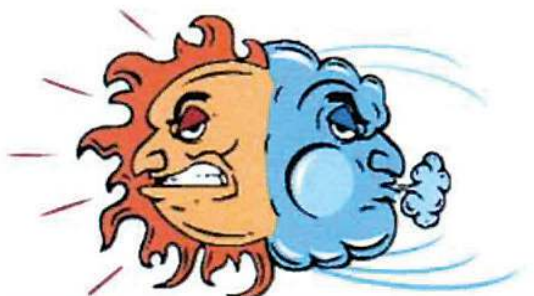




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## Judge rules for Golden in local defamation suit

By **MIKE WILLIAMS**  
The Patriot

General District Court Judge Erin DeHart on Wednesday ruled in favor of incumbent Ingles District School Board member Penny Golden in a civil suit brought by her challenger, Gina Paine.

In a hearing that lasted a little over an hour, DeHart agreed with Golden's attorney Gregory Kallen that a Facebook Messenger message Golden had sent to a friend in the Pulaski County Republican Party was not done with malice and did not constitute a reckless disregard for the truth.

Kallen argued that Paine, being a candidate for local office, is viewed by the law as a public figure and therefore must prove actual malice to collect damages.

He argued that Golden's actions did not cause damage to Paine in

that she still received the Republican Party's endorsement, despite the message she sent arriving just before a meeting of the party to consider school board endorsements.

The ruling came after Paine's attorney, Chris Tuck, argued that Golden's message to Mickey Weikle was meant to torpedo Paine's school board campaign.

In Golden's message, she said "Ms. Paine is a convicted felon with an extensive criminal history."

Tuck questioned Golden on what she was basing that statement on in her message, and Golden said a document that had been delivered to her house.

Tuck asked who had delivered the document, and Golden replied, "Brenda Blackburn."

Tuck asked Golden if she considered Blackburn to be a reliable

source, and she answered, "Yes, as far as I know."

Tuck had Golden review the eight pages of the document and asked if the word felony could be found on either page. Eight times Golden replied "no."

Kallen, however, argued during cross-examination that the words "controlled substance" and "sentencing" did appear, and was the basis for Golden's use of the words "convicted felon."

Tuck also questioned Golden over Paine's middle name – the document listed it as "Hubbard." Paine's middle name is Huffard.

Subsequent questioning found that Paine's physical description did not match information on the document. The document listed residences for Paine that were incorrect, and even listed two traffic

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## Camrett Logistics planning \$2 million expansion in Dublin

By **DAVID QUESENBERRY**  
The Patriot

Officials in the Town of Dublin and Pulaski County received some much welcome news as the local economy received another boost in employment.

Gov. Glen Youngkin's Office announced that Camrett Logistics, a local business dealing in third-party logistics, will expand their operations in the Wm. H. Parker Industrial Park in Dublin with a \$2 million investment.

The investment will result in upgrades to Camrett's facility including new construction, renovation of existing space, purchase of new forklifts and electric trucks.

The expansion will also add 58 new jobs to Camrett's operation at its Dublin location.

The project was made possible by a joint effort by Camrett, the Town of Dublin, Pulaski



David Quesenberry/The Patriot  
**Camrett's Collin Peele speaks on company's expansion plans.**

County and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. Governor Glenn Youngkin authorized \$230,000 from the

Commonwealth's Opportunity Fund to assist with funding for the project.

Thanks to this joint effort by state and local officials, Virginia was successful in competing against North Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia for the project.

Local officials gathered at the recently remodeled Camrett garage in Dublin's industrial park on October 24th for a ribbon cutting where Mayor Benny Skeens made the announcement about the expansion to the gathered crowd.

A common theme echoed by local officials was the close working relationship between public and private entities as well as the close working relationship necessary for successful investment and job growth.

Mayor Skeens noted that the project was "part of an ongoing

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# Suit

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offenses that allegedly occurred on the same day – January 1, 2002 – in both West Virginia and California.  
Kallen asked Golden what was her reason for sending the mes-

sage to Weikle. Golden responded she was seeking “feedback,” and had only sent the message to Weikle.  
Weikle said after she received the message from Golden, she contacted Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters – also a Republican.  
During her turn on the witness

stand, Paine said she first heard of Golden’s message on Aug. 8 during a phone call from Walters.  
Paine said the news was “very upsetting.” She said her main concern was for her son – a rising senior at Pulaski County High School at the time. School was about to start and she feared him being confronted over it at school.

Paine said the accusations caused her to lose weight with worry, distracted her from her responsibilities as her mother’s primary caregiver and caused her to lose sleep.  
Paine acknowledged having one DUI conviction, on Jan. 1, 2002 in West Virginia, but had stopped drinking in 2011, and had actually worked to help others in the area do the same – a fact Judge DeHart thanked her for during her summation.  
Paine noted she had worked for Pulaski County Public Schools from 2014 to 2020 as a substitute teacher and had undergone a background check at that time.  
“It’s my understanding a convicted felon loses their voting rights,” Paine stated.  
Golden was actually serving on the school board for about three months while Paine worked as a sub.  
Paine said rumors and accusations about her had been surfacing

all summer and even included encrypted emails accusing her of things such as being a convicted felon, prostitution and nearly having her children taken away.  
In his closing argument, Kallen said Paine had not shown “clear and convincing” evidence of malice or reckless disregard for the truth. That her communication was to one person and that had not cost her the GOP endorsement.  
Tuck disagreed and noted that, “These type actions are bad and keep good people from running for public office.”  
Tuck noted that Golden could have apologized but chose not to.

“She also could have through her attorney, but didn’t,” he added.  
Paine had brought the suit against Golden on Aug. 22 seeking \$12,500 in compensatory damages and \$12,500 in punitive damages.

## Pulaski County gains achievement award; employees get raise

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

This week’s meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors began with Katie Boyle of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO), presenting an Achievement Award to the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.  
Also, Supervisors issued a 2 percent COLA increase and half day vacation to all county employees.  
The VACO Achievement Award was given for The One Bag Challenge program initiated by board chairwoman Laura Walters.  
“You all have done a fantastic job of addressing the rising challenge of litter in a way that involves your community,” said Boyle. “You all got serious results. I was reviewing your submission and I saw 849 bags of trash and 275 tires picked up as of the end of June... all by asking your community to just pick up one bag of trash and that is just fantastic.”  
After the award was given, Wendy Davis, Director of the Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center in Dublin, gave a presentation to the board.  
“Our mission is to keep adults 18 and older safe and engaged and living in their homes in our community,” said Davis, who noted that her organization has been in operation for seven years.  
According to Davis, there are currently 20 individuals with ages ranging from 43 to 98 years of age, who regularly utilize the Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center.  
“A lot of people think that it’s a place for old people to go and sit around all day and watch TV and we’re anything but that,” said Davis. “Our people are active and engaged all day long.”  
Davis invited Kathy Young and Terry Hauser to Monday’s meeting. Kathy brings Terry to the adult

day care service on a daily basis. Kathy became Terry’s caregiver when her mother died.  
“She passed the torch to me,” said Kathy. “So, I figured rather than let her sit there, I bring her there because she’s very intelligent, very smart and sassy sometimes but Terry is doing well ... It’s a great place.”  
Two Public hearings followed the presentations. The first involved rezoning two lakeside parcels on Cecil’s Chapel Road. The change was necessary because when the estate was reassessed, it was determined that the property line cut directly through a residence at the site. As a result of the new designation, one of the properties which had been zoned Low Density Residential was changed to Medium Density Residential.  
A woman came to the podium to question this change but was assured by Chairwoman Laura Walters that the new Medium Density designation was actually more restrictive than the Low Density zoning designation.  
The change in zoning was unanimously approved by the board.  
Planning Manager and Zoning Administrator Markie Saunders then asked the board to change some of the language of the county’s Unified Development Plan to align with state code. No one spoke in opposition and the board passed the requested change in verbiage for Pulaski County’s Unified Development Plan.  
Joe Guthrie, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) and former member of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors came to the podium during the Citizen Comment segment of the agenda.  
Guthrie extended greetings from Governor Youngkin and mentioned how the Consum-

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# Camrett

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effort to partner with Pulaski County, VEDP and Camrett to support area business and bring good jobs to Dublin.”

Board of Supervisors Chairman Laura Walters said the County “was happy to have partnered with the Town and the Commonwealth in investing in this latest expansion project.” She thanked Camrett for their employment and investment in the County in such a responsible and sustainable manner.

Collin Peel, the founder of Camrett Logistics, noted that Pulaski County “breeds hard work” and that he could not ask for a better workforce for his business. He also thanked the Town of Dublin for the close working relationship over the past 20 years.

Peel again thanked the Town of Dublin, Pulaski County and the Commonwealth for their support of Camrett’s investment in Dublin.

Walters and County Administrator Jonathan Sweet next pre-



Local government and Chamber of Commerce officials join Camrett employees for a ribbon cutting in Dublin following an announcement on the company’s expansion.

sented Cameron Peel and Collin Peel of Camrett with a resolution from the Board of Supervisors in recognition and appreciation of

Camrett Logistics. Following the presentation, the meeting adjourned to the outside for the ribbon cutting.

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**Dublin Mayor Benny Skeens speaks during Wednesday’s expansion announcement by Camrett Logistics.**

# Dublin Council learns of grant fund approval

By DAVID QUESENBERRY  
The Patriot

The Dublin Town Council received some good news at its October 19th meeting when it learned that the Town would be receiving \$250,000 in grant forgiveness to create an inventory of water lines required under the Lead-Copper rule.

The rule requires that all water providers must create an inventory of their water system to determine potential sources of lead and copper within the lines. This inventory will identify the type of lines used by the water provider and the customer on both sides of the line.

Initially the Town was offered a \$250,000 loan package by the

Virginia Department of Health for the inventory.

At the direction of Council at last month’s meeting, Town Manager Tye Kirkner submitted a letter to the Department of Health concerning the offer of a loan, while Town Attorney Sam Campbell submitted a Freedom of Information Act request seeking which localities received grant forgiveness and which were offered loans under the program.

In his update to Council, Kirkner reported that the grant application made the Town leave out certain information that would have adequately documented the disadvantaged status of the Town, which was important in other localities getting grant forgiveness instead of a loan.

Following contact with the program director, Kirkner said he was notified that the Town would be offered full grant forgiveness for the \$250,000. A video conference was scheduled for next week to begin implementation of the grant.

Kirkner added that this would tie in to the installation of the radio-read meters, in that funds were now available to allow meter installers to identify the type of lines on both sides of the meter for the inventory.

There was also the possibility that some of the grant funds could be used for replacing some lines or other equipment as needed.

Kirkner also told Council that the state review of the Town’s ap-

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## Town of Pulaski Real Estate Bills

Town of Pulaski Real Estate tax bills for the 2nd half of 2023 have been mailed. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

This Tax must be paid on or before December 5, 2023 by 5:00 pm to avoid penalty or interest being added.

Payments should be address to the Town of Pulaski Finance Dept. PO Box 660 Pulaski VA 24301 Notice is hereby given that the Finance Office for the Town of Pulaski will be open Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 5:00, except for holidays to receive payments for Real Estate Taxes. The Town of Pulaski office is located in the Municipal Building at 42 1st St. NW Pulaski VA 24301. For the convenience of the taxpayer there is a night drop located at the rear of the building.

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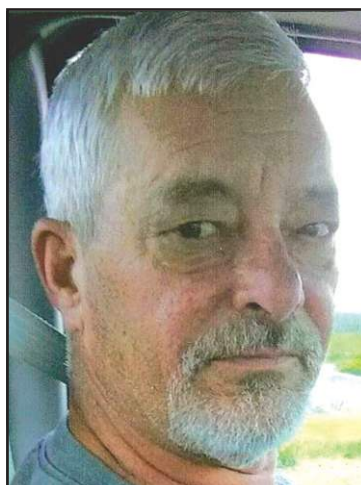


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**CHARLES "JUNIOR" THOMAS MCDANIEL, JR.**  
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Charles "Junior" Thomas McDaniel, Jr., 66, passed away Saturday, October 21, 2023, at his home in Dublin. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Thomas McDaniel; mother of his children, Deby McDaniel; and sisters, Jean Smith, Sue Croy, and Clydie McDaniel.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta McDaniel; daughters, Kim Allen (Greg), Kari McDaniel, and Whitney Nau (Dustin), Ashley Chrisley (Jake), and Kayla Whittaker; son, Kody McDaniel; mother, Ruby Gladys Phillips McDaniel; grandchildren, Adam Allen (Samantha), Drew Allen, Jackson Allen, Braxton McDaniel, Avery Nau, Addie Quesenberry, Alan Chrisley and Kayelea Chrisley; great grandson, Jameson Allen; sister, Connie Scott; and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank Intrepid Hospice and caregivers Angela Cecil and Venesha Keith, and Fairlawn Church of God.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2023, at the Fairlawn Church of God. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Marcus Harrison officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the funeral home to help with expenses.

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



**VIRGINIA DAWN SMITHERS GARWOOD**

Virginia Dawn Smithers Garwood, age 81, of Pulaski, died Sunday evening October 22, 2023 at Pulaski Health and Rehabilitation Center. Her faith carried her home. She was born on February 27, 1942, and was the daughter of the late Virginia Blanche Smithers and the late Henry Richard Smithers. She was a member of Pulaski Church of God. She always had a smiling face, and she worked at her sister's store (Guida's Market) for many years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Wayne Garwood, Sr., brothers; Venice Smithers, and Hoyt Smithers, and a son, Richard Wayne Garwood, Jr.

She is survived by her daughter; Debi (James) Livingston of Pulaski; son; Todd (Lanie) Garwood of Pulaski; two sisters; Guida Sutphin of Christiansburg, and Judy (Tony) Smith of Pulaski. Also survived by three grandchildren; Nick Livingston of Ft. Mill, SC, Brittany Livingston of Evanston, IL, and Lauren Cannoy of Max Meadows. Also survived by five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Hilltop Pentecostal Holiness Church 4892 Veterans Hill Road Pulaski, VA 24301, with Pastor Todd Garwood officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday at the church from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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**CLARENCE "ROLAND" JARRELLS**

Clarence "Roland" Jarrells of Dublin, Va. and formally of Arlington, Va. passed away on Friday, October 20, 2023 at his home in Dublin.

"Roland" served In the Air Force and was in the Vietnam Conflict.

He was proceeded in death by his parents: Father – Archie Clarence Jarrells and Mother – Irene Jarrells Hickman; Step Father – Ken Hickman; Brother – Gary Tyson Jarrells; Sister – Karey Jarrells; Grandparents – James B. Odham and Roseanna O. Odham.

Survivors:

Brothers – Phil Jarrells and Greg Jarrells of Pulaski; Sisters – Vickie Jarrells and Gracia Nipper of Pulaski; Cousin – Eddie Duncan.

Per his wishes "Roland" chose cremation, with his remains to be placed at the Southwest Va. Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, Va.

Special thanks goes out to his dear friend, Elaine Starnes and sister Vickie Jarrells and loving cousin Eddie Duncan for their love and care for "Roland" in his last days. Thanks also to Medi Home Hospice (Tonya) and (Zeb) who also helped look after him.

Serenity Funeral Home handled arrangements.



**WILLIAM DEWEY DOWELL**

William Dewey Dowell, age 74 of Pulaski, died early Thursday morning, October 19, 2023 at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville.

He was born in West Virginia on July 31, 1949, and was the son of the late: Thelma Blankenship Dowell, and the late Thomas Spencer Dowell. Bill was a United States Veteran having served in the Army, completing two tours in Vietnam, and spent the remainder of his enrollment in Germany. He was a graduate of the Pulaski High School class of 1968. He attended New River Community College receiving two associate degrees. For many years, Bill was owner/publisher of the local trade paper, "The Trading Post".

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Jo Ann Dowell Lindsay, and Mary Jane Dowell Blankenship, brother, Spencer Dowell.

He is survived by a step-son; Tony Thornton of Vinton, sister Mona Marie Dowell of Richlands, Va, and many nieces and nephews, along with special friends; Mary Barrett, Mark and Paula Smith and Charlie and Becky Smith.

A graveside funeral service was held Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, where military honors were provided.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy, may be made in the form of donations to United Network for Organ Sharing at <https://unos.org/give/>, or to the American Lung association at [action.lung.org](http://action.lung.org) Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



**BETTY HOKE SHEPPARD**

On October 21, 2023, Walmart lost its most loyal customer, Betty Hoke Sheppard, the iconic "Smiley Face" and greeter extraordinaire. Not to be confused with the yellow smiley face of price rollbacks -though she was a glowing, round, 4'10" animated display of excellence. Eye level with the shopping cart she offered compliments and encouragement to the most unexpected individual in every aisle of the store. Every person was greeted with "Hey there beautiful"- regardless of how they looked or how many teeth they had; Betty offered the warmest expression of a listening ear and a kind word. She should have been on Walmart's payroll because she excelled at engaging every employee in her plight of getting a box of Cheerios, mandarin orange fruit cups, and cartons of Yoo-hoo from the third shelf- just out of reach for her short stature. She shopped while sharing the gospel of Jesus and was never ashamed to pray for people- even if it was in the middle of the produce section or at the check-out line.

