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## Local Candidates Face Off In Two Nights Of Forums



Mike Williams/The Patriot

The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce hosted two political forums this week to give citizens an opportunity to hear from candidates in each of the contested local races in November's election. Candidates for school board from all five magisterial districts, the Cloyd District on the Board of Supervisors and the Clerk of Circuit Court faced off on Tuesday and Wednesday nights in Edwards Hall on the campus of New River Community College. The Patriot will produce individual stories in the weeks ahead on each of the races based on candidates' responses during the forums. Those articles will begin next week.

## Pyramid Healthcare Rehabilitation facility opens this week in Fairlawn

By WILLIAM PAINE  
The Patriot

A ribbon cutting ceremony for Pyramid Healthcare at the New River Valley took place last Wednesday Oct. 4 at the Saint Albans campus in Fairlawn, Virginia.

The newly refurbished 110,000 square foot facility is located at 6226 University Park Drive in a three-story building adjacent to the late 18th Century era St. Albans asylum. The building housing Pyramid Healthcare at the New River Valley was constructed

in 1979 but now has all the trappings of a modern facility.

Pyramid Healthcare offers behavioral treatment to individuals who want to get off drugs or alcohol by providing them specialized care and a place to stay.

State Senator Travis Hackworth was present for the ceremony, as was Pulaski County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Laura Walters, Vice Chair Dirk Compton and board member Mike Mooney. Several county staff members were also in attendance including the ubiquitous Pulaski County Administrator, Jonathan Sweet.

"The ribbon cutting of this facility today further solidifies Pulaski County as a place of healing, restoration and recovery," Sweet stated in remarks made before the ribbon cut. "Pulaski County is not only a place of growth but a place of renewal ... a place for our families, our neighbors and our friends to receive the help they need for the disease of addiction."

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## BOO HUNGER AWAY! Halloween Food Drive set for Oct. 23-27

The Emergency Needs Task Force of Pulaski County (ENTF) will host a Halloween Food Drive. As the holiday season begins, this food drive is particularly important. Our goal is to fill ENTF's food pantry shelves. We invite you to join us in our effort by dropping off non-perishable food items at the New River Community Action Office (412 North Jefferson Ave.) in Pulaski.

The food drive will begin on Monday, Oct. 23 and end on Friday, Oct. 27. Donations will be accepted between the hours: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. If you need to schedule a drop-off donation after-hours listed, please contact us by calling: 540-980-5525 or 540-577-8731.

We encourage community participation, and your generosity will benefit individuals and families in need. If you choose to donate by check, make checks payable to The Emergency Needs Task Force of Pulaski Coun-

ty (P.O. Box 1422 Pulaski, Va 24301) and please indicate "Food Drive" on the memo line. Other monetary donations can be made via the ENTF website, [www.entfpulaskiva.org](http://www.entfpulaskiva.org).

The pantry's current needs are canned meats (chicken, beef, tuna/salmon), oatmeal, boxed pasta meals, hearty soups, peanut butter, instant potatoes, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and dry cereal. All donated food items should be unopened and not past the "use by" date.

ENTF is an incorporated, non-profit organization whose only purpose is to provide emergency assistance to lower-income residents who are unable to meet emergency needs for fuel, shelter, utilities and food. ENTF is funded by charitable foundations, churches, individual citizens and governed by a Board of Directors. The daily business is handled by the staff of New River Community Action in Pulaski.

## Permanent Farm Use placards now available

RICHMOND - The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now offers permanent farm use placards for unregistered farm vehicles at all customer service centers. Applications for the permanent farm use placard are available on our newly redesigned website, [dmv.virginia.gov](http://dmv.virginia.gov).

"It is our hope that these placards will help ensure the proper use of farm use tags and, most importantly, make Virginia's roads safer," said DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey. "There is time before enforcement begins, so we encourage farmers to send their applications through the mail at your earliest opportunity. That way you can skip the trip to your local DMV."

DMV-issued farm placards are required for unregistered farm use panel trucks, pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles beginning July 1, 2024. This requirement is a result of legislation passed by the 2023 General Assembly. The DMV-issued placards replace the unofficial farm use tags typically purchased at a local store for use on these three types of unregistered farm vehicles.

Placards cost \$15 and are good for the lifetime of the vehicle but are not transferable. An additional \$15 may be required if the owner does not already hold a title for the vehicle.

