In Concert

The Glorylanders of the New River Valley will be in concert at the Snowville Christian Church, Sunday, October 22, at 11:00 a.m. The Glorylanders are an all male acapella group who have recorded 2 CDs and are blessed for the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the Eastern United States including; Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

Their musical selections consist of a range of styles, including; Praise, Traditional and Classic Gospel, and Contemporary. Members of the group include: Odell Palmer, Richard Law, David Morton, and Tony Conner.

This talented and popular singing group is in high demand and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this special concert of worship and praise.

Snowville Christian Church is located at 5436 Lead Mine Road, Hiwassee, VA 24347. (SnowvilleChristianChurch.com).

## Fall Fundraiser

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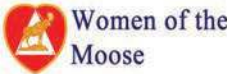
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Fri. Oct. 27th: Sister Ginger (Virginia Riggins)

Sat. Oct. 28th: Evangelist Joyce Greer

## ATTENTION!!!

We will be having our annual Coat Drive beginning on Sunday Oct. 29th and ending on Saturday Nov. 11th. We will be accepting coats, scarves, gloves, and toboggans. You can bring the items to the Patriot Newspaper located at 7 Fifth Street NE in the Hometown Reality building, Cougar Express, Emanuel Book Store or you can call 276-620-4293 for a time to bring the items to the ministry.

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