Betty was born on April 25, 1932, in the back woods of Caldwell West Virginia to Cecil and Nellie Hoke. She was seventh among her siblings- Delbert, George, Howard, Arnold, Edward, Orphia, Norma Jean, Thelma, and her "beautiful baby brother James". She was quite an entertainer, developing her tap dancing skills when she was hospitalized for treatment for rickets. She danced right out of those leg braces and went on to make her debut performing for local radio stations and area churches. She said she found Jesus at the age of seven and that she loved God her whole life. She met the love of her life, Alvin, at the Appalachian Pentecostal Holiness Camp Meeting and said he was the only man she ever had eyes for- though being married for 70 years, likely there were times when she removed the love goggles and gave Alvin some glares and stink eye stares.

Betty and Alvin never had a lot of money or material things, but they were blessed with six children- Queenie, Angela, Alvin, Joey, Sonja, and Misty and they made sure to take them to church and teach them about Jesus. The kids learned early on that neither rain nor sleet, nor snow would cancel a service, and pretending to be sick in an attempt to stay home just led to more time spent at the altar waiting on God's divine healing. Betty wanted all her children and grandchildren to serve God- actually, she wanted everyone to become preachers. This way she could be certain to spend eternity in heaven with them. When her son Joey was called to preach- she was so proud- and she was his biggest fan and made sure he knew he was "the Best" and made it known to everyone. She was the "Amen-preach on" corner in every one of his services- She did however sing the praise of Pastor Marcus and told him a time or two that he was the "2nd Best".

Betty was an entrepreneur- creating income by leveraging her beloved chickens, marketing what she called "anointed eggs", praying over each one to ensure a "Holy yolk" that would either convict the partaker of their sins or bless the Christian abundantly- and she covered the cartons with scriptures for those who needed God's word. Her daughter Sonja loves those chickens just as much- encouraged Betty

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# Sheppard

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in her collection- buying her more every time they visited Rural King. Betty frequented thrift stores, yard sales, and Goodwill, buying brass trinkets and baby dolls. She coined the term “GW fashion” and her children walked the runway-sometimes mismatched but always in style.

Betty loved to eat out with her family- chicken and dumplings was her favorite with the exception of the 4 piece KFC thigh obsession she requested on a daily basis for months- often she threw a tantrum when she was unable to get anyone to bring her some. Many Sundays after church Betty would fix dinner for her entire family. She would gather the kids around the table and let them assist in making bread, giving them a ball of dough-most of which was dropped on the floor and or eaten before it ever made it to the oven. But she somehow fed the multitudes with an array of delicious foods and the melt-in-your-mouth yeast rolls, bread, biscuits, cakes, and donuts. Her son Alvin carried on the biscuit-making tradition and quite possibly mastered it.

Everyone knew of Betty’s love of God and if you didn’t, you would if you ever crossed paths with her. She whistled a tune everywhere she went and played the piano with anointing – despite never having a single lesson. In the latter years conversing with Betty was like having a vocal showdown or rather a verbal wrestling match-often all the hand gestures and enunciating would exhaust one long before Betty was able to make out what was being discussed. Looking back, when her hearing started declining-we should have invested in a Megaphone. During church, Betty would become so involved in worship that she sang loud- very loud and at times she failed to realize she was singing off-key and her angelic-like melody became more like a symphony of squawking pigeons. But those who knew Betty knew her singing was a deep expression of her relationship with God and the beauty was not in the sound but in the act of worship.

Betty was known as the lady in red- not to be confused with the “scarlet harlot” of the Bible- She was a godly woman, who loved red as much as she loved Alvin, and he was the only man she ever loved. She wore red every day and accessorized with heels and a big red purse filled with the necessities of looking and feeling good for the Lord: a tub of Ponds Cold Cream (she never looked her age), mint flavored Roloids (for the belly afflictions of the righteous but also an accepted alternative for chewing gum church mishaps), bottled water (for quenching thirst and for the unexpected baptism), ketchup packets and sugar cubes (snacks for low blood sugar resulting from missed lunches when the morning service turned into evening worship); panty hose (in case of stepping on said ketchup packets, soiling the undergarment of praise or for replacing the holy pair snagged from jumping pews when the Spirit hit), a Ziplock bag of coins weighing 5lbs (so all the kids had money to put in the offering), a hairbrush and bobby pins (for repositioning hairdos soaked with anointing oil and mis-styled from the laying of hands in prayer) and a set of 25 random keys- one for the car and 24 others that we are still trying to figure out what they go to.

Betty was a walking miracle, and she would be the first to tell you of the numerous times she was pulled from death’s grip and how miraculous it was when God showed up just in time to confound the doctors. Her medical record was a testament to the Great Physician’s healing powers, as modern medicine could not bring anyone back from what she encountered. She made it a point to tell everyone that her youngest daughter was her doctor...”She is the Best ... My Beautiful Doctor Misty Spring Queen” but she also would rave and sing the praises of her PCP, Dr. Charles Judy- who truthfully was “The Best”.

When Betty wasn’t dragging her kids to church, she was being dragged by her kids to the creek with a jug of water, a big ole Bible, and a bag of sugar. Lots of years were spent on the riverbanks and in the woods, building forts and

picking tea berries. Despite being a God-fearing woman-she encouraged some mischief in her day- but in her defense being stuck on a riverbank with a bunch of kids and defenseless minnows justified the many times she encouraged making loud joyful noises, baptizing one another in the water and setting the captive minnows free- all so she could obtain her deliverance from Alvin’s overnight fishing expeditions. She encouraged sewing lessons on the waterbed- as the needle holes and water leaks that occurred during the lesson meant getting rid of the secretly hated waterbed Alvin bought. Betty’s love of wildflowers landed her on the Endangered Lady Slipper’s Most Wanted List- created by her eldest daughter Queenie- the God-fearing, Devil Stompin’, nature-loving woman who specialized in the mass production of beautiful babies (7 daughters) and breast milk. Mom was feisty and spiteful-she dug up those slippers every time Queenie turned her back. Today knowing that mom is sitting in a field of flowers and likely having a vast supply of Lady Slippers of her very own, brings comfort to her entire family.

Betty’s belief in sparing the rod and spoiling the child wavered as she aged. She became more of an activist- preventing many backseat hairbrush disciplinary actions and she became a major protester of the Clean Your Plate movement- Of course, this was only after being subjected to backseat brush battles meant for the grandkids and encountering the projectile vomiting that accompanied the “eat everything on your plate” discipline.

We were greatly blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Betty during her 91 years, among them: God is Good, all the time. Some things should never wait until tomorrow: I love you, I’m sorry, and giving your heart to Jesus because tomorrow may never come. Say your prayers and keep adding names so your loved ones will stay with you a little longer. Always be willing to help someone in need-Jesus didn’t say to question their motives first, he just said to do it unto the least of them. Eating Roloids isn’t necessarily a bad thing. Don’t be wasteful- you never know when you might be lacking or find yourself in a place of need.

Betty leaves behind a collection of life lesson reminders- Her Bibles, thousands of hand-written prayers, scriptures, and devotions, an array of card-making supplies (magazine clippings, beads, paper, and glue sticks), a stockpile of Roloids, extra pantyhose, water jugs and a collection of Hardee’s gravy biscuit containers, KFC cardboard boxes, paper cups and mashed potato bowls with lids. She leaves behind a collection of precious metals- aluminum, silver, brass, and copper-Her meticulously hand-washed recyclable treasures consisting of Friskies cat food cans, soda cans, figurines, trinkets, pots, pans, and mismatched silverware- all sorted and compiled in Hefty reinforced black designer bags and stored in steel enforced cans. Among her inheritance are 2,433 dolls-porcelain, plastic, big and small. Some talk, or walk, some dance, and some cry, some are ugly and some are downright frightening- But just like every person she encountered in this life- Betty loved them all.

Betty Hoke Sheppard is survived by her children: Queenie & Larry Shelor, Angela & Bobby Overstreet, Alvin II & Sharon Sheppard, Sonja Martin, Brian Martin, Misty & Christopher Queen; Grandchildren: Shona & Troy Farmer, Winona, & Keith Linkous, Leona & Dan Alexander, Keona & Rodney Mobley, Niona & Kurt Nester, Halona & Travis David, Annona Shelor & CJ Hunter, Jamie Witt, Angel & Keith Turner, Jessica & Larry Doss, Denise and Michael Mills, Alvin Sheppard III &Andrea Miller, Malieta Sheppard, Samuel A. Sheppard; Chandra, Foster & Zach Sheppard, Simeon & Lydia Sheppard,Caitlin Brown, Matthew Martin and Sierra Queen; Great-Grand Children: Kalla & Nick Harris, Shriah & Dustin Edwards, Stephen & Rachael Marshal, Shikinah and Josh Bain, Karsyn, Kasey & Raven Mobley, Oliver Nester, Cooper & Roasaleigh David, Micheal, Alex, & Abby Witt, Holly & Cody Eure, Daniel Smith, Nathaniel and Skyler Smith, Brooke Smith, Brett & Hannah Smith, Christina Miller & Jeremy Queen, Falisha Miller & Alan Huff, Phillip & Adrianna Miller, Daniel Miller, Maggie Miller, Montana Miller, Skyler Helms, Isaiah & Shiloh Tindell, Row-

an Brown; Samuel M. Sheppard; Great-Great-Grandchildren: Brealynn Miller, Sophia & Riley Bain, Evelyn Marshal, Alan Huff. Siblings: James & Phyllis Hoke, Thelma Hoke. Betty was also preceded in death by her Brothers: Delbert, George, Arnold, and Edward Hoke, Sister: Orphia Pitzenbarger; and her Granddaughters Alexis Smith, Brielynn Mills, and Megan Sheppard.

Services were held at The Fairlawn Church of God (7858 Peppers Ferry Blvd Fairlawn, Va 24141) on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023. Monetary donations can be made in lieu of flowers and will be used to reduce the excess burden of medical debt and burial expenses.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.

**ROGER ROYCE SONNER**

Roger Royce Sonner, age 71 of Pulaski passed away Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Montgomery Regional Hospital. Born September 17, 1952 in Pulaski , he was the son of the late James Early Sonner & Lucy Crowder Sonner. He was also preceded in death by one brother, James Preston Sonner.

Roger is survived by his

Children – Roger Lee Sonner – Dublin, Mary Ann Sonner – Dallas, TX, Roger Eugene Sonner – VA

Numerous Grandchildren

Brothers – Freddie W. Sonner – Pulaski, Leonard W. Sonner – Thomasville, NC

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastors Mary Morris & Andrew Dean officiating. Interment followed at the Thornspring UMC Cemetery, Dublin.

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

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

**STEWART WAYNE GRAVELY**

Stewart Wayne Gravelly, 57, of Pulaski Virginia died on October 11, 2023, at his residence. Born on June 15, 1966, to Albert and Faye Gravelly who preceded him death.

Left to cherish his memory, are three sisters: Thelma Turpin of Dublin, Betty Shanks (John) of Pearisburg and April Yopp (James) of Draper. Two brothers; David ray Gravelly (Janice) of Draper and Kyle William Gravelly

of Pulaski County. He also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews as well as close and dear friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, October 26, 2023, in the chapel of Norris Funeral Services located at 815 Randolph Avenue in Pulaski. Interment followed at the Yopp Family Cemetery in Draper.

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

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AI in Energy

Over the last several years, we have begun exploring the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its application across a variety of sectors—health care, finance, manufacturing, agriculture, and so on. In the Energy Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, we recently held a hearing examining the ways that AI could be used to benefit our energy sector.

As energy consumption and our standard of living increases decade after decade, we must find new ways to provide Americans with safe, reliable, and affordable energy. AI is being used to support those goals.

We heard from witnesses about how AI is accelerating cutting-edge energy technologies by processing data to aid researchers, while also helping to reduce both cost and time when developing new technologies.

In the oil and gas industry, AI is being used to better process geothermal 3D seismic data and optimize



Morgan Griffith

9th District Representative

drilling operations. It can increase production in refineries, help manage wells and reservoirs, increase yield, all while find-

ing ways to decrease oil well energy usage, which will in turn bring down costs.

When it comes to electricity, AI could be used by utilities and wholesale market makers to continuously pinpoint when to dispatch power plants and help power plant managers balance supply and demand. It can also monitor utility polls for any issues, order needed parts, or create work orders for when technicians are needed to go into the field to fix something.

However, a drawback to the implementation of AI in our energy sector is that operating AI requires data centers to use massive amounts of power. According to the International Energy Agency, data centers globally used 1–1.3% of global electricity demand in 2022. According to one of our witnesses, Loudoun County, Virginia, would need the equivalent of three large nuclear plants every year to power new AI enabled data centers.

As AI use grows, so will its electricity demand. With electrical grids already under pressure and stressed for more capacity, and with the Biden Administration determined to eliminate the fossil fuels which stabilize our electrical grid, we will have to find a way to ensure that AI doesn't further strain our grid.

Another challenge is the risk of AI-assisted cyber-attacks. An ever-increasing issue in our world, it will be paramount as we move forward with AI development, that we find meaningful ways to protect our energy sector against this threat.

Medical Devices Must Work

Ten to 15 million medical devices are used by U.S. hospitals and doctor's offices daily to help diagnosis and treat patients.

Unfortunately, some of these medical devices are sold with manufacturer-imposed restrictions on repairs, meaning only the manufacturer itself can make a repair. Articles that I have seen include among those devices CT scanners, EKG machines, MRI machines, and ventilators.

Restrictions on who can repair a medical device can come with potentially deadly consequences. This is especially true in rural areas, like the 9th District of Virginia. In rural areas, having a repair person nearby is less likely. Being forced to use only the manufacturer's representative could mean longer wait times for hospital and doctor's office equipment to be repaired.

If your doctor and/or health care team don't have access to working equipment, they can not properly diagnose your condition or disease. This can lead to catastrophic consequences.

I can not accept that people could become more ill or risk death because they are unable to receive help due to repair restrictions. Medical devices save lives. Manufacturers cannot in good conscious stand in the way of the mission to treat people.

That is why I am looking at the concept of allowing independent contractors to be able to repair the equipment for hospitals and doctor's offices who request that service. We are checking with our local hospitals about their needs.

This issue reminds me of my friend, Bill Bradley, who unfortunately passed away in 2017. He started Valley Biomedical Services, to service medical devices in need of repair. Bill started the company working out of a van and grew it into a success, working hard to provide a variety of medical repair services in the Roanoke area and beyond for over 30 years.

Ending manufacturer restrictions could benefit skilled technicians like my friend Bill, while also, and more importantly, providing better access to health care in rural areas.

When facing life or death issues, you should neither have to wait for the repair team to fly in nor have the patient travel to another hospital.

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

OPEN FORUM

Supports Williams in Draper

To the voters in the Draper District,

I have lived in the Draper District for 48 years and have seen 3 children and 4 grandchildren go through the Pulaski County School System, with one still at Pulaski Middle School. I also worked at the High School Library in the 80's and at the Central Office in the Research, Development and Technology Dept. in the 90's. I have served on various committees, including the Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy Committee and Banned Books Committee reviews. I have also had the pleasure of serving as board member and president of several PTOs over the years. I feel this experience and service gives me the insight needed to endorse a candidate for the Draper District for School Board and that candidate is Billy Williams.

Billy is committed to much needed change in our system. Change that coincides with the values of our community and the need to get back to the basics of educating our children, including preparing them for a successful future. Billy stands for parent's rights in this process. We have trusted the system to do the right thing and with the policies of this school board and the Covid pandemic we have become very aware that that trust was sometimes misplaced. Our test scores show that something has to change so that our children can compete and succeed in a global society. Parents are the first educators and should continue to

be involved in the education process of their children when they attend public schools. This does not mean that parents create curriculum, ban books, etc., it means they should be informed of what is being taught and listened to when they have concerns. Discipline is another issue that has to be addressed and Billy intends to get things back to where there are consequences for bad behavior. Students who attend school to learn should not have that affected due to discipline issues. Teachers need policy in place and the support of administration to deal with the discipline issues so that they can do their jobs. There are other issues that need attention and I am confident that Billy will address those as well.

I am certain that Billy Williams is the candidate that will best serve the Draper District and the school board in general. I hope you will give him your support and vote for him when you go to the polls. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him. I am sure he will be glad to talk with you and answer any of your questions.

Thank you to those that have served on the school board, but it is time for a much needed change.