The permanent farm use placard application requires the following information:

- Name of vehicle owner and one of the following: FEIN/SSN/DMV customer number
- Vehicle year, make, model and vehicle identification number (VIN)
- Approximate farm location and acreage where the vehicle is used
- Type of agricultural commodities produced
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# A Word From The Stacks

As fall approaches, the Pulaski County Library System is kicking into high gear with our book, programming, and service offerings! A few adult programming highlights include our book clubs – the Dublin Library book club will have a pick-your-own spooky or fall-themed book meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at 2pm at the Dublin branch. At the Pulaski branch, the Let’s Read book club will be discussing Ray Bradbury’s classic *Something Wicked This Way Comes* on Wednesday, October 18 at 10am. The Dublin Library will be showing the silent horror classic *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* on Wednesday, October 18 at 6pm. On October 26 from 5:30 to 8:30pm, join us for *Needle Felting with Wool!* For families, teens, and kids, we have a cornucopia of programs and events! Our weekly story times are held in Pulaski on Tuesdays at 11am, and in Dublin on Wednesdays at 10am! A new

## Ninth District Traveling Staff Office Hours for October

Congressman Griffith’s Ninth District STAFF will be available at the following locations during the month of October. Traveling office hours follow the status of local government offices, which vary across the 23 counties and five independent cities of the Ninth District.

October 12, 2023  
Giles County: 9:00 am – 10:30 am  
Town of Pearisburg Offices  
Council Chambers  
112 Tazewell Street  
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Bland County: 9:00 am – 10:30 am  
Bland County Courthouse  
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Wythe County: 11:30 am – :00 pm

program called *Around the World* will have games, snacks, crafts, and music, and this month we’ll be traveling to Mexico. Our popular Lego Club will be meeting at the Dublin branch on Tuesday, October 17 at 4pm – come ready to build! For teens, our RPG club will be playing games such as *Dungeons & Dragons* and *Settlers of Catan*. Community Helpers meets at the Pulaski branch on October 12 from 2 to 4pm, and gives folks a chance to make dog and cat toys for the shelter animals at the Pulaski County Animal Control. We’re also excited for our Dublin branch to host our Boo Bash on October 20 from 4 to 6pm! Kids of all ages can come and enjoy

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Radford: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  
Radford Recreation Building  
200 George Street  
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Pulaski County: 2:30 pm – 4:00pm  
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The Dublin branch recently had new carpet installed. We can’t wait for everyone to visit and experience our fresh new look! These are all just glimpses of what we have for the community. For a full picture, visit our website at [www.pclibs.org](http://www.pclibs.org), or better yet, come by and visit our branches in person, or should I say...check us out!

# 132nd church anniversary and homecoming planned

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

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

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

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



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Endorsement Letter from 2 Time President of the Virginia School Boards, Warren J. (Jeff) Bain.



After Serving on the Pulaski County School Board for twenty years, as President of the Virginia School Boards for two years as well as Presiding Chair of the Southern Region (thirteen Southern states) of the National School Board Association, I, Warren J. (Jeff) Bain, hereby give my whole hearted endorsement to Timothy Hurst for a third term on the Pulaski County School Board.

Mr. Hurst has invested literally thousands of hours for the betterment of the children of Pulaski County. He has been in the schools, learned well the needs of our schools and has been an invaluable force for their improvement. He has been very supportive of all of our athletic teams and the improvement of their facilities as well as a strong supporter of our new Pulaski County Middle School's development and opening.

But most of all, he cares about our children in a way that always seeks to improve their learning opportunities in a very safe and inclusive environment.

I encourage you to vote for and support Mr. Hurst.

Truly,



Warren J (Jeff) Bain, Former School Board Member

I believe I have a responsibility to serve **EVERY CHILD** of our School Sysytem. To provide safe schools and the **best possible educational environment** available.