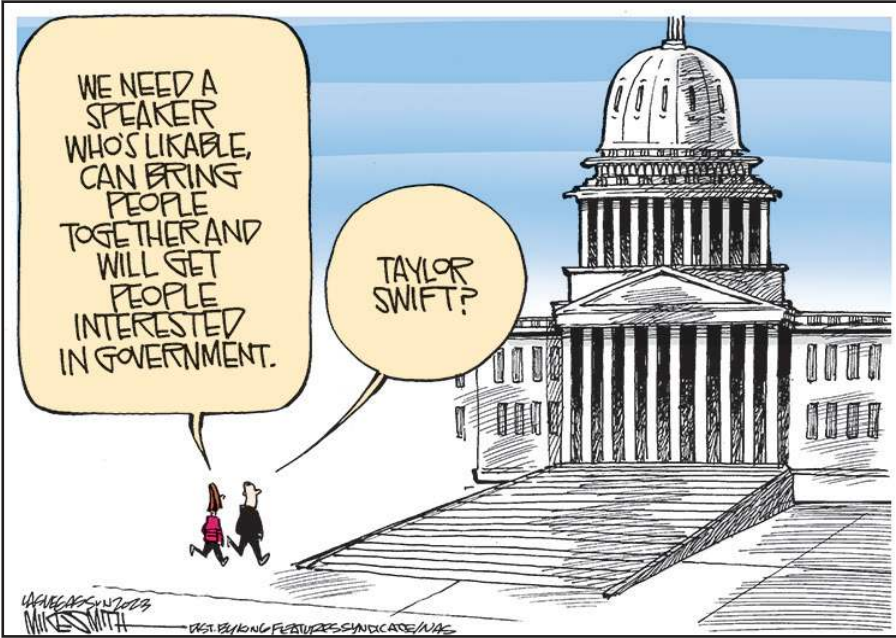
Best Regards,  
Carol Smith  
Draper

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Election Letter Policy

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

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Hand-In-Glove

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

"My countrymen, if you have been taught doctrines conflicting with the great landmarks of the Declaration of Independence...let me entreat you to come back...come back to the truths that are in the Declaration of Independence." Abraham Lincoln, 1858

Have you ever been astonished? Webster's Dictionary traces the word "astonish" back to Latin, literally translating it to the equivalent of "to strike with lightning."

I have been astonished a few times in my life – once on June 25, 1989 when I accepted the Lordship of Jesus Christ over life. That was a good form of astonishment.

But recently, while attending a conference, I happened to overhear a conversation that absolutely astonished me – in a very negative way. A couple of women who appeared to be recent college age graduates were talking about the upcoming elections.

One of the women stated she never voted because all the politicians were corrupt. The other entered the conversation wondering who was running and for what office. Huh? You might say; and that was my response, too.

Then the conversation became really interesting as the name of the current President was debated, the process for electing the President, and another comment made by the woman that she never understood

how our government worked. Yikes! I was astonished.

Don't our schools teach Civics or American History anymore – or are they too busy teaching kids how to address the numerous genders they have inappropriately embraced? (I was grateful to learn that these students were not from our community. Hopefully, our students are being taught the workings of our Constitutional Republic, the reasons our Founders wrote the Declaration of Independence, and why our Constitution has been the Law of the Land for 234-years.)

There are colleges that are teaching our students that the U.S. Constitution has nothing to do with God, and claim we have a secular government governed by secular documents. But is that what the Founders envisioned when they wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution?

When we read the Founders' personal letters, documents, etc. it is clear that those who penned the Declaration of In-

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Rich Lowery

Editor,  
National Review

The superpower that can't arm itself

No matter how much we'd like to believe in the inevitability of human progress and the spread of enlightened norms, we've learned the past couple of years that we still need artillery shells -- lots of artillery shells.

The Hamas terror attack, together with the ongoing Ukraine war and the looming Chinese threat to Taiwan, is putting a spotlight on the pitiful state of our capacity to manufacture the weapons necessary to the defense of our allies and ourselves.

According to a CNN report, an Israel ground invasion of Gaza would "create a new and entirely unexpected demand for 155 mm artillery ammunition and other weapons at a time when the U.S. and its allies and partners have been stretched thin from more than 18 months of fighting in Ukraine."

We are learning to our regret that we are using an attenuated post-Cold War, "end of history" defense-industrial base to try to meet the security needs of a newly threatening international environment with the real risk of Great Power conflict.

As it turns out, the peace dividend was very expensive.

It now should be a matter of the highest national priority to use every lever of government and the private sector to bolster the defense-industrial base in all its aspects.

The Biden administration should care about this at least as much as incentivizing the production of electric vehicles most people don't want to buy.

We aren't being asked, by the way, to fight a three-front war in Europe, the Middle East and Asia ourselves. No, the call is simply to provide arms to allies under attack or threat. If we can't do that, what does it say about our status as the world's preeminent power?

In Ukraine, the hopes of Moscow for a lightning victory and of the West for a sweepingly successful Ukraine counteroffensive both appear to have come a cropper. Now, it's a grinding artillery war.

Ukraine is estimated to need 1.5 million shells a year, and has been firing as many as 6,000 a day. Russia was firing even more at the peak of its offensive.

The U.S. had supplied 2 million artillery shells to Ukraine as of July, and has been scrounging around -- along with other Western powers -- to feed whatever supplies it can find into the maw of the war.

It's not that we have been completely asleep. The U.S. was making 14,500 shells a month at the beginning of 2023, and has roughly doubled that. We hope to get to 100,000 a month in 2025. Still, highly sanctioned Russia is more proficient at producing shells.

If we can't supply Ukraine, what if we become embroiled in a major war with China?

War games conducted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies have the U.S. firing 5,000 long-range missiles in the first weeks of war, instantly depleting our stocks. According

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## Supports Hager for Clerk

To the editor,

Terri Nicewander Hager is the only candidate qualified to be Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk because for 21 years she has been employed there. She has performed every duty and held every position of the office. She has taken it upon herself to study, pass testing, and become a Master Chief Deputy Clerk through the National Center of State Courts. Terri is Pulaski County born and raised, owns a small business with her husband Jeff, their older son is a Flight Paramedic (FP-C) and a Critical Care Paramedic (CCP-C) and their younger son attends Pulaski County Middle School. Terri has a servant’s heart and really enjoys serving the citizens of the Pulaski County.

Terri has ideas to improve the service of the clerk’s office which you will find on her website hagerforclerk.com.

Her opponent’s law license is of no consequence because giving legal advice in the clerk’s office is prohibited.

I urge you to investigate the experience of the candidates, their plans for improvement, and talk to them. I am certain that you then conclude that your vote must be for Terri Nicewander Hager.

Trent Crewe

# Lowry

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to CSIS, the U.S. would expend all its Long-Range Anti-Ship Missiles within the first week of a conflict -- when it requires almost two years to manufacture one of the missiles.

We are also in the bizarre position of being dependent on our potential enemy for the materials we’d need in a war with that enemy. China has a dominant position in the market for rare earth metals -- so important to the production of high-end weapons -- and is the world leader in cast products.

There is no easy way out of the hole we’ve dug ourselves. It will require more spending on

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dependence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights did so from a Christian Perspective; a Christian world view. How can we be assured of that? Let’s look at some of the evidence.

In 1897, the U.S. Supreme court stated, “The Constitution is but the body and letter of which the Declaration is the thought and the spirit...it is always safe to read the letter of the Constitution in the spirit of the Declaration.”

The Founders intended that the two documents were irrevocably intertwined. Revolutionary Patriot Samuel Adams said, “Before the formation of the Constitution, the Declaration of independence was received and ratified by all states in the union, and it has never been disannulled.”

John Quincy Adams (our third U.S. President) wrote, “The Declaration of Independence was the platform from which the Constitution of the United States had been erected. The principles proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence were embodied in the Constitution of the United States.”

If the spirit and thought of the Declaration has never gone out of force, then interpretation of the Constitution is dependent on the Declaration and cannot be separated in understanding. They operate together as one - as hand-in-glove.

Dr. Paul T. Criss provides a simple and very understandable explanation in the book “Some Historical Stories of Chicago” of why the two documents must be considered together:

“Consider the Constitution and Declaration as you would the documents needed to call a corporation into existence. Two papers must be created and filed: the first is the Articles of Incorporation; the document that calls the corporation into existence – the reason the corporation is to exist.

## Will be voting for Andy Cullip in Cloyd District

To the editor,

I’ll be voting for Andy Cullip to fill the Cloyd District position on the Board of Supervisors. Andy and his wife Becky attend church with me, and I know him to be honest, sincere, and hard-working. He is also a true Conservative, which is a very important quality in our leaders at this crucial time in our nation, state, and community.

Andy is a local businessman and farmer whose three sons and their families also live and work in Pulaski County. He wants to protect the beauty and history of our county while supporting its growth and development.

In our schools he promises to strongly support our CTE and vocational education programs. Andy said, “You know, Pulaski County is a great place to live and raise a family. I want our young people to get good jobs and remain here, so I want to work for good businesses and a strong local workforce in our area.”

Andy wants to represent all Cloyd residents and be our voice on the Board of Supervisors. I’ll be voting for Andy Cullip and his strong Conservative values, and I hope you will too.

Roxie S. Reed

## Supports Cullip in Cloyd

To the editor,

In 2006, I needed someone to cut and bale the hay on my farm. When I asked around, several local people suggested I contact Andy Cullip. He is a lifelong resident of Pulaski County and a successful farmer and auctioneer. He was employed in local industry in the county. He is dependable, trustworthy, and honest as the day is long. He is always there when you need him.

He has the best interest of Pulaski County in is his heart and is willing to work to get things done for the betterment of the County. There is no one better than Andy Cullip and this is the reason I support him in his election to the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors for the Cloyd District.

Ron Mady

## Stafford has been a positive change in Cloyd

Dear Editor,

I have lived in the Cloyd District of Pulaski my entire life. I remember the excitement when the new bridge to Radford was finally complete. I watched the Fairlawn area grow busy when Walmart opened. I sat in traffic jams when Cookout and Starbucks opened. I have seen lots of change over the years. In the past year I have noticed an important change in the Cloyd District. A positive change. That change is named Chris Stafford.

In his one year on the Board of Supervisors he has made himself more accessible to the community he represents than any board member we have ever had. Chris goes out to events that matter to the people of his community. He attended a local church’s apple butter making event, and he has been seen multiple times at Riverlawn helping stuff meal backpacks

for our students in need. He attended the New River community picnic and the local 4-H agricultural day, to name a few.

Mr. Stafford also made it a priority to hold several town halls, one of which I attended. He did more listening than talking, and that is what we need in a local politician.

I have no doubts that Chris has the best interests of the citizens of the Cloyd District at heart. I know he will continue to work hard and

advocate for us. He will search out ways to support us.

Chris Stafford is a good man, a humble man. He is a navy reserve veteran, a God loving man, a man with extensive experience in managing government funds and without a doubt the best man to represent the people of Cloyd.

A vote for Chris Stafford is a vote for a better and safer future for Pulaski.

Sincerely,  
Candy Castelluccio

## County hires Webb as new Marketing, Communications Coordinator, Deputy PIO

Pulaski County is excited to announce the hiring of their new Marketing and Communications Coordinator and Deputy Public Information Officer, Andrew Webb.

“I’m excited to join the Pulaski County team and help grow and showcase all that the county has to offer,” Webb said. “This is a great community and I look forward to being able to promote and tell its stories.”

Webb will work closely alongside Pulaski County Tourism director, Erika Tolbert, to promote county tourism assets and develop evolving marketing strategies.

“I’m thrilled to bring Andrew’s talent and skills to Pulaski County’s Tourism Department,” Tolbert said. “His experience will be an asset to promote our community.”

After working in the field of journalism at NBC29 in Charlottesville and WDBJ7 in Roanoke for three years, Webb will be stepping in with plenty of experience to fulfill his duties here in Pulaski County.

As a future Pulaski County resident, Webb and his wife will be helping the county with its goal of obtaining 40,000 residents by 2030.

Webb is already an active member of the community as he coaches the New River Valley Tigers youth baseball team. He played college baseball himself for the Virginia Tech Hokies.



Andrew Webb

Webb graduated from Virginia Tech in 2020 with a degree in Multimedia Journalism. Pulaski County is excited to welcome Webb to its team and is optimistic for a bright future.

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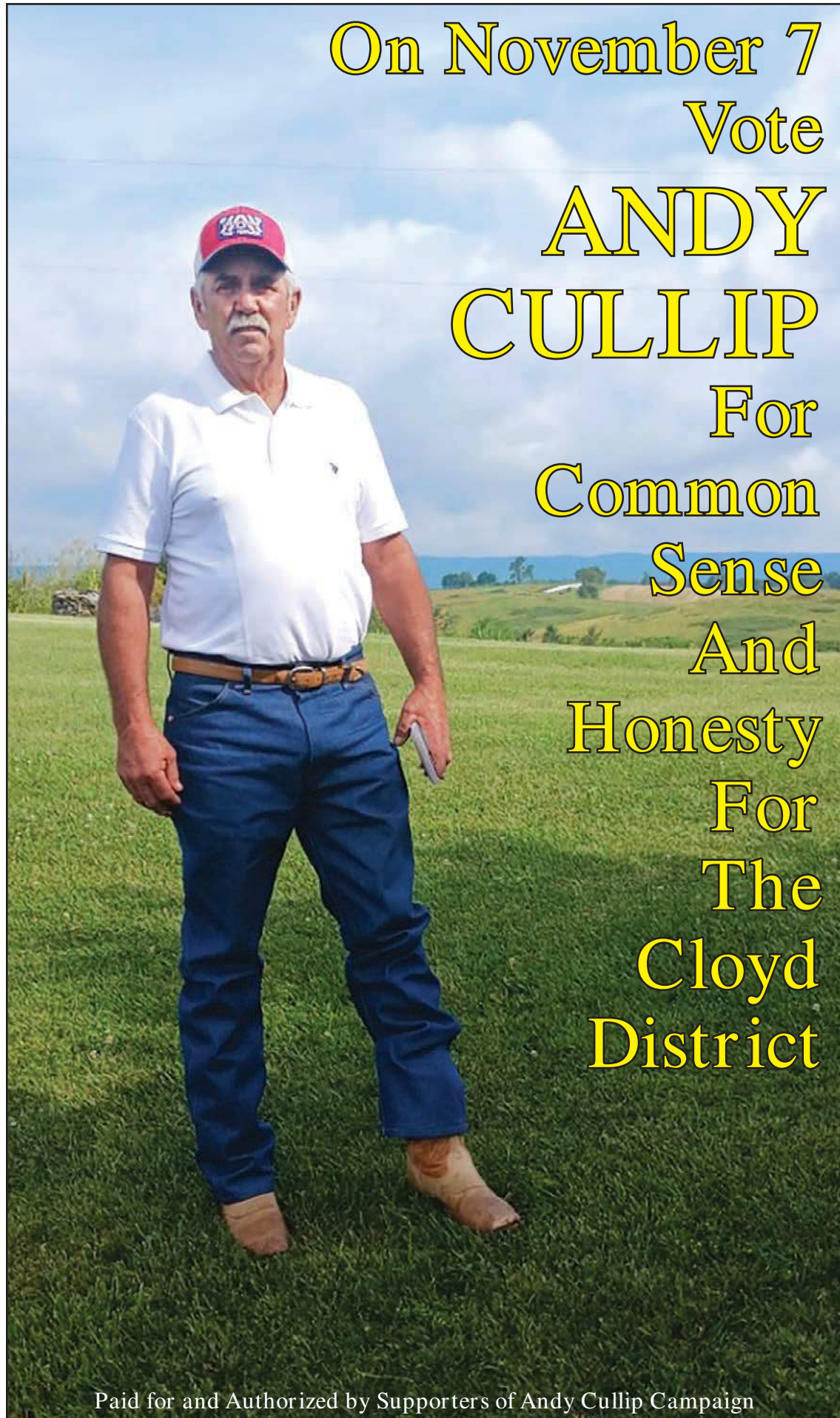
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er Services aspect of VDACS makes up a significant portion of its responsibilities. Apart from its Agricultural responsibilities, VDACS oversees charities that solicit money through raffles or bingo. Recently, the VDACS has begun work on a set of regulations to bring Texas Hold ‘em Poker to charitable gaming.

“So, there’s a lot in it, and it requires a lot of regulation to make sure that it’s all done well and done fairly,” said Guthrie. “I was asked recently by the administration if I could help field a citizen candidate for the charitable gaming board. As such, thoughts came to mind of someone who would be dependable, reliable and whose judgement we could count on ... so my thoughts immediately went to Dirk Compton.”

Compton, who serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors, agreed to be nominated and was subsequently appointed by Governor Youngkin to serve on Virginia’s Charitable Gaming Board. Following a round of applause, Compton promised to do a good job at his new post.

E.W. Harless came to the podium next and declared that an excessive amount of FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests had been sent to Pulaski County Administrators by Brenda Blackburn. In total, Blackburn has sent 166 FOIA requests to be fulfilled by the Pulaski County Administrators, according to Harless.

“Can you imagine the man hours this has cost the taxpayers of Pulaski County? Harless asked. “Some of the things she’s asked for is just plumb ludicrous in my opinion ... she even done a FOIA asking for her money back for all the FOIA’s she’s requested!”

Following Harless’s comments, County Administrator Jonathan Sweet offered some points of clarification. According to Sweet, as of that morning, the county had received 167 FOIAs from “this individual” and that each FOIA contained several separate questions representing hundreds of inquiries and in turn generating thousands of pages in response to those inquiries.

“We’re thinking about utilizing an intern to actually calculate how many FOIA requests those 167 submittals represent, so no additional local dollars are expended on this individual’s insatiable appetite for records,” said Sweet. “We’re receiving more than one a week on average, from the individual.”

“Once you put in a FOIA request, we are legally bound to provide that information,” added Supervisor Walters. “So, we have no choice. You can’t say you’ve had too many.”

“I think it would be very enlightening to the board if we extrapolated just how inundating the requests are,” Sweet continued. “If every citizen made requests like this individual, we would require a small army, if not a large army of FOIA compliant officers to respond.”

The first Action Item on the agenda involved a resolution authorizing the designation of the Pulaski Lofts, formerly Pulaski Middle School, as a Revitalization Area. This designation will make the county eligible for state fund-

ing specifically tailored to promote housing developments in “blighted” areas.

The board voted unanimously to approve the former school building and its grounds as a Revitalization Area.

The second two action items involved county employees. This year’s state budget included additional funding which provided a 2% cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase to the county’s Constitutional Officers (Sheriff, Treasurer, Commonwealth’s Attorney and Commissioner of Revenue.)

Supervisor Dirk Compton made the motion to provide a 2% cost of living adjustment to all county employees. The money will be taken from the county’s General Fund but according to Sweet, some cost savings are expected due to unfilled vacancies within the county’s employment rolls.

The board passed the motion unanimously making the 2% COLA adjustment applicable to all county employees.

A third Action Item was added by Chairwoman Laura Walters immediately before the meeting started. This last Action Item gave all county employees a half day Holiday on Wednesday Nov. 22, which is the day before Thanksgiving on Thursday Nov. 23.

Supervisor Chris Stafford made the motion to approve the half day Holiday and the board subsequently passed it by unanimous vote.

Lastly, the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution in recognition and appreciation of Camrett Logistics, which has operated in Pulaski County for more than two decades.

Dublin

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plication for a \$500,000 Virginia Brownfield grant began the previous day. In addition, by November 1st, the Town would be submitting an EPA multipurpose grant for Phase One and Phase Two environmental testing in the Industrial Park.

Council then addressed several issues involving streets and roads within the Town.

Kirkner told Council that the proposed widening of the intersection at Locust and East Main Street was being reviewed by a VDOT specialist. He said that some plans would have to be made since the project would require some excavating and working with property owners.

Regarding limiting truck traffic on Giles Avenue, Kirkner read an email from VDOT suggesting truck restrictions instead of tractor trailer restrictions. Signage would be posted stating “No Through Trucks” which would still allow intermediate delivery vehicles to use the street.

Town Attorney Sam Campbell said that an ordinance would be required since there would be sanctions applied for violation. Since the road lay both in the Town and county, both jurisdictions would have to hold duly noticed public hearings before passage of an ordinance for their portions of the street.

Following a brief discussion, staff was report back to the Council at the November meeting with a draft ordinance for the truck restrictions.

Council next heard concerns on Haga Drive and Tate Avenue. Kirkner noted that neither street would qualify to be brought into the Town’s road system since they could not meet VDOT standards. Kirkner suggested that the Town might repack sections of the Haga Drive with asphalt tailings.

Tate Avenue presented similar problems Kirkner said in that it was never meant to be a street. In some cases he noted that property lines were near the middle of the road. The Town had requested statements from neighbors concerning allowing employees coming onto their property to make some improvements. All neighbors had responded but one. The comments would be reviewed by the Town Attorney for possible legal concerns.

Concerning the current Town budget, Kirkner reported that as of September 30th, the General Fund Revenues were 6 percent below estimates, while the General Fund Expenditures were 1 percent below estimates.

The Enterprise Fund showed a favorable balance with Revenues at 3 percent above estimates, while the Expenditures were 2 percent below estimates.

Councilman Steve Crigger asked in light of the current work on the water meters if a water rate study should be done. Kirkner said he recommended that it be done and mentioned a provision of state

law requiring jurisdictions to review their rates to see if they are fair and reasonable.

Following discussion, Council approved spending up to \$10,000 for a water rate study by an independent source.

Council also recognized Earl Hagee and Shirley Perkins for their assistance with special projects and administrative initiatives.

Council’s next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Dublin Town Center.

CIAA group plans 45th anniversary gala event

The Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association, Inc. is hosting a charitable gala to celebrate our 45th anniversary and would like your support.

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The Inaugural Green and Gold Gala is scheduled for December 9, 2023.

There will be Dinner and Dancing with a Silent Auction from 6-11 PM

The event will be held at The Highlander Hotel, 604 Tyler Avenue, Radford.

Music will be by Groove Kontrol.

All proceeds from this event will go toward the Homecoming 2027 Campaign to support the ongoing maintenance of the building and grounds as well as the complete restoration of the historic property.

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# ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES

# NRCC sees enrollment increase for Fall 2023

From NRCC

Enrollment has increased this year at New River Community College (NRCC). At this point in fall semester, headcount enrollment stands at 4,147 compared to 4,103 at the same time last year, an increase of 3.3 percent.

The increase builds on a modest increase seen in 2022 reversing a years-long trend of declining enrollment similar to those experienced throughout the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and in two-year colleges across the nation.

While students are slowly returning to the classroom after a couple of years battling the pandemic is certainly part of the increase, the college’s efforts to reach out to the community have been concentrated and intentional.

NRCC’s outreach includes attending community events and

high school athletic games as well as hosting outreach hours at local libraries and community organizations. The college’s popular Access to Community College Education (ACCE) program, which provides a debt-free path to college education for local high school students, has also been a factor.

“We are pleased to see this positive trend in enrollment and to have so many students back on campus with us again,” said NRCC President Pat Huber.

New tuition assistance programs like the statewide G3 program also encourage students to return to college by helping with tuition. G3, which launched 2021, is a last-dollar tuition assistance program for low and middle-income Virginians focusing on early childhood education, health care, information technology, public safety and skilled trades.



## BOB “ZIPPER” BISHOP

March 19, 1945  
October 20, 2023

Bob “Zipper” Bishop, 78, of Pulaski, passed away Friday, October 20, 2023. He retired from L.H. Corp as a machinist. Zipper was preceded in death by his parents, Waddie Bishop and Clydia Roop Altizer; brothers, Richard and Waddie, Jr.; and sister, Frances.

Survivors include his wife, Robalene Litchford Bishop; sons, Michael Bishop and Shannon Bishop (Sabrina); grandchildren, Kelsey, Samantha (Torib), Sidney, and Dakota; great grandchildren, Luke and Zoe; special caregivers, Kendra Barrett, Carnida Barker, and Angie Akers; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services at Mullins Funeral Home in Radford were held Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023 with Pastor Perry Slaughter officiating. Interment followed in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg.

The Bishop family cares for the Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford. www.mullinsfuneralhome.com

Palsy, which permanently caused very little movement to his legs, but he never complained. Timmy was a graduate of Pulaski County High School, class of 1983. Timmy’s family were all members or attendees of Jordan’s Chapel United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother; Ronnie Lewis Kemp, who died February 3, 2020, a sister Gayle Elaine Kemp, and a niece, Lisa Dawn Kemp Edwards.

He survived by his companion fiancé of 14 years, Elizabeth “Liz” Ann Vincent; aunt; Wilma Kemp Dalton of Dubin; Uncle; Richard and Joyce Kemp of Hiwassee. Timmy was also survived by his loving dog Bella Mae Kemp, and five Chihuahua’s, along with many cousins.

Graveside funeral services were held Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Thornspring Cemetery with the Rev. Jinny Tompkins officiating.

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



## VICKIE FAYE TRAIL ROCHELLE

Vickie Faye Trail Rochelle, age 61 of Dublin passed away Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the Lewis-Gale Medical Center, Salem. Born February 8, 1962 in Radford, Virginia she was the daughter of the late Ernest Preston Trail & Euna Faye Blevins Trail. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Brian “Keith” Rochelle, Sr. and brothers, Wayne and Jimmy

Trail.

Vickie is survived by her Children – Ellen (Doug) Robinett – Kansas, Patricia Davenport – Dublin

Grandchildren – Nick Long, Hunter Thornsberry, Hannah Thornsberry, Dax Robinett and Emi Robinett

Great Grandson – Colter Thornsberry

Brother – Kenny Trail – Dublin The family will be having private funeral services. To sign Vickie’s online guestbook, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com - Bower Funeral Homes, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

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# A Pledge for Improved Health Care

The Department of Veterans Affairs has hooked up with 13 civilian health care systems with the goal of improving veteran health care, whether those veterans are getting their care in or out of the VA.

The Veteran Interoperability Pledge has been made by those health care systems with agreements to exchange information and collaborate with the VA in several ways: Identify veterans

when they go for civilian care, connect veterans with resources (especially ones that reduce the veteran's expenses) and coordinate care. The information will be shared both ways.

Specifically, the VA will:

- Let the civilian health care systems into the VA system to determine a veteran's status.
- Automate the process of determining eligibility and referrals.
- Let the health systems have

access to health resources at the state and federal levels

-- Let the health systems have access to clinical and admin data to assess and coordinate care

I scarcely know where to begin ...

If a veteran is seeking civilian care, why? Is it because the local VA just isn't close enough, or is it because he feels he'll get better care at a civilian provider?

Will the veteran have a say in



by Freddy Groves

whether his personal information is shared with the VA after seeing a civilian provider?

A recent VA news release states that the VA will "safeguard the privacy and security" of veteran information.

Is anyone concerned about

hacking? This year one health care group (of the 13 systems that have made the pledge) had a data breach of 1,600 patients. Two years ago another had a data breach that affected over a million people. Two months ago another health care system suffered a breach that affected thousands. Two months ago one had a breach that affected tens of thousands in approximately 40 states. And on and on ...

The VA's news release added a tiny note, that they will strive to "provide proof-of-concept" in early 2024. Which means this is a trial to see if it works.

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## Max Meadows man charged with attempted murder

On October 1, 2023 the Wythe County Sheriff's Office responded to a domestic violence call on Grouse Ridge Road in the Max Meadows community of Wythe County.

Deputies were notified this incident involved a subject with a firearm.

When deputies arrived at the residence they came into contact with James Howard Gee (5/10/1967) outside the residence.

Deputies detected Mr. Gee had a strong odor of alcohol coming from his person.

The victim and a witness told deputies that Mr. Gee pointed a pistol at the victim during an altercation and pulled the trigger.

The weapon did not fire.

Mr. Gee was charged with the



James Howard Gee

following charges: Attempted Murder and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony.

## Griffith: \$93 million for home energy

Congressman Morgan Griffith (R-VA) is pleased to announce that the State of Virginia has been awarded \$93,123,844 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through their longstanding Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP is designed to help individuals and families in need pay their home cooling costs in the summer and heating costs in the winter.

"I am pleased that the Department of Health and Human Services has awarded \$93 million through their longstanding Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to help lower income Virginians afford their home energy costs," said Griffith. "This program has been hugely beneficial to folks in the 9th District and this funding will help many across the state as home heating costs increase."



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FOR  
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- Served as Chairman during the COVID pandemic
- Increased school resource officers from just 2 schools to every school
- Introduced cyber security to Pulaski County Public Schools

## 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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# Fine Arts Center presents Altered Art

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley hosted a reception Friday evening to mark the opening of their latest exhibit entitled, Altered Art.

The art works on display represent the efforts of 18 local artists, who alter existing art pieces to express their own unique vision. Most all of these art pieces were set for destruction before artist Diane Relf procured these forgotten works.

The show itself is the brainchild of Diane Relf, a retired Professor of Horticulture at Virginia Tech, who now focuses her efforts on making art and putting together art shows like Altered Art. According to Relf, her inspiration for the show came from the street artist Banksy, as well as her enduring desire to give reluctant artists the opportunity to re-use old or forgotten materials to create new artwork.

Her chance to produce Altered Art shows, came to her through a friend who works for a holding company that keeps old artwork and furniture in a large warehouse.

“They recycle the couches but they were ready to get rid of a bunch of the older art pieces,” said Relf. “She, knowing I do a lot of work with reuse and recycle, asked me if I could do anything with them. There must have been 50 or more pieces.”

“With the shows I’m invited to, I try to include my other artist friends, so people can get ideas about what a lot of different people can do,” Relf continued. “My goal is for all of these people who say, ‘Well, I’m just not an artist’ or ‘I’m just not creative.’ I say, ‘Well you really are, you just haven’t found the right medium. You haven’t found how to express yourself.’ I try to do things that encourage more people to show their creative side and so I sent out a notice to a whole bunch of artists friends and some college students that I’ve worked with and said, ‘Do you want to come over and get one of these



William Paine/The Patriot  
Artist Hershal Pilania created this interactive light projection device and named it after a protest song called Azadi –

pieces? I have an entire pickup truck load.”

Michael Collver, a chemistry teacher at Blacksburg High School, took Diane up on the challenge. For his piece, entitled

Invasive Species, Collver took a painting of a generic landscape scene and added a gaggle of minions and other mythical beings

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**Dublin**  
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# VOTE HAGER FOR CLERK



## Hager Receives Endorsement Of Respected Dublin Attorney

*“As a practicing attorney in Pulaski County for the past 42 years, I know the important role that the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office plays in our community. It is important that our Circuit Court Clerk be knowledgeable, experienced, exhibit the highest integrity, perform her duties in a completely non-partisan manner, and be absolutely dedicated to serving the public.*

*For the past 21 years, Terri Nicewander Hager has proven to have these qualities and for that reason I support Terri to become the next Clerk of the Pulaski County Circuit Court. During the past 21 years, Terri has progressed from an entry level employee to become the Master Chief Deputy Clerk of Court. She has worked in every area of the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office and has done so with distinction. She has the proven experience and commitment to ensure that the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk’s Office continues to provide outstanding service to the citizens of Pulaski County.*

*I encourage you to cast your vote on November 7 for Terri Nicewander Hager to become the next Clerk of the Pulaski County Circuit Court.”*

- Michael J. Barbour

## On Nov. 7 Vote HAGER FOR CLERK The Only Choice



# FAC

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he considers might be thought of as ‘invasive.’

“The levity of it is awesome and its accessible to artists and non-artists alike,” said Collver of the show.

Sherry Roser altered two small paintings, both of which simply featured an old-fashioned bathtub, by adding dogs to one tub and cats to another.

“The woman who originally did my piece did hundreds and hundreds of paintings, most of them bathroom things,” said Roser. “It’s a fun concept because now when I go to a thrift store and see a painting on sale for \$2, now I think, hmmm, I’ll

just take it home and alter it!”

Harshal Pilania, who is currently studying for a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Technology degree at Virginia Tech, likely altered his art in the most dramatic fashion. Pilania took a still life painting of a flower and devised an interactive light projection devise that uses sound to create a corresponding light pattern on the wall above it. The light emerging from the flower is affected by the tonality and pitch of the music being played or from a microphone that is also part of the piece.

“When I first saw the painting, the flower seemed really drab in the frame,” Pilania explained. “So, I really wanted it to burst out of the frame and at the same time, there were the protests happening

in Iran for the Mahsa Amini case. I am from India but what happened in Iran last year moved me.”

Mahsa Amini was allegedly beaten to death by Iran’s Morality Police for not wearing her hijab properly and Pilania incorporated a protest song, entitled Azadi, into his piece in honor of Amini. When the song plays, light emanates from the flower in the painting.

Relf is planning to do two more Altered Art shows at yet undisclosed locations. The first is tentively scheduled for late winter and the second in late Spring of next year.

Relf is inviting artists who are interested in participating in these two soon to be announced art openings by altering a piece of art and then contacting her at dianerelf@icloud.com.



William Paine/The Patriot  
Diane Relf’s addition to her Altered Art show. Here Diane transforms a common stork into a deliverer of newborn babes.



William Paine/The Patriot  
The Difference between Cats and Dogs by Sherry Roser

The Fine Art Center of the New River Valley still has a couple of artworks that are set to be altered and Diane Relf likely still has a few pieces but otherwise a nice painting at a local thrift store will only cost about \$10.

“That’s the most flattering part of it when they say, ‘Oh that’s hi-

larious’ or ‘I really liked it or me and my grandson could have a real good time trying to do something like that,’” said Relf of the Altered Art shows. “So, that’s what I’m about with doing the shows and also, people obviously just like them.”