- Timothy Hurst



# Area Obituaries

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**EDITH WEBB FUQUA**

Edith Webb Fuqua was born to the union of the late Moses and Virginia Webb on February 23, 1931. She departed this earthly life on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at the age of 92. Edith is one of the last girls of 14 children.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Moses and Virginia Webb; four brothers, Samuel, Moses Jr., Robert, and David; seven sisters, Mary Bruce, Elizabeth Tyler, Della Rembrandt, Arvella Smith, Yvonne Black, Dreama Curbean, Margaret Thompson. She was married to the late Boyd Fuqua, and had two children, Steve Webb and Sue Ellen Webb. Edith is survived by one granddaughter, Timika Webb Hamilton, two great-grandsons, Timir and Khiri Summers; three brothers, Clarence Webb (Dublin, VA), Alvin Webb (Jersey City, NJ), James "Jim" Webb (Cleveland, OH); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A homegoing service was held at Anderson Funeral Home Chapel at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 3 in New Brunswick, NJ. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 7 at Pinehurst Cemetery, Pulaski, VA.



**WILLIAM "BRADY" COLE**

William "Brady" Cole, age 47 of Pulaski passed away Friday, September 29, 2023 at the Lewis-Gale Hospital-Pulaski. Born November 15, 1976 in Pulaski he was the son of Junior Lee Cole & Wilma Diane Owen Cole. Brady was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Alex & Nancy Cole and maternal grandparents, Eleanor Elizabeth & George Mitchell.

Brady is survived by his Son – Cody Cole – Draper Brother – Mitchell Cole – Pulaski Sister – Tracy (Floyd) Summers – Pulaski

Numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews

Brady's memorial services will be announced once scheduled. To sign his online guestbook, visit [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com)

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

**JAMES EDWARD DAUGHERTY, JR.**

James Edward Daugherty, Jr. age 54 of the Bethel Community of Montgomery County, died Sunday, October 1, 2023, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski.



**CLAYBORNE STAFFORD ALEXANDER**

Clayborne Stafford Alexander, age 88 of Wythe County passed away Saturday, September 30, 2023 at the Northern Regional Hospital, Mt. Airy, N.C.

Born In Carroll County, Virginia, he was the son of the late Charles Ingram Alexander and Minnie Nicator Alexander Hamblin. He was also preceded in death by a son, Douglas Burnette and a number of sisters and brothers.

He retired from RAAP with over 30 years of service.

Clayborne is survived by

His wife – Shirley Jean Alexander – Wythe County

Children –

Ronald Burnette & wife, Linda – Pulaski

Jevonna Davis – Spring Hill – TN

Gary Alexander & wife – Teri – White House-TN

Wendy Waters – TN

Grandchildren –

Jessica (Kyle) Hodge, Heather Burnette, Kincie Burnette, Ryan (Bri) Weikel and Audrey Weikel

Great Grandchildren –

Roslyn Hodge, Charlie Hodge, Ginny Weikel, Ryan Wisdom, Liam Weikel, Alex Dorton and Kaige Dorton

Brother– Nathaniel Alexander – OH

Brothers-in-law – Henry Jennings – Pulaski County and Bobby Bates – Danville

Many nieces, nephews and extended family

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4, 2023 in the Bower Funeral Chapel with Pastor Mike Ingo officiating. Interment followed in the Draper Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery, Wythe

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**DAVID LEE ALLEN**

David Lee Allen, 76 passed away peacefully at home on October 1, 2023.

A lifelong resident of Pulaski, VA, David attended Calfee School and was a graduate of Pulaski High School. David began a career in healthcare in the 1970s at Pulaski Community Hospital, where he discovered the field of respiratory therapy that was his life's work. David worked in the hospital system for 25 years before establishing Allen Providing Healthcare Services, where he supported patients throughout Southwest Virginia and beyond with respiratory care services and home health equipment for nearly 30 years.

As a respiratory therapist and business owner, David contributed greatly to the community he called home. David was called into the ministry later in life, and pastored the Main Street Worship Chapel in Pulaski. He was known for his love of music and beautiful voice, both of which he used to share the glory of God through sermons and in song.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Charles E. Allen and beloved mother Iler Waugh Allen; two siblings, Helen L. Allen and Curtis E. Allen; and his daughter, Helen L. Allen. He is survived by four children, David "Junior" Lee Allen, Jr., Shenita Palmer, Brittany Allen, and Marcus Allen; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and five siblings, Elizabeth "Channie" Allen Villinger, James Allen, Charles Allen, Jr., Patricia Diane Allen, and Richard E. Allen. David also leaves behind a host of nieces and

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**TERRY WAYNE MCCOY**

Terry Wayne McCoy, 72, passed away peacefully at home on October 1, 2023, after a courageous two-year battle with a rare form of kidney cancer. He was preceded in death by his father, Bryce J. McCoy, and his mother, Frances A. McGhee.