It’s true, five of the art pieces on display at the FAC’s Altered Art show have already sold. Altered Art will remain on display at the FAC until Nov. 18.

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To write in a qualified candidate who is not already on the ballot, fill in the oval and write the name of the person on the line.  
If you want to change a vote or have made a mistake, ask an election worker for another ballot. Do not make marks other than filling in the oval.

### State Office

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☐ T. Travis Hackworth - R

**Member House of Delegates 42nd District (Most of Pulaski County)**

☐ Jason S. Ballard - R

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

☐ Jonathan E. "Jed" Arnold - R

### Constitutional Office

<b>Clerk of Court</b> <input type="radio"/> Spencer A. Rygas	<b>Commonwealth's Attorney</b> <input type="radio"/> Justin L. Griffith	<b>Sheriff</b> <input type="radio"/> Michael W. "Mike" Worrell	<b>Commissioner of Revenue</b> <input type="radio"/> Kim L. Matthews	<b>Treasurer</b> No Republican Candidate Use write-in option
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### Board of Supervisors

<b>Cloyd District</b> <input type="radio"/> Andrew R. "Andy" Cullip	<b>Draper District</b> <input type="radio"/> D. I. "Dirk" Compton	<b>Ingles District</b> <input type="radio"/> Laura W. Walters	<b>Massie District</b> <input type="radio"/> Michael D. Mooney	<b>Robinson District</b> <input type="radio"/> Jeffery G. Reeves
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### 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.

<b>Cloyd District</b> <input type="radio"/> P. Aaron Carr (2 <sup>nd</sup> on ballot)	<b>Draper District</b> <input type="radio"/> W. E. "Billy" Williams Jr. (1 <sup>st</sup> on ballot)	<b>Ingles District</b> <input type="radio"/> Gina M. H. Paine (1 <sup>st</sup> on ballot)	<b>Massie District</b> <input type="radio"/> Joshua D. Taylor (1 <sup>st</sup> on ballot)	<b>Robinson District</b> <input type="radio"/> Sabrina Smith Cox (2nd on ballot)
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# Social Security Increase for 2024 at 3.2 percent

Social Security Increase for 2024

The 3.2% Social Security increase for 2024 is higher than it has averaged over the past two decades, but it certainly is nowhere near the 8.7% increase we received for 2023.

This 2024 increase will mean \$58 more per month for those receiving the average benefit in 2023. Out of that \$58, we'll pay an additional \$10 for Medicare Part B.

How do they get these increase numbers every year? They get these numbers by comparing this year's third quarter to that of the previous year and do a cost of living adjustment (COLA) based on that. They also use the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) to calculate what they call a "basket of goods and services."

Therein lies our problem. While that index is no doubt useful for those who have to set financial policy for the country, the CPI-W index they use to calculate our Social Security benefit isn't geared to seniors. Instead, that index is geared toward blue

## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

collar (hourly) wage earners for 200 items and is broken down into eight groups: medical care, housing, food and beverage, transportation, housing, apparel, education and communication, and other goods and services.

You can see immediately why that doesn't work for seniors. We have vastly different medical costs, approximately double. Our housing costs are not the same. Transportation isn't the same, and neither are apparel, education or any of the others.

Another price index, however, the Consumer Price Index for Americans 62 years of age and older (R-CPI-E), considers the differences between the two groups ... but they still don't use the "E" index to calculate our Social Security.

Why is that, we wonder? I bet our representatives and senators in Congress would know the answer if we call them.

# Will Bells Help Stop Cats From Attacking Wildlife?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm writing about your recent article on the pack of outdoor cats that had started hunting in the person's yard. This person was looking for ways to keep birds and other small creatures safe from these cats. You should have added a suggestion that the neighbors bell their cats so that chipmunks, birds and other creatures have a chance to escape. -- Elizabeth L., via email

DEAR ELIZABETH: That's a good point, and thanks for suggesting it! One issue that the person had was that only a few of the cats roaming together actually had collars, making them wonder if some were housecats and others were strays or feral cats. They also weren't sure which neighbors the cats with collars might belong to.

If they knew which neighbors had those cats, they could certainly speak with the neighbors about at least putting a bell on their collars to warn wildlife of their approach. But sometimes,



neighbors in rural areas of the U.S. aren't very approachable. You may know what I mean.


So, an indirect approach is sometimes the best or only way to address the problem in an area with no animal control department. Join the local community's Facebook page and post about the problem that outdoor cats are causing for wildlife in the area. Find opportunities to speak to others about it at church, school board meetings and public forums.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.



## Smilin' Jack Akers Truck Car and Tractor Show proceeds got to Pulaski Adult Day Service

Andy Cullip and Charles Bopp, co-hosts of the Smilin' Jack Akers Truck Car and Tractor Show, recently donated net proceeds from the first three years of the show to the Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center. Shown presenting the donation to Facility Executive Director Linda Davis are Charles Bopp and Andy Cullip. Pictured from left are board members Melinda Repass, Jan Casto, Cindy Viers, Charles Bopp and Barbara Cain. Back row: Andy Cullip. Front row: Windslow, Facility Dog.



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Cougar linebacker Savion Thompson makes a diving stop on this Graham ball carrier during last Friday’s game in Dublin.

# Cougar turnovers doom them vs. Graham

By RODNEY YOUNG  
For The Patriot

The visiting Graham G-men took advantage of five turnovers by Pulaski County to down the homestanding Cougars last Friday night, 52-24.

Graham was led by wide receiver Chris Edwards as he caught three touchdown passes from quarterback Dalton Roberts. Running back Ty’Drez Clements scored three touchdowns as well, as he rushed the ball 15 times for 153 yards. It was just Clements’ second game back from a hamstring injury.

Roberts completed nine of 13 passes for 194 yards.

Pulaski County got 143 hard-earned rushing yards from Trevor Gallimore on 29 rushes and scored one touchdown.

QB Bryant Nottingham completed seven passes for 117 yards.

Graham recorded the first two scores to go up, 14-0. Both scores resulted from Cougar fumbles.

Edwards caught an 11-yard pass for the first score with 8:36 left in the first quarter. Their

second score came when defensive back Jamal Floyd picked up a fumble at his 28 yard line and raced 72 yards to paydirt.

Both point after kicks were good by Dylan Nash, and it was 14-0 Graham with 5:27 showing in the first period.

Pulaski County cut the lead in half on their next possession as Gallimore took the handoff and barreled his way into the endzone from nine yards out. Nottingham’s kick made the score 14-7, with 2:48 showing on the clock.

Graham would answer as they drove 80 yards with the drive being capped off on the first play of the second quarter with Dylan Nash hitting a 37-yard field goal to put Graham up, 17-7.

The Cougars would drive on their next possession as Nottingham hit a 27-yard field goal, to make it 17-10 Graham with 6:23 left in the first half.

The G-men would then get a two-yard touchdown from Clements, and after another Cougar fumble would go up 31-10 with Edwards catching an eight-yard pass in the corner of the endzone.

Pulaski County on the last play before intermission scored as Not-



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Pulaski County wide receiver Tanner Mace goes up high to make a catch in last Friday’s loss to Graham.

tingham hit Marcus Reed for a 30-yard touchdown, making it 31-17 at intermission.

The second half saw Pulaski County cut the Graham margin to seven, 31-24 with 6:19 on the third quarter clock.

Chase Lawrence took the pitchout around left end and scored from 30 yards out.

Graham would then drive 80 yards and the drive was capped with Clements running in from the

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## WEEK 10 Schedule

Week 10 of the region’s high school football games for Friday, Oct. 27:

Bassett at Martinsville  
George Wythe at Grayson County  
Christiansburg at Salem  
Richlands at Marion  
Northside at Lord Botetourt  
Fort Chiswell at Galax  
Auburn at Eastside  
Turner Ashby at Rockbridge County  
Chilhowie at Patrick Henry (Glade Springs)  
Franklin County at William Fleming  
Radford at Carroll County  
Narrows at Craig County  
Bath County at Parry McCluer  
Glenvar at Floyd County  
Halifax County at Magna Vista  
Pulaski County at Hidden Valley  
North Cross at Hargrave Military Academy  
Rustburg at Liberty  
Rural Retreat at Holston  
Jefferson Forest at Amherst County  
Staunton River at William Byrd  
Blacksburg at Patrick Henry  
Alleghany at James River  
Monday, Oct. 30  
Twin Valley at Eastern Montgomery

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

## High School Football Scores

Abingdon 49, Ridgeview 14  
Albemarle 34, Charlottesville 6  
Alleghany 58, Patrick County 13  
Altavista 48, Parry McCluer 8  
Appomattox 67, William Campbell 17  
Bath County 62, Craig County 3  
Battlefield 59, Osbourn Park 0  
Bayside 6, Ocean Lakes 0  
Benedictine 49, Mt Zion, Md. 12  
Brentsville 56, Fauquier 0  
Brunswick Academy 55, Lee Christian, N.C. 0  
Buckingham County 47, Prince Edward County 6  
Central of Lunenburg 48, Cumberland 6  
Chantilly 37, Centreville 14  
Chatham 42, Dan River 18  
Churchland 36, Lake Taylor 24  
Colonial Forge 35, Brooke Point 14  
Deep Creek 21, Great Bridge 7  
Douglas Freeman 32, Mills Godwin 7  
Edison 56, Justice High School 0  
Essex 52, Colonial Beach 8  
Fairfax 36, James Robinson 14  
Frank Cox 31, First Colonial 11  
Friendship-Edison, D.C. 28, St. Michael Catholic 21  
GW-Danville 69, Halifax County 14  
Gainesville 20, Osbourn 8  
Galax 42, Richlands 7  
Gar-Field 27, C.D. Hylton 7  
Gate City 25, John Battle 13  
George Wythe 55, Fort Chiswell 38  
Glen Allen 42, Deep Run 0  
Glenvar 52, James River 7  
Grafton 16, Tabb 13  
Graham 52, Pulaski County 24  
Grayson County 49, Auburn 13  
Green Run 54, Salem-Va. Beach 7  
Greensville County 42, Windsor 7  
Gretna 55, Nelson County 7  
Hanover 30, Henrico 7  
Heritage (Lynchburg) 56, Liberty-Bedford 0  
Heritage 47, Gloucester 19  
Herndon 31, George Marshall 28  
Hickory 35, Lakeland 0  
Hidden Valley 30, Blacksburg 6  
Honaker 26, Patrick Henry 18  
Hopewell 39, Meadowbrook 8  
Indian River 43, Western Branch 6  
J.I. Burton 46, Castlewood 28  
James River 13, Midlothian 12  
Jefferson Forest 38, Brookville 14  
John Champe 64, Park View-Sterling 7  
John Handley 49, Liberty-Bealeton 21  
K&Q Central 80, Charles City County High School 22  
Kettle Run 57, Warren County 8  
King George 28, Eastern View 16  
King William 42, Mechanicsville High School 14  
King’s Fork High School 21, Oscar Smith 19  
Lafayette 61, Jamestown 0  
Lake Braddock 41, West Springfield 37  
Landstown 14, Kellam 7  
Lee High 24, Central - Wise 7  
Liberty Christian 35, E.C. Glass 13  
Lord Botetourt 14, William Fleming 13  
Loudoun Valley 28, Heritage 14  
Louisa 38, Fluvanna 27  
Madison County 69, Page County 20  
Magna Vista 27, Bassett 10  
Manassas Park 21, TJ-Alexandria 20  
Manchester 22, Lloyd Bird 7  
Marion 21, Grundy 16  
Massaponax 28, North Stafford 20  
Matoaca 46, Petersburg 0  
Maury 85, Norview 0

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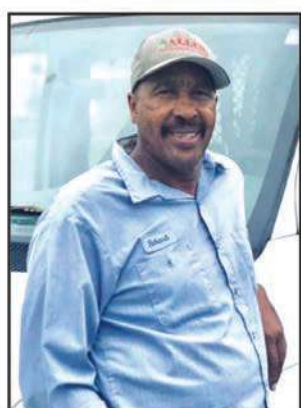


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- Amending section 11.2 of Town of Pulaski Zoning Ordinances, amending the definition of Medical office from “...substance abuse disorder services” to “...substance abuse disorder clinics.”
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- Amending section 11.2 of Town of Pulaski Zoning Ordinances to include the following definition: “Substance Abuse Disorder Clinic(s)-- An outpatient establishment where patients receive diagnosis, assessments, treatments, and follow-up care for suspected cases of substance use or abuse disorders, which dispense and/or administer controlled substances on the clinic premises that are not available to non-patients.”

All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Town Planner by Nov. 12, 2023.

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## Scores

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Millbrook 19, Sherando 0  
Monticello 35, Western Albemarle 0  
Mount Vernon 48, Annandale 14  
Mountain View 14, Patriot 13  
Nandua 50, Arcadia 16  
Nansemond River 43, Grassfield 12  
Nansemond-Suffolk 44, Norfolk Christian School 0  
Narrows 60, Eastern Montgomery 6  
North Cross def. Fishburne Military, forfeit  
Patrick Henry 30, Christiansburg 21  
Poquoson 54, New Kent 3  
Potomac Falls 35, Riverside 21  
Powhatan 23, Monacan 20  
Radford 46, Floyd County 0  
Rappahannock 20, Lancaster 14  
River View, W.Va. 47, Twin Valley 8  
Riverbend 34, Stafford 8  
Riverheads 28, Stuarts Draft 3  
Roanoke Catholic 28, Hargrave Military 20  
Rural Retreat 47, Northwood 6  
Rustburg 59, Amherst County 34  
Salem 51, Cave Spring 3  
Skyline 34, Meridian High School 20  
South Lakes 12, James Madison 7  
Spotswood 64, Rockbridge County 6  
Spotsylvania 32, James Monroe 6  
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## LEGAL NOTICE



### Pulaski Town Council Public Hearing

Pulaski Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at 42 First St. NW to discuss the following:

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

All persons desiring to speak should appear at the stated time and place or submit comments in writing to the Clerk of Council by Nov. 7, 2023.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE



### Public Notice Pulaski County Planning Commission

The Pulaski County Planning Commission will host a public hearing to consider three applications for the Month of November. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Planning Commission will host a public hearing on these petition(s) at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski to consider comments regarding the following applications;

- Rezone Application submitted by Kayla Lewis and Earl Hagee, rezone request for Tax Map 074-018-0000-0002 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture (A) located at 4535 Peak Creek Road Pulaski, VA 2430, Draper District.
- Rezone Application submitted by Sergio Panuco, rezone request for Tax Map 055-001-0000-018C from Agriculture (A) to Commercial (CM) located at 4241 Lee Highway, Pulaski, VA 24301, Massie District.
- Rezone Application submitted by Steve and Kimberly Johnston, rezone request for Tax Map 037-006-0000-0003,4,5 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Agriculture located at 6469 Lee Highway, Radford, VA 24141, Cloyd District.

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

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



# Virginia High School League Football Rankings

High School	Group	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Region	3D									
Magna Vista	3	3D	Piedmont	8	0	0	4	0	0	27.00000
William Byrd	3	3D	Blue Ridge	7	1	0	3	0	0	25.87500
Christiansburg	3	3D	River Ridge	7	2	0	4	1	0	24.66667
Lord Botetourt	3	3D	Blue Ridge	6	2	0	2	1	0	24.25000
Abingdon	3	3D	Mountain 7	5	3	0	3	1	0	21.37500
Bassett	3	3D	Piedmont	4	5	0	2	3	0	19.55556
Pulaski County	3	3D	River Ridge	2	6	0	1	3	0	18.12500
Staunton River	3	3D	Blue Ridge	3	5	0	1	2	0	18.00000
Cave Spring	3	3D	River Ridge	3	6	0	2	3	0	17.55556
Carroll County	3	3D	Three Rivers	2	6	0	1	3	0	16.50000
Northside	3	3D	Blue Ridge	2	6	0	0	3	0	16.37500
Hidden Valley	3	3D	River Ridge	1	7	0	1	3	0	15.50000
Tunstall	3	3D	Piedmont	1	8	0	1	4	0	13.66667

High School	Group	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Region	2C									
Radford	2	2C	Three Rivers	9	0	0	5	0	0	26.66667
Gretna	2	2C	Dogwood	6	2	0	4	0	0	22.50000
Glenvar	2	2C	Three Rivers	6	2	0	2	2	0	21.75000
Appomattox	2	2C	Dogwood	4	5	0	3	2	0	19.66667
Chatham	2	2C	Dogwood	6	2	0	3	1	0	19.25000
Floyd Co.	2	2C	Three Rivers	3	5	0	3	1	0	17.50000
Patrick Co.	2	2C	Three Rivers	4	5	0	1	4	0	17.22222
Dan River	2	2C	Dogwood	3	5	0	1	3	0	16.25000
James River (B)	2	2C	Three Rivers	3	5	0	0	4	0	15.62500
Nelson County	2	2C	Dogwood	4	5	0	0	5	0	14.66667
Liberty (Bed)	2	2C	Seminole	0	8	0	0	5	0	13.75000
Martinsville	2	2C	Piedmont	0	8	0	0	4	0	11.75000

High School	Group	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Region	1C									
Grayson County	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	8	0	0	3	0	0	23.25000
Bath County	1	1C	Pioneer	8	0	0	2	0	0	20.00000
Narrows	1	1C	Pioneer	6	2	0	2	0	0	19.62500
George Wythe-W	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	5	3	0	2	1	0	18.62500
Galax	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	5	3	0	3	0	0	18.50000
Fort Chiswell	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	4	4	0	1	2	0	16.50000
Parry McCluer	1	1C	Pioneer	5	3	0	1	1	0	16.37500
Giles	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	2	6	0	1	3	0	14.12500
Auburn	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	2	6	0	0	4	0	12.12500
Eastern Montgomery	1	1C	Pioneer	2	6	0	1	2	0	11.37500
Craig Co.	1	1C	Pioneer	2	5	0	0	3	0	11.28571
Bland County	1	1C	Mtn. Empire	1	5	0	0	0	0	7.66667

# Bell back in final four

By HOLLY CAIN  
NASCAR Wire Service

HOMESTEAD, Fla. – In one of the most thrilling NASCAR Cup Series Playoff races of the season, Joe Gibbs Racing driver Christopher Bell rallied from a frustrating race start to lead the final 16 laps of Sunday’s 4EVER 400 presented by Mobil 1 at Homestead-Miami Speedway to earn a second straight appearance into the Championship 4.

Bell, who only made his first appearance inside the top five on track with less than 50 laps remaining, got around a pair of the day’s front runners in the final laps to blaze to the lead in the No. 20 JGR Toyota and claim that automatic championship admission ticket. It’s the 28-year-old Oklahoma native’s second win of the season – sixth of his career – and the first of the season’s eight Playoff races to date.

Last year Bell famously pulled off a “walk off” victory in the regular season finale at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway to claim his first NASCAR Cup Series championship bid, ultimately finishing third in the title run. His win Sunday had that same “rally” feel and he now joins last week’s winner, Kyle Larson as the only two Playoff drivers set for the title run with one race remaining to decide the other two.

Bell led fellow Playoff driver, Team Penske’s Ryan Blaney to the Homestead checkered flag by a 1.651-seconds – just ahead of Playoff drivers, 23XI Racing’s Tyler Reddick and Hendrick Motorsports’ William Byron. Kaulig Racing’s A.J. Allmendinger rounded out the top five.

“I’ve got the best team behind me, honestly I don’t know [how we did it], that race was a whirlwind,” Bell said. “I was about ready to throw the towel in during that second stage, I got really frustrated. But [crew chief] Adam Stevens kept after it and gave me what I needed. Whenever we got some clean air this thing was really good.

“I cannot say how proud I am to be here with our partners, driving these Toyota Camrys. Thank you to everyone who supported me. This is better than a dream come true.”

Although disappointed to not secure the win after leading 53 laps, Blaney said, “We were trying, we just needed laps.

“The long run car was really good. I just couldn’t fire off for 10 laps or so. I think the track cooling off [during the red flag] helped those guys. I think we were better in the hotter, slicker conditions when “fire off” speed didn’t matter as much and it fell off quicker. That played into our benefit.

“We ran out of laps a little bit,” he added. “I am proud of the effort. It was a really good day, we just got beat a little bit there at the end.”

It was certainly the cap to a

# Championship 4 to be set Sunday in Martinsville

From NASCAR

Time has come to decide who will make the Championship 4 Round, and the historic 0.526-mile Martinsville Speedway will once again play host to the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs’ Round of 8 elimination race, the Xfinity 500

on Sunday, October 29 at 2 p.m. ET on NBC, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. The 2023 season marks the 20th year Martinsville Speedway has hosted a NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race, and the fourth-time the track has hosted the penultimate race of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs – the Round of 8 elimination race (Race No. 9 of 10).

Since the inception of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs in 2004, Martinsville Speedway has occupied three distinct positions on the postseason schedule; from 2004 – 2010 (seven seasons) Martinsville hosted the sixth race in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs. Then from 2011 – 2019 (nine seasons) Martinsville Speedway hosted the seventh race in the Playoffs and from 2020 – 2023 (four seasons)

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# Cougars

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12-yard line to go up 38-24.

After another Cougar fumble Edwards would catch a 43-yard pass from Roberts and it was 45-24 with 9:44 left in the game.

The last score of the game came on a simple handoff to Clements as the busted up the middle and scampered 64 yards for the final score of 52-24.

“ You can’t make mistakes and turn the ball over against a good team,” said Cougar head coach Cam Akers.

Graham head coach Tony Palmer said, “We scored on all five fumbles and we played well the second half.” He then said, “We’ve been struggling as a team, but this might have been our most complete game we have played.”

Graham, the defending Class 2 state champions, improved to 7-1 and the Cougars’ record dropped to 2-6.

Pulaski County goes for its third win of the season this Friday night in Roanoke as they take on the now 1-7 Hidden Valley Titans.

The Titans had lost nine straight over the past two seasons until last week when they were the latest team to thump Blacksburg, 30-6.

Hidden Valley head coach Scott Weaver is in his 15th year at the helm of the Titans. He entered the season with well over a dozen seniors on his squad and 19 returning starters.

That experience, however, so far hasn’t yielded the wins you would normally expect.

**Graham 14- 17 - 7 -14 = 52**  
**Pul. Co. 7 - 10 - 7 - 0 = 24**

Rushing - Graham - Clements - 15-153, Saunders 1-7, Roberts - 3 -( minus 6), Jennings 3-10, Lilly 1-1, Edwards 1 -( minus 4), Pul. Co. - Gal-  
limore - 29- 143, Nottingham 11-16, Lawrence  
10-91, O’Dell 3-23, Reed - 2 -( minus 4)

Passing - Graham - Roberts - 9-13-0 Ints,-  
3 Tds. -194 Yds., Nottingham - 7-13-0 Ints.-1  
Td. - 117 yds.

Receptions - Graham - Edwards - 7-129,  
Hale 1-67, Graham 1-( minus 2), Pul Co. - Reed  
2-38, Mace 1-25, Lawrence 2-41, Underwood  
2-13

First downs - Graham 16, Pul. Co. 21

Fumbles / lost - Graham 1/1 , Pul Co. 5/5

Penalties - Graham 5-46 yds., Pul Co. 8-71  
yds.

Turnovers - Graham 1, Pul. Co. 5

Punts / Avg. - Graham - 2 / 34.5, Pul. co.  
3 / 42.6

Total Yds. - Graham 355, Pul. Co. - 386

# Bell

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thrilling final 40 laps of competition to cap off the sunny South Florida afternoon.

In a matter of five minutes during those closing laps, Bell took the race lead and two of his Joe Gibbs Racing teammates also in the Playoffs – Denny Hamlin and regular season champion Martin Truex Jr. – fell out the race with major problems. Hamlin’s No. 11 JGR Toyota slammed into the Turn 1 wall. And as the field slowed for that caution period, Truex turned down pit road and told the team his car “might be blowing up.”

As Hamlin sat on pit wall, disappointed and speaking with his crew, Truex turned the engine off and the crew pushed his No. 19 JGR Toyota it into the garage. Both Playoff drivers were done for the day and dropping below the crucial top-four threshold that will advance to the Nov. 5 Championship 4 race in Phoenix. Truex was scored 29th and Hamlin, 30th.

All of it making for an even more intense race at the half-mile Martinsville (Va.) Speedway next week that will formally set the four-driver NASCAR Cup Series championship field.

“We tried and it just didn’t work out,” an obviously disappointed Hamlin said.

“It shows you how hard our sport is, that’s two cars and we had been up front,” JGR team owner Joe Gibbs said. “It also shows you in sports – particularly in ours with that 20-car (Bell) – it shows never to stop fighting.”

With only that Martinsville race remaining, Byron now sits 30 points ahead of the championship cut-off line with Blaney in fourth place – 10 points up on Reddick. Bell’s JGR teammates Truex and Hamlin are now both 17 points below the Cut-off line.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Cougars head coach Cam Akers shouts instructions to his team from the sidelines.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Senior tightend Marcus Reed catches a pass in front of G-Men defender.



Brian Bishop/The Patriot

Chase Lawrence takes off on a pitchout on the left end and rambles 30 yards for the score.

Among the eight Playoff drivers, Roush Fenway Keselowski’s Chris Buescher – a three-race winner this season – struggled the most, going two laps down midway through the second stage and never cracking the top 20. He’s now in eighth place, 43 points back with a 21st place finish Sunday and will need to win the Martinsville race to advance to his first Championship 4.

One of the more unusual incidents of the entire season – let alone the Playoffs – happened during a

green flag pit stop and involved Blaney and Larson – who were running first and second at the time with 53 laps remaining.

As their two cars approached pit road, Blaney slowed significantly, and Larson was still going faster directly behind him. While trying to avoid ramming into the back of Blaney’s Ford, Larson turned his No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevy to the right and went full-on into the sand-filled protective barriers at pit entrance causing them to explode

with sand.

It caused enough damage on Larson’s car that he had to take it into the garage and the team retired it. Blaney was able to finish his pit stop and make his way back on track. He reassumed the lead when the rest of the cars pit following a nearly 13-minute red flag period.

“I need to look at data,” said an apologetic Larson, who finished 34th despite leading a race best 96

of the 267 laps. “I knew where the yellow line was but on the replay it looked like I missed it by a lot. So I need to look at data.”

The NASCAR Cup Series moves to the famed Martinsville (Va.) Speedway half-miler for next Sunday’s Xfinity 500 (2 p.m. ET, NBC, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio) to close out this round of competition and formalize the Championship 4.

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# Bobcats tame the Buffaloes to go to 9-0

By ELIZABETH KANIPE  
The Patriot

Prior to Friday’s match up against rival Floyd County, Radford had just finished a run defeating the top three teams in the Three Rivers District. Last year, the Bobcats entered their game against Floyd with a 7-0 record and had to stop a two point conversion at the end of the game to seal the victory. Friday night, Radford’s defense kept the game from ever being close.

The Bobcats received the opening kickoff and after two screen passes Landen Clark faked a screen pass to the wide side of the field and took off the other way, sprinting untouched into the end zone. The two point conversion failed leaving the score 6-0. Radford’s defense forced Floyd to turn the ball over on downs which gave the Bobcats good starting field position. Clark hit Sincere Taylor across the middle to get inside the 10 yard line. Clark would run it in from 5 yards out to put Radford up 13-0 with two minutes left in the first quarter.

Floyd County was forced to punt after three downs and Radford took over at their own 37. Clark hit Jaden Hendricks on a go route for a 41 yard gain to the 13 yard line. Luke Woodard scored on a 22 yard pass from Clark for a 19-0 lead early in the second quarter. After an onside kick and personal foul, Floyd took possession at the Radford 37. The Buffaloes drove to the 15 yard line before failing to get a first down on fourth and three, turning the ball back over to Radford.

Radford’s next score came after forcing another turnover on downs. Clark ran the ball into Buffalo territory and a late hit moved the ball even further. Clark handed the ball off to Taylor who stopped and threw to a wide open Connor Young for a 24 yard touchdown with 1:32 left in the half. The Bobcats weren’t done for the half. On Floyd’s first play, the running back fumbled as Charlie Davis tackled him in the backfield and Brandon Thompson scooped the ball up and scored from 32 yards out giving the Bobcats a 33-0 lead going into half time.

The second half started with Couper Doyle intercepting a Floyd pass at midfield. Radford’s drive ended when they failed to convert on fourth and two. The Bobcat defense was able to force a punt that went out of bounds at the Buffalo 30



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

#28 Brandon Thompson celebrates with #52 Charlie Davis after taking a recovered fumble to the end zone.

yard line. Two passes to JD Grubb got Radford to the end zone. The PAT hit the left upright leaving the score 39-0 with 6:09 left in the 3rd quarter. The Bobcat defense forced another punt where Radford would take over at their own 30 yard line. Two more passes to Grubb, got the ball into Buffalo territory. Clark then found a wide open Woodard for his second TD catch of the game. The 14 yard TD catch put Radford up 46-0 with 2:04 left in the 3rd quarter. The Bobcat reserves took over for the fourth quarter and held Floyd to end the game.

Radford’s defense was strong all night. They held Floyd County to 104 total yards of offense. The Bobcat offense moved the ball all night totalling 487 yards of offense. Clark completed 22 of 34 passes for 288 yards with 3 touchdowns. He also ran 8 times for 96 yards and 2 touchdowns. Woodard caught 7 passes for 83 yards and 2 touchdowns. Taylor caught 5 passes for 96 yards. Eight Bobcats caught passes in the game. Radford will finish the regular season on the road at Carroll County next Friday.



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

#77 Ricky Bailey sacks the Floyd Co. QB for a big loss of yards.

## Four

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Martinsville has hosted the ninth race in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs – the Round of 8 elimination race that will decide the Championship 4. Martinsville Speedway is the third different track to host the ninth race in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs; joining Darlington Raceway (2004) and Phoenix Raceway (2005-2019).  
A total of 11 different drivers have won a NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race at Martinsville Speedway. Jimmie Johnson leads the NASCAR Cup Series in postseason wins at Martinsville Speedway with six Playoff victories (2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2016). Joe Gibbs Racing’s Denny Hamlin leads all active NASCAR Cup Series drivers in postseason wins at Martinsville with two Playoff victories (2009, 2010). Hamlin is joined by two other active Play-

off contenders that have also won a Playoff race at Martinsville – Christopher Bell (2022) and Martin Truex Jr. (2019).

### Penultimate Playoff race offers one last chance to advance

Last season in a must win situation, Joe Gibbs Racing’s Christopher Bell snagged the victory in the ninth race of the Playoffs and won his way into the NASCAR Cup Series Championship 4 Round. This season, Bell (Homestead) and Hendrick Motorsport’s driver Kyle Larson (Las Vegas) have already earned their spots in the Championship 4 by virtue of their wins in the Round of 8, leaving two spots still up for grabs this weekend.

Since the inception of the elimination-style format in the Playoffs in 2014 (last nine seasons), six of the last nine winners of the ninth race of the Playoffs have earned a spot in

the Championship 4 Round with their victory (66.7%) - Kevin Harvick (2014, Phoenix), Joey Logano (2016, Phoenix), Kyle Busch (2018, Phoenix), Denny Hamlin (2019, Phoenix), Chase Elliott (2020, Martinsville) and Christopher Bell (2022, Martinsville).

A total of 12 different drivers have won the ninth race in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs (Race 35 of 36). Jimmie Johnson (2004, 2007, 2008, 2009) and Stewart-Haas Racing’s Kevin Harvick (2006, 2012, 2013, 2014) lead the NASCAR Cup Series in wins in the ninth race of the postseason with four victories each.

Two active NASCAR Cup Series Playoff contenders have won the ninth race in the postseason previously; Denny Hamlin won at Phoenix in 2019 and Christopher Bell won at Martinsville in 2022.

### Clinch Scenarios: The

### penultimate race of the season at Martinsville Speedway

Martinsville Speedway offers one final opportunity in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs Round of 8 for the six postseason competitors not locked-in to compete for the final two open positions in the Championship 4 Round. Two of the coveted four spots are spoken for, thanks to Hendrick Motorsport’s Kyle Larson taking the victory at the Round of 8 opener in Las Vegas and Joe Gibbs Racing’s Christopher Bell purloining the victory at Homestead-Miami. That leaves just two spots open, and we know at least one of two spots will be claimed by a driver on points.

#### Already Clinched

The following 2 drivers have clinched a spot in the 4-driver field of the next round: Christopher Bell, Kyle Larson.

#### Can Clinch Via Points

If there is a repeat winner or a win by a driver who cannot advance to the next round, the following drivers could clinch by being ahead of the 3rd winless driver in the standings. The same point requirements

listed below would hold true if a new win comes from among William Byron or Ryan Blaney.

William Byron: Would clinch with 26 points

Ryan Blaney: Would clinch with 46 points

Tyler Reddick: Could only clinch with help

Martin Truex Jr.: Could only clinch with help

Denny Hamlin: Could only clinch with help

Chris Buescher: Could only clinch with help

If there is a new winner from Tyler Reddick or another winless driver lower in the standings but still eligible to advance to the next round, the following drivers could clinch by being ahead of the 2nd winless driver in the standings.

William Byron: Would clinch with 36 points

Ryan Blaney: Could only clinch with help

Tyler Reddick: Could only clinch with help

Martin Truex Jr.: Could only clinch with help

Denny Hamlin: Could only clinch with help

#### Can Clinch Via Win

The following drivers would clinch on their win alone: William Byron, Ryan Blaney, Tyler Reddick, Martin Truex Jr., Denny Hamlin, Chris Buescher

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# Duke favored to win ACC men’s basketball crown

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (theACC.com) – Duke was voted the preseason favorite to win the 2023-24 Atlantic Coast Conference Men’s Basketball Championship, following a vote of a select media panel. Ranked No. 2 nationally in the preseason Associated Press poll, the Blue Devils are the preseason ACC favorites for the eighth time in the last 11 seasons.