Terry wore many hats in his family. His most important and beloved hat was as half of the team that he and his wife of fifty-three years, Brenda, made. They often finished each other's sentences and you rarely saw one without the other. Together, they provided a loving and supportive home where their family learned the value of honesty, hard work, and being open to new things. He was Dad to his son, Travis and daughter, Tracy, and their spouses, Tammy and Andy. He was Gramps to his four grandchildren, Carmen and Sarah McCoy, and Jack and Drew Johnson. His immediate family also knew him as Mr. Goodwrench, as there was never a problem he couldn't resolve. He was brother to Danny and wife, Sandra McCoy, and brother-in-law to Debbie and husband, Cliff Farlow. He was a caring and well-respected friend to extended family, classmates, and co-workers.

Terry was a proud retiree of Volvo Trucks North America with over forty years of dedicated service. He served in the National Guard for eleven years where he retired with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was also a member of Dublin United Methodist Church. He loved to travel, an exciting NASCAR race, a good book, and tackling any kind of home project with Brenda.

A service of celebration of Terry's life will be held at Dublin United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 7th, at 2pm. Visitation will be held for family and friends before the service from 1-2pm.

The family would like to thank friends, extended family, Blue Ridge Cancer Center, Carilion Clinic Home Care, and associated medical teams for their unwavering support during the past two years. Special gratitude to Dr. Michael McCormack and the oncology department at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist in Winston Salem, N.C. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Dublin United Methodist Church at PO Box 577, Dublin, VA 24084.

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

**Dublin lists holiday hours, garbage schedule**

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**DIXIE MYRTLE HARMON**

Dixie Myrtle Harmon, age 93 passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2023 in the Pulaski Rehab Center.

Born November 19, 1929 in Radford, she was the daughter of the late Frank & Inez Cox Sowers. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Linda Bennett and brother, Franki Sowers.

Dixie is survived by her Children Patsy (Dean) Lewerke – Iowa Falls, Iowa

Doris (Philip) Akers – Dugspur Sherry (Jerry) Selleck – Dublin Russell Shelburne – Virginia Beach

Sandy Howell – Radford

Grandchildren – Dena, Ann, Jamie (Brian), Brandie, Kaylee and Krista

5 Great Grandchildren

Brother – Joe Sowers – Christiansburg

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM – Friday, October 13, 2023 at the Bower Funeral Home-Chapel, Pulaski with Pastor Jim Holt officiating. Interment will follow at the Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin.

The family will receive friends one hour before service time Friday at the Funeral Home.

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

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

## Alexander

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County.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to St. Jude’s Childrens Hospital.

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

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

## Allen

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nephews, as well as the team that supported him at Allen Providing Healthcare Services.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 14, 2023, 1:00 pm, at Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church in Pulaski, VA, with a celebration of life gathering and meal to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in David’s name to Calfee Community and Cultural Center, Pulaski, VA.

Bower Funeral Home, Pulaski, is handling arrangements for the family. Online condolences can be made at [www.bowerfuneralhome.com](http://www.bowerfuneralhome.com).

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**MARGARET JANE MEADE**

Margaret Jane Meade, born April 21, 1935, to Gorge Eirven Lambert and Wancy May Lambert has passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, with her family by her side.

Margaret was a family loving lady who married the love of her life, Billy Joe Meade on June 5, 1984, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her death would be two sons, Larry Huff and David Huff. Two sisters, Mae Tabor and Louise Altmon and a brother, James Lambert.

Margaret was a hard working and determined woman with a huge heart that loved raising a home for her beloved children. Leaving behind to cherish her legacy are her daughters, Sharon Marshall of Holiday, Florida, Phyllis Huff of Christiansburg, Patsy Hackney (David) of Pearisburg, Sandra Chafin of Blacksburg, Janie McCoy (Dale) of Blacksburg. And son, Rodney Huff of Christiansburg.

Also surviving is a sister, Countess Harrison of Salem along with 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. She will also be missed by Max, her loving pup.

The family would like to express their gratefulness and love for the wonderful staff at Intrepid Hospice. Your love and care are greatly appreciated.