The media panelists selected Duke’s Kyle Filipowski as the ACC Preseason Player of the Year, while North Carolina’s Elliot Cadeau was chosen as ACC Preseason Rookie of the Year.

The reigning ACC champions, Duke claimed 44 of the 51 first-place votes, accumulating 757 points. Coming off the first Final Four trip in program history, Miami earned five first-place votes and totaled 693 points to finish second in the poll, marking the Hurricanes’ top preseason projection in program history (previous high was fourth in 2009, 2018 and 2023).

North Carolina earned one first-place vote and 670 points to finish third in the poll, while Virginia earned the other first-place vote and totaled 593 points to take fourth. Clemson finished with 570 points to notch fifth in the preseason poll.

Wake Forest (440 points) was sixth in the poll and was followed in seventh through 15th place, respectively, by NC State, Virginia Tech, Pitt, Syracuse, Florida State, Boston College, Georgia Tech, Louisville and Notre Dame.

A First-Team All-ACC honoree last season, Filipowski leads the Preseason All-ACC Team and is joined on the first team by Clemson’s PJ Hall, Miami’s Norchad Omier, North Carolina’s Armando Bacot and Virginia’s Reece Beekman. The second team is comprised of Boston College’s Quinten Post, Duke’s Tyrese Proctor, Miami’s Nijel Pack, Pitt’s Blake Hinson and Syracuse’s Judah Mintz.

Also named a First-Team Associated Press Preseason All-American, Filipowski returns for his sophomore season

after being named ACC Rookie of the Year, ACC Tournament MVP, an honorable mention All-American and the Kyle Macy National Freshman of the Year following the 2022-23 season. The 7-foot center led the Blue Devils in scoring and rebounding last season, averaging 15.1 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. He finished the year with 31 double-digit scoring efforts and his 15.1 points per game were seventh most by a freshman nationally. He led all Division I freshmen with his 16 double-doubles, which ranked 11th nationally among all players.

A 6-1 guard from West Orange, New Jersey, Cadeau was named a Second-Team Max Preps All-American in 2023 after averaging 10.9 points and 7.6 assists in leading Link Academy (Branson, Missouri) to a 27-1 record. Link won the GEICO Nationals championship in Fort Myers, Florida, behind his tournament-record 29 assists in three games. He also played for the New Heights (N.Y.) Lightning, where he averaged 15.7 points and 9.3 assists over the 17-game 2023 EYBL schedule. Cadeau also plays for Sweden’s national team and made his senior team debut in 2023 versus Germany in a World Cup qualifier.

The 71st season of ACC men’s basketball begins on Monday, Nov. 6, with 14 of the league’s 15 teams in action. League play starts Saturday, Dec. 2.

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 winning programs in NCAA Division

I basketball history currently reside in the ACC.

- 2023 ACC Preseason Poll School, Points
1. Duke (44), 757
  2. Miami (5), 693
  3. North Carolina (1), 670
  4. Virginia (1), 593
  5. Clemson, 570
  6. Wake Forest, 440
  7. NC State, 420
  8. Virginia Tech, 390
  9. Pitt, 380
  10. Syracuse, 321
  11. Florida State, 294
  12. Boston College, 227
  13. Georgia Tech, 157
  14. Louisville, 108
  15. Notre Dame, 100

First-place votes in parentheses  
51 total voters

Preseason All-ACC  
First Team  
Kyle Filipowski, Duke, 51  
Armando Bacot, North Carolina, 50  
PJ Hall, Clemson, 48  
Reece Beekman, Virginia, 44  
Norchad Omier, Miami, 42

Second Team  
Judah Mintz, Syracuse, 39  
Nijel Pack, Miami, 34  
Blake Hinson, Pitt, 33  
Tyrese Proctor, Duke, 24  
Quinten Post, Boston College, 23

ACC Preseason Player of the Year  
Kyle Filipowski, Duke, 35 votes  
Armando Bacot, North Carolina, 13

PJ Hall, Clemson, 2  
Tyrese Proctor, Duke, 1

ACC Preseason Rookie of the Year  
Elliot Cadeau, North Carolina, 40 votes  
Jared McCain, Duke, 6  
Caleb Foster, Duke, 3  
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# ‘SHP’ volunteers make 20 beds for NRV kids

By DANIELLE REID  
The Patriot

Last Saturday, October 21st at the Dublin United Methodist Church picnic shelter, 28-intrepid volunteers braved the chilly temperatures and blustery winds to construct beds so children in the NRV would have a bed of their own to sleep in.

Although the weather was cold, these warm-hearted people volunteered with NRV Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), a 501-C3 organization dedicated to providing beds for children. The parent organization was started by Luke and Heidi Mickelson from Twin Falls, Idaho with a unique goal. Mickelson started making bunk beds in 2012 with a dream to help children in his church and community who may be sleeping on a couch or the floor. Volunteers from his church showed up in his garage to help build, sand, construct and deliver the beds. From that humble beginning, there are now 200 SHP chapters nationwide and in Bermuda.

The SHP motto is: “No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town – and we want our town to become everyone’s town.” The



Danielle Reid/The Patriot

28 volunteers braved the elements last Saturday to make beds for kids in need in the New River Valley.

organization provides beds for children ages 3 to 17 who have no bed of their own. Their website affirms that

“Across the U.S., too many boys and girls go without a bed - or even a pillow - to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health. That’s where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We’re a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.”

The local NRV Chapter of SHP was founded in December 2019 by Paul Mele of Blacksburg. Mele traveled to Twin Falls, ID for training in organizing a Chapter, building the bunk beds, and fundraising. The NRV Chapter built their first bed in July of 2020. The cost for building and delivering a bed has increased but for only \$250.00 SHP can provide a fully furnished bed with a new mattress, pillows and bedding.

According to Ron Mady, one of the core members of the NRV Chapter, “The NRV Chapter of SHP has built over 800 beds in

Pulaski County, Montgomery County and the City of Radford – with hopes of finding teams for future expansion in Giles County.”

Mady, who joined the NRV Chapter of SHP in June 2020, was on site Saturday to help with the bed builds. He also make deliveries. “Delivering beds is a most rewarding experience. When we deliver a bed to a family who has hardly any furniture, and you put up the bed, and furnish the bedding on it, their look, their smiles and their happiness is unreal. Until I got involved, I had no idea of the great need for beds in our area.”

“We built 20 beds today and although we’re not delivering any today, let me tell you about a delivery we made a few days ago. A family with twins about eight-years old had a birthday wish - they wished for beds for their birthday. When we found

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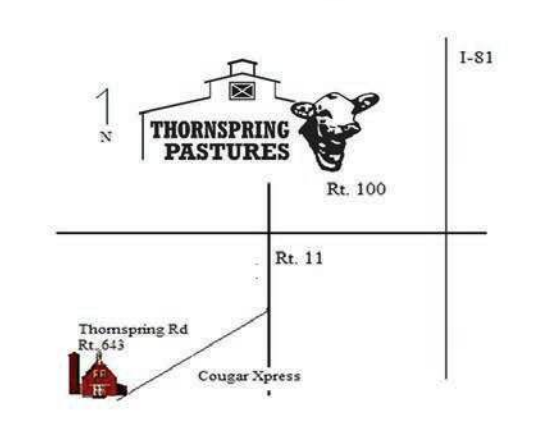


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# Beds

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out there were five kids in the family, we delivered beds for all of the kids. When the twins got their beds, they laid on the beds and cried,” Mady said.

Paul Fitzgerald of Blacksburg was also on site that day. Fitzgerald, who was the first member of this NRV Chapter, is the organizer who sets up the jobsites and makes sure all the required tools and materials are at the site. “We provide the materials and tools to build each bed. All the volunteers need to do is show up.”

NRV SHP could be the perfect service project for your

church, civic group or corporate team builder. Participants say that a building-bed project day helps build camaraderie, bring people, co-workers and communities together to provide comfort to a child, and perhaps change a child’s life.

If you or your organization would like more information on how to sponsor a build, contact Paul Mele at Paul.mele@shpbeds.org. You can also find information to volunteer or apply for a child’s bed by visiting: <https://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/va-new-river-valley>

# Control Your Own Destiny

**Dear Dave,**

I read where you recommend saving 15% of your income for retirement. Should I count my employer’s contribution to my retirement plan as part of that 15%?

**Carlotta**

**Dear Carlotta,**

That’s a great question. Employer contributions do not count toward the 15 percent I recommend setting aside for retirement. It’s great if you work for a company that offers perks like that, but I want you putting 15 percent of your money into retirement. Whatever your company matches, whatever its pension may be, or even having a military retirement package, none of that enters the equation. I want your money in your name.

Baby Step 4 of my plan says to put 15 percent of your income into retirement accounts. The first thing you should put money into is a matching retirement account. If you’ve got a 401(k), a Roth 401(k) or a 403(b) and your employer offers a match, you should do that up to the match before anything else.

Let’s say your employer will match three percent. Since the goal is 15 percent, that still leaves you with some work to do. You’ve got three percent of your own money already going into retirement, so then you could



**Dave Says**

**Dave Ramsey**

look at a Roth IRA. If the Roth, plus what you invested previously to get the match doesn’t equal 15 percent, then you could look at a 403(b), or go back to your 401(k) to hit the 15 percent mark.

And remember, if you’re going to reach your retirement goals, you can’t do it alone. King Solomon, one of the wisest men who ever lived, wrote: “Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety” (Proverbs 11:14 NKJV). That’s why you need a quality financial advisor—one with the heart of a teacher—to help you navigate complicated financial issues, and guide you toward the kind of retirement you want.

Do you see what I’m saying here, Carlotta? I want you—not the company you work for—to control your financial destiny. I want you to be able to retire with dignity, and enjoy life after working hard and saving. The responsibility for making that happens falls to you!

—Dave



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Ron Mady and Paul Fitzgerald organize the recent Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build at the Dublin United Methodist Church picnic shelter. The team of 28 volunteers managed to make 20 beds, despite the cold and blustery weather.

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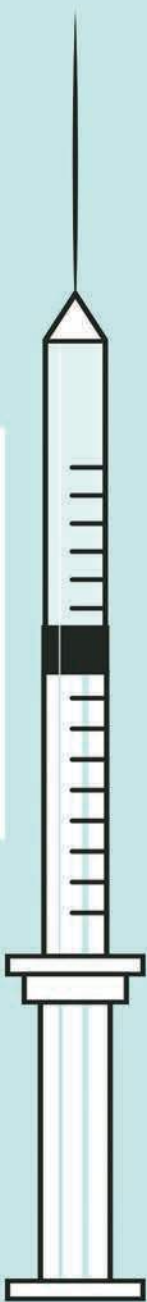
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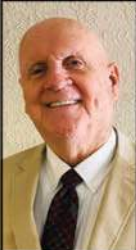
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**Teach Me Your Word O Lord**

Terry McCraw

# Who may worship God and it be accepted?

The early Church prayed together. Corporate prayer edifies and unifies us as we share our common faith. It is encouraging to hear others pray for us and for them to hear us praying for them. Often Jesus prayed out loud and His disciples would hear Him pray and their hearts would be touched as He prayed for them. Is Corporate prayer more powerful than individual prayer? No. Corporate prayer is not more powerful than individual prayer, because God hears prayers of the Church and God also hears prayers from the individual believers. We pray corporately and we pray individually also. We pray in Church, but we can't always be in Church. Some of my most fervent prayers are prayed in my prayer closet which is any place where we can get alone with God. But I believe in corporate prayer too. It doesn't have to be one or the other. It should be both. Should we study and teach from the Old Testament or the New Testament? Why not both? Should we give in offerings or should we pay tithes? Why not both? Should we pray in tongues or pray with our understanding? Why not both? Should we pray together as the body of Christ or should we pray in our prayer closets? Why not both? The Psalmist said in Verse # 2, "Mercy shalt be built up forever." We build up mercy when we bring it to the attention of others. Let the mercies of God be made known by words of praise from our mouths. Psalm 82:9. "I will declare Thy Love, mercy and faithfulness so that all may know about it and appreciate it. Thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens." God's faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens themselves. God has established His faithfulness in Heaven. We may be unfaithful to God at times, but God is never unfaithful to us. We may leave God at times and lean to our own understanding, but God never leaves us. God IS faithful! "Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord? God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him." All of Heaven, including all of the Holy Angels of God and all of the souls of the Redeemed who have passed away and who are now in heaven's grandstands, praise the wonderful works of God. I know that our departed loved ones who have gone on before and who await our coming to join them, are up there praising God. They are joining the Angels around the throne of God who are shouting Holy, Holy, Holy, before God in a great antiphonal hymn extolling God for one of His most striking attributes, His Holiness. And we shall indeed join them in heaven, when it comes our time to leave this old world. We could leave this old world in the Rapture, or if the Rapture is delayed, so that more souls can be won to God, we could leave by stepping through the veil of death into the everlasting arms of God. Somebody said, we may go through a hole in the sky or it may be through a hole in the ground. But in either event, if we are in Christ, we'll leave this life of suffering, sorrow, disappointment, pain and sickness, for a place that Jesus has prepared for us, over in the glory land. How many today are looking forward to the Rapture? You See **MCCRAW**, page B11

# Church Directory

<p><b>Draper Valley Baptist Church</b>  3200 Lee Highway  Draper, Va. 24324  Pastor: Alan Pearce  Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m.  Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.  Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.  email: drapervalleybc@gmail.com  www.drapervalleybaptist.org</p> <p><b>Grace Baptist Church</b>  552 E. Main Street  Dublin, Va. 24084  Pastor: Doug Testerman  674-1762  Primary Services:  9:45 a.m. Sunday School  11 a.m. Sunday worship  Sunday Night Power Hour, 6 to 7 p.m.  Wednesday Night 7 to 8 p.m.  Grace Kids and Teens Bible Study</p> <p><b>Open Door Baptist Church</b>  4576 Miller Lane  Pulaski, VA 24301  Pastor: Rev. N.K. Howlett  Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  Worship, 11 a.m.  Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.  Phone: 980-2046</p> <p><b>Draper Methodist Church</b>  3080 Greenbriar Road  Draper, VA 24324  Pastor: Lee Wiggins  Email: office@draper-methodist-church.com  Primary Service Times:  Sunday School, 10 a.m.  Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Christ Episcopal Church</b>  144 North Washington Ave., Pulaski  P.O. Box 975  Service: 10 a.m. every Sunday  Phone: 980-2413  Email: christ24301@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Jordan Chapel Methodist</b>  Pastor: Ginny Tompkins  Worship: 9:30 a.m.  Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.  Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Cecil's Chapel Church</b>  5801 Cecil's Chapel Road  Hiwassee, VA 24347  Interim Pastor: John Kellam  540 230 8837  Worship Service: 9am  Sunday School: 10am  www.facebook.com/cecils chapel</p> <p><b>Valley Harvest Ministries</b>  1 Harvest Place  Dublin, VA 24084  Senior Pastor Steve Willis  Associate Pastors: Perry Slaughter,  Walter Gueste, Derick Burton  Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  Hispanic Ministry Service- Sunday 6 p.m.  Wednesday School 7 p.m.  www.vhmdublin.org  540-674-4729</p> <p><b>Dublin Baptist Church</b>  100 Hawkins Street, Dublin, VA 24084  540-674-6061  secretary@dublinbaptistchurchva.org  Website: dublinbaptistchurchva.org  Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  Sunday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.  Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 11 a.m.  Wednesday Youth Bible Study, 7 p.m.  Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10 a.m - 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>Allisonia Pentecostal Holiness Church</b>  1560 Julia Simpkins Road  Allisonia, VA  Pastor Justin Phillips  Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>  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</p> <p><b>Belspring Baptist Church</b>  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</p> <p><b>Mountain View United Methodist Church</b>  6648 Wilderness Road  Dublin, Va 24084  Pastor: Darlene Marshall  Phone: 540-392-2702  Sunday School - 9:45am  Sunday Service - 11:00am</p>	<p><b>Delton Church of God of Prophecy</b>  4570 Boyd Road, Draper, VA 24324  Pastor Vickie Lee Viars  deltoncogop@gmail.com (276) 620-3191  Sunday mornings - 11 AM to 12 PM  Sunday evenings-Facebook live services  announced on Facebook  Wednesday evenings- To be announced at  later future time until COVID-19 ceases  Delton COGOP is following all COVID-19  safety guidelines of social distancing, masks,  cleaning, and disinfection.</p> <p><b>Heritage Church</b>  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/  HeritageChurchDublinVA</p> <p><b>First Missionary Baptist Church</b>  7318 Manns Drive  Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524  (540) 639-5331  email: fmbc1872@verizon.net  Pastor: Rev. 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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.  Children's Meal: 6:30 p.m.  Children's &amp; Youth's Group Classes: 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Grace Episcopal Church</b>  210 Fourth Street, Radford  Welcoming and accepting, we have been a part  of the Radford community for more than 130  years.  ALL ARE WELCOME.  We offer an 8:00am Contemplative Eucharist  service and a 10:30am Eucharist service with  organ music and a Choir, with refreshments  served after. The 10:30am service is live-  streamed for those who cannot attend in person.  Find us on Facebook and  www.graceradford.org</p>	<p><b>Dublin Christian Church</b>  5605 Dunlap Road  P. O. 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know, it could happen at any time. There's nothing else in bible prophecy that has to be fulfilled before the Rapture of the Saints can take place. It could be today, it could be tomorrow, or it could be at another time out in the future, but we must be ready at all times because if we miss the Rapture, we'll have missed it all.

If the coming of Christ to resurrect the righteous and to catch away the living saints in the air, should tarry, we must occupy until He comes. We must be about our Father's business of reaching the lost for Jesus, at any cost.

When we win a soul to Christ, we are building up an eternal friendship and saving a soul from death.

Who can be compared to the Lord? And the answer is no one in heaven and no one in the earth. Those who worship the sun, the moon and the stars are worshipping that which cannot even be compared to God. God created them all and placed them in their orbits, fastening them upon nothing.

Man is not to worship the creation, but man is to worship the Creator Who is much, much, much greater than any and all parts of the Creation.

Who among the sons of the mighty, most likely speaking of the Angels of God, can be likened unto the Lord? And the answer is none of them can be likened unto the Lord. He holds our lives in His hand and so He is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the Saints. He is to be held in reverence of all them that are about Him. Where the fear of God is absent there can be no true worship. Those who come before God with a pretense of worship and with unconfessed, unforgiven sin in their lives are out of touch with God. Their worship is vain or worthless. For God only accepts praise and worship from those whose sins are under the blood of Jesus.

Everyone who praises God with their lips and not with their hearts, their praise is as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal to God's ears. They might as well be out in the woods speaking to a stump because as

Cain's offering which was not of a pure heart, was not accepted by God, neither indeed shall theirs be accepted by God.

## Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Acts (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What companion of Paul was commended for his holy scripture knowledge since childhood? Timothy, Linus, Trophimus, Jude
3. From 1 John 4:8, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is \_\_\_\_." Honor, Love, Everlasting, Comfort
4. What king unwittingly signed a decree causing Daniel to be thrown into the lions' den? Elah, Jabin, Darius, Agag
5. Because Moses was standing on holy ground, what did God tell him to remove? Cloak, Hat, Shoes, Armor
6. In Judges 16, who said, "Let me die with the Philistines"? Samson, Micah, Delilah, Manoah

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Timothy, 3) Love, 4) Darius, 5) Shoes, 6) Samson  
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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 28:6-7

Praise be to **the** LORD, **for** he **has** heard my **cry** for **mercy**. The **LORD** is my **strength** and my **shield**; my **heart trusts** in him, **and** he **helps** me. My heart **leaps** for **joy**, and **with** my **song** I praise **him**.

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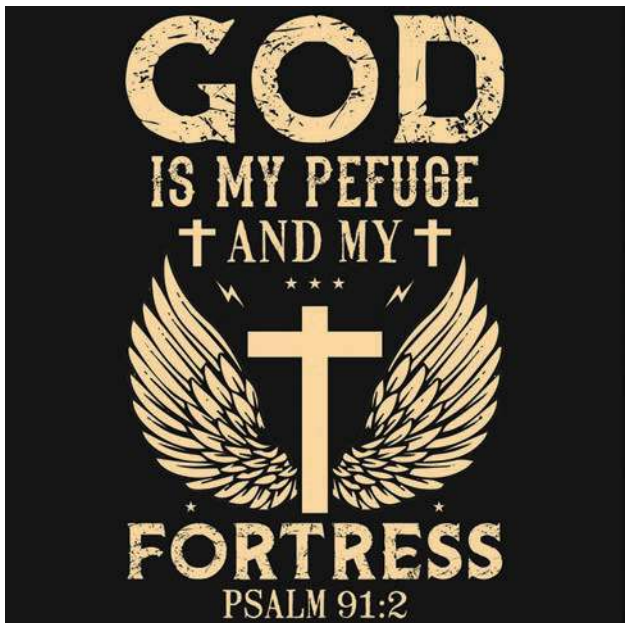
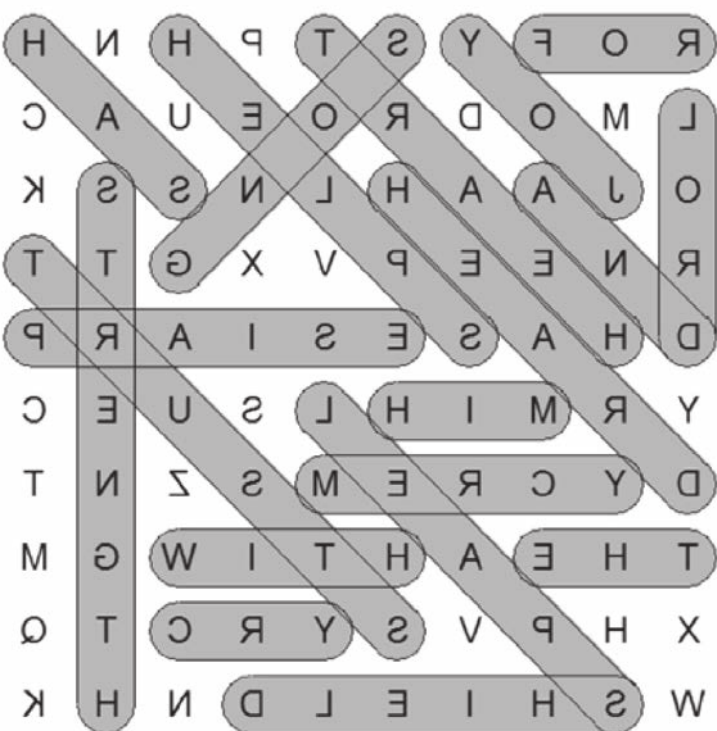
Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.  
They run in all directions — forward, backward, up,  
down and diagonally.

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### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers



### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord...*

DEUTERONOMY 18:10-12



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ONE-HIT WONDERS:

A HA ("TAKE ON ME")

ONE-HAT WONDERS:

ABE LINCOLN

The Spats

BACK IN THE DAY THEY USED TO HAVE PAY TOILETS.

WOW, HOW MUCH DID THEY PAY?

TIGER

MOM SAYS SUPPER IS READY

I'M WEARING MY COSTUME TO SUPPER

IT'S NOT HALLOWEEN YET

I WANNA GET USED TO BEING A RABBIT

I'LL GET OUR PLATES

MOM SAYS HERE'S YOUR SUPPER

...A NICE DISH OF RAW CARROTS

I GOT A WISE-GUY MOTHER

OLIVE

— AND MIDWAY THROUGH YOUR SWIM, A CROC ATE YOU?

YEAH, BUT HE CHOKED TO DEATH ON ME, SO WE'RE EVEN-STEVEN.

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?

HONESTLY, JUST HAVING COMPANY IS NICE.

SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT?

IT'S BEEN HAPPENING SO LONG, I THINK I'D MISS IT.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLITNOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

YOU DO KNOW WE HAVE A DISHWASHER, RIGHT? AND IT'S NOT STANDING NEXT TO YOU.

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: T equals K

OGYO TZFA ZP PD NFLDHHDFWR

ICFCUDWCFO OGYO CUCJRIDER

ICAYF LYWWZFA GZH

"RDNJ JDRYW TZFEFCPP."

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!

Scene: STAIV

Free: EMBOIL

Forest: RIMBET

Choice: POTION

TODAY'S WORD

"He started at the \_\_\_\_\_ and discovered that he liked it there."

by Dave T. Phipps

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by Jeff Pickering

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Lass
- 4 Choose
- 8 Beanies
- 12 Historic time
- 13 Actor's quest
- 14 Theater award
- 15 Contingency funds
- 17 Goddess of victory
- 18 Orange veg-gies
- 19 Pursuing
- 20 Cellist Casals
- 22 Innocent one
- 24 New York canal
- 25 Misfortune
- 29 Balloon filler
- 30 Pal
- 31 Big D.C. lobby
- 32 Melancholy melodies
- 34 Alike (Fr.)
- 35 Aftermath
- 36 Condition
- 37 Of the Arctic
- 40 Chinese dynasty
- 41 Egg
- 42 Believed
- 46 Ganges wrap
- 47 Skip
- 48 Apprehend

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46					47				48			
49					50				51			

- 49 BPOE mem-bers
  - 50 Lectern locale
  - 51 Sticky stuff
- DOWN
- 1 Prized pos-session
  - 2 Altar constel-lation
  - 3 Small beetle
  - 4 Teaser ad
  - 5 Charged bits
  - 6 The Browns, on score-boards

- 7 Lock opener
- 8 Have a huddle
- 9 Slightly
- 10 Toll road
- 11 Crystal gazer
- 16 Like ganders
- 19 "Dear —"
- 20 Stew veggies
- 21 Operatic solo
- 22 Police ID
- 23 Tosses in
- 25 Nonsense
- 26 Attractive
- 27 "I smell —!"
- 28 Hardy cab-bage
- 30 Sow's mate
- 33 Hindu teachers
- 34 Sicilian volca-no
- 36 Prepares flour
- 37 Sit for a photo
- 38 Ellipse
- 39 Hide in the bushes
- 40 1502, in Old Rome
- 42 Brick carrier
- 43 "I — Rock"
- 44 Eastern "way"
- 45 "Game of Thrones" airt

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top ten

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7. South Korea
8. Spain
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10. Australia

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male duck called?
2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Pride and Prejudice"?
3. ASTRONOMY: In which constellation are the gas and dust clouds called the Pillars of Creation located?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president died at his retreat in Warm Springs, Georgia?
5. MOVIES: Which 1999 movie features a character named Neo?
6. MEDICAL: Which part of the human body is affected by Bright's Disease?
7. TELEVISION: In which state is the sitcom "Newhart" set?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the tallest mountain in Africa?
9. HISTORY: Which politician made the phrase "Iron Curtain" famous in a speech about eastern Europe?
10. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of South Dakota?

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WORD LADDERS

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

TREAT

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TRICK

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Answers

1. A drake.
2. Jane Austen.
3. Serpens.
4. Franklin Roosevelt.
5. "The Matrix."
6. The kidneys.
7. Vermont.
8. Mount Kilimanjaro.
9. Winston Churchill.
10. Pierre.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Vista
2. Mobile
3. Timber
4. Option

WORD LADDER

Answer

TREAT, TREAD, BREAD, BREAK, BRICK, TRICK

King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

\_\_\_\_\_

Americanisms

"Every day is Halloween, isn't it? For some of us."

— Tim Burton

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CryptoQuip

Answer

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Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

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... AND SO MUCH SO THAT HE CAN NO LONGER KEEP TRACK OF THE LIKEWISE EMBATTLED GAIUS. THIS IS NOT GOOD. VAL WOULD RATHER NOT USE BASE STRENGTH TO IMPOSE UPON THE LADY...

... BUT THE TIME FOR COURTEOUS COMPROMISE IS PAST. WITH A PRACTICED MANEUVER, SHE IS DISARMED

... TOO LATE! GAIUS NO LONGER PROTECTS HIS FLANK - AND SO VAL GOES DOWN UNDER A MASS OF ANGRY MUSCLE.

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FOR HE IS JUST ONE MAN, IN SPITE OF IT ALL.

AND THEY ARE A PLANET UNITED.

... AND TURN TO FACE THE EMPEROR.

ALONE AGAINST AN EMPIRE.

AN ATHLETE, A TRAVELER, AND A MAD, DESPERATE SCIENTIST.

BUT THEY MAKE ALLIES. THEY BRIDGE DIVIDES.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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Lighting

Skeletons

Skulls

Slime

Spiders

Tombstones

Webbing

Witch

Yard signs

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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.

KX FJZ NSM EZCAKAT NSWGKMR

VKLP EJWTJMT, FJZ EPJZIO

WSCCF LPTW JM LPT VSF PJWT.

— FAJMMT GCKMQ

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CryptoQuote

answer

If you can survive camping with someone, you should marry them on the way home. — Yvonne Prinz

HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS

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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PULASKI COUNTY PULSE

Oct. 28

Kids Fall Festival

Kids Fall Festival at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind DMV. The event is 12-2 with a free hotdog lunch, crafts, pumpkins, games and face painting. Bring the children for lots of fun.

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.

Hot Dog Dinner

Hot Dog Dinner, October 28 At 5:00 P.M. at Rockford Community Church, 6867 Viscoe Road, Fairlawn, Va. With Delectious Homemade Chili. Donations For Dinner Followed By Bingo. All Proceeds Will Go To The Church Improvement Fund. Come Join Us For An Evening Of Great Food And Fellowship

Oct. 30

Gospel Sing

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

Oct. 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.

Trunk and Treat

Trunk And Treat, October 31, 5 To 7 P.M. at Rockford Community Church, 6867 Viscoe Road, Fairlawn Va.

Nov. 2

American Legion

The American Legion, Harvey Howe Carper Post 30 will meet on Thursday, November 2, 6pm at the VFW Post Home on 102 Watts St. in Radford. For further information, please call 540-250-2283 or 540-239-9864.

Nov. 4

Hot Dog Dinner

The United Voices First Baptist Church, 220 Magazine Street, Pulaski will be having a hot dog

dinner on Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. until... Menu will consist of two hotdogs, baked beans, potato chips and drink for \$7.00 Call 540-980-3336.

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.

Craft Vendor Event

November 4, 2023, 10 am - 4 pm, NRV Fairgrounds. \$1 Admission - a portion of which supports Pulaski Dance Productions Competition Teams. We currently have around 100 local crafters/vendors setting up - not to mention baked goods, Snack Time will have food for sale, Squeeze ‘Em & Shake ‘Em Lemonade and Space Rabbit Coffee will be joining us too!

Nov. 11

Veterans Day Breakfast

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 58 at 408 East Main Street, Dublin VA 24084 Will be serving Pancake, sausage, orange juice and coffee for Veterans on November 11th from 8am until 10am. To Honor our Veterans, please come out and see us!

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.

Nov. 16

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart Horse Artillery Camp 1784 will meet on Thursday, November 16, 7pm at Aly’s Family Italian Restaurant on 3204 Riner Rd. Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) are also

invited to attend. Member Johnathan McPeak will give a talk on the Battle of Cloyd’s Mountain.

For further information, please call 540-320-4315 or 540-239-9864.

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.

Facebook Notice

We’re back on Facebook ... kind of. We’ve posted a new page and we invite you to visit to see the latest in local news. And while you’re at it, maybe you can become a follower and invite your friends to do the same.

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JORDAN’S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH HOLIDAY FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM TILL 3:00 PM 5095 ALUM SPRING ROAD PULASKI VA 24301 MARY KAY, SCENTSY,GRANS GIFTS, KATHY WARDEN VINTAGE FURNITURE, DW DESIGNS, LEE WOLFE BAKED GOODS, KENNY DALTON SPECIALTY CUPS, TUPPERWARE, RAGGEDY ROOSTER, PERMANENT JEWELRY, PAMPERED CHEF, CRAFTS AND MUCH, MUCH MOORE BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND HOME BAKED GOODS

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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Taking It To The Streets Bringing Christ to the Communities... Evangelistic Meetings! 7:00 P.M. Each Evening: Special Singing Each Service! Free Snacks & Drinks Every Youth Night! 235 N. Jefferson Ave, P.O. Box 30 Pulaski, VA 24301 October 2023 Fri. Oct. 13th: Evangelist Steve Board Sat. Oct. 14th: Pastor Harry Gunter Sat. Oct. 21st: Food/Clothing Event from 11 am till 1 pm. We will be serving free chicken, bean or beef burritos, drink and dessert. The Clothing Bank will be open with a huge selection of free men’s, women’s, boys and girls clothing. 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. Each Service Broadcast Live on streaming video at: www.streets4god.com For More Information Contact: Charlie Barbetinni. : 276.620.4293 Wear what you have and come as you are! Come expecting a Blessing “Go Ye Into All The World and Preach The Gospel to Every Creature” Mark 16:15

CIAA GREEN & GOLD GALA Saturday, December 9, 2023 Dinner & Dancing with a Silent Auction 6-11 PM The Highlander Hotel 604 Tyler Avenue, Radford, VA 24141 Music by Groove Control \$80/person TICKETS FOR SALE ON EVENTBRITE OR FROM AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association, Inc. is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization. All proceeds from this event will go into the CIAA Building & Grounds Fund for our Homecoming 2027 Campaign.