Funeral Services were Saturday, September 30, 2023, at the Norris Funeral Services, Pulaski Chapel located at 815 Randolph Avenue.

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

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

## Fairgrounds to host NRV horse show October 14

By DONALD TRAUSNECK  
SW Virginia Equine Reporter

Dublin’s New River Valley Fairgrounds will be the site of the NRV Horse Show Saturday, October 14, starting at 10 a.m.

The morning session will begin with open barrels, followed by youth barrels. Game classes will follow including egg & spoon, pole bending, potato race, ride-a-buck and costume class.

Following an intermission, there will be an afternoon session beginning not before noon consisting of 27 various Western and English classes.

Most of these classes are sanctioned by the Blue Ridge Horse Force.

Class entry fees will be \$9 with the exception of leadline (\$6) and the go-as-you-please jackpot (\$12).

A negative Coggins is required for any equine on the grounds. Vaccines are highly recommended.

Concessions will be sold by the Wythe County 4H.



**JO ANN ALLEN**

Jo Ann Allen, age 73 of Pulaski, passed away Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. Jo Ann was born in San Antonio, Texas on March 26, 1950, and was the daughter of the late Joe Allen and Arline Hayes Allen.

Jo Ann was an army brat and moved around all over the country. She finally settled in Pulaski County, Virginia. Sewing was her passion. She could create anything. Throughout her 50 plus years of sewing, she has made clothing, drapes, wedding gowns, tuxedos, and just about anything you could imagine. Many prom attendees, brides, and bridal atten-

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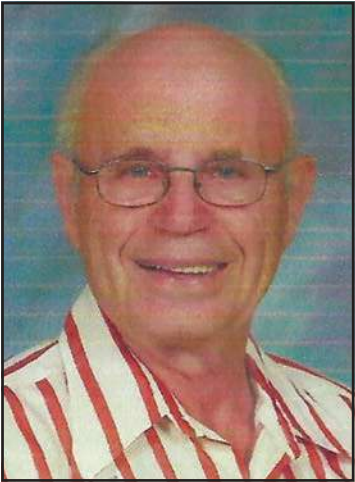
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dants have worn her creations for their special days.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Megan Blevins. She leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Connie (Dawes) Blevins of Pembroke, Robert (Melissa) Smith, Jr. of Dublin, and Katherine (Will) Harris of Radford: sisters; Ruby (John) Awbrey of Portland, Tennessee, and Barbara (Mark) Isaacs of Rutledge, Tennessee: brothers; Terry (Sherry) Allen of Taylorsville, Kentucky, Rich (Cindy) Allen of Louisville, Kentucky, and Joe (Cheryl) Allen, Jr. of Louisville, Kentucky. She leaves behind 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren, with one on the way as well as many close friends and her Cowboy Church family.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Seagle Funeral Home with Pastor Roger F. Crigger officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.seaglefuneralhome.com](http://www.seaglefuneralhome.com) Arrangements by Seagle Funeral Home, Pulaski. 540-980-1700



**NELSON MILLER WERT, SR.**

Nelson Miller Wert, Sr. age 92 of Pulaski, departed this life on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. He was a 1949 graduate of Lansdale High School in Pennsylvania. He was a member of the chess team and won three letters for doing so.

Nelson served in the Air Force from 1950 to 1953 and was stationed in Germany and North Africa.

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# Oversight panel Hearing on Maui Fires

As we approach the end of the fiscal year and approved government funding, many of us are working hard to cut spending. Because of the increased spending our nation is facing, we've seen a \$2.3 trillion deficit this year alone, adding to the overall \$33 trillion national debt.

Republicans are still working hard trying to come up with an agreement that funds our government, secures our southern border, and reins in spending. The Democrats, however, are not willing to help. I feel this is partly philosophical, but mostly it is because they believe that the government shutdown benefits them in the elections next year.



**Morgan Griffith**

9th District Representative

In the meantime, Congress is in session, and we continue to work on numerous issues of concern, while the spending debate continues.

For example, recently the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee, which I chair, held a hearing on the devastating Maui fires that occurred this past August.

Specifically, the Committee investigated what role Maui's electric infrastructure might have played in the events leading up to the fires.

Our witnesses included the Chairman of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission, the Chief Energy Officer of the Hawai'i State Energy Office, and the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hawaiian Electric.

As many of you may know, in early August a series of fires broke out on the island of Maui, including one that devastated the town of Lahaina on the west coast of the island.

As of now, at least 97 lives have been tragically lost and the damage caused by the fire is estimated at nearly \$6 billion.

It seems there were many known risk factors related to Maui's electric infrastructure which contributed to the likelihood of a wildfire.

Some wildfire experts have noted that dense, flammable non-native grasses have multiplied across the island in recent years, facilitating the deadly spread of the recent fires.

Some utility law experts argued that Hawaiian Electric waited too long to pursue important upgrades to harden and modernize the electric grid against wildfire risks. The reported slowness in replacing outdated and deteriorating poles (caused by weather, bug infestation, etc.) have also played a factor.

During my questioning, I focused on the actions taken by Hawaiian Electric on the morning of August 8th.

Weather reports from the National Weather Service stated that between August 7th and 8th the region would experience enhanced wind gusts and very dry conditions, issuing a High Wind Warning on the afternoon of August 7th. A Red Flag Warning was also issued, meaning that there was an even greater increased risk of fire.

During her testimony, Hawaiian Electric President and CEO Shelee Kimura stated that the company was aware of the Red Flag Warning, noting that they were aware certain areas were experiencing wind gusts of 80 miles per hour.

I asked Ms. Kimura when during the night the company learned exceptionally high winds were occurring. Even though she is the President and CEO of Hawaiian Electric, and knew she was coming to Congress to testify under oath, she could not tell us at what time the company learned dangerous winds were hitting western Maui.

My Senior Policy Advisor, JR Walker, quickly informed me that the National Weather Service had issued the Red Flag Warning at 4:42 a.m. on August 7th. This information is important as Hawaiian Electric did not deenergize their power lines on Maui until around 7 a.m. on the 8th.

By 6:37 a.m., a brush fire was reported as dry grass had caught fire due to sparks from downed power lines. Though thought to be contained by the Maui Fire Department around 9 a.m., the fire then flared up again around 3:30 p.m. This was the devastating fire in Lahaina that many saw on the news.

I was disappointed we could not get answers on the timeline leading up to the deenergizing of the power lines on Maui. Ms. Kimura could not even tell us how long it would take for the power lines to be safe after deenergizing.

We still have more questions than answers.

Hawaiians and all Americans should know what led to the fires and how to prevent something like this from happening again in our country.

The Committee will continue to investigate in the months ahead.

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). Also on my website is the latest material from my office, including information on votes recently taken on the floor of the House of Representatives.

## OPEN FORUM

### Support Adult Day Service

**To the editor,**

The Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center provides an ESSENTIAL service in Pulaski County and it needs your help.

This non-profit agency opened nearly 7 years ago and has helped numerous families ever since. It is the only licensed adult day care in Pulaski County and they can serve up to 30 people a day. Anyone who has been a caregiver to a family member or friend knows how exhausting it can be at times. In case you are not familiar with how this agency works, here is an abbreviated description. Those who provide caregiving services can bring a loved one to the facility for the day or for a few hours. This gives the caregiver a respite while the staff takes care of their loved ones. They offer various activities such as crafts, musical entertainment, reading and/or puzzle time, etc. Meals and snacks are also provided. Fall Prevention training is also offered and there is a nurse on staff. This is a short description of what this agency and staff do because they really do so much more. They are very dedicated individuals and take pride in providing the best care possible for their clients.

The Pulaski Adult Day Service and Fall Prevention Center is a 501c3 non-profit, NOT a governmental entity. This means it needs to receive 33% of its funding from donations to remain a non-profit. This agency is in danger of losing its non-profit status due to declining donations. Donations during COVID declined significantly and they have not bounced back. The agency participated in the Give Local campaign that was recently held but received minimal donations. We all know that there are a lot of elderly residents in Pulaski County who need assistance on a regular basis and this place fills that need. It provides a service that is desperately needed and it would be devastating to see it disappear.

If you are interested in making a donation to this agency, please send to 211 5th Street, P.O. Box 877, Dublin, VA 24084. You may contact Linda Davis at 540-307-5487 for any questions. If any civic organizations or church groups would like someone to provide a brief program on the agency, please let Linda Davis know that too. Thank you for your support.

**Kim Stafford Fairlawn**

### Supports Hager for Clerk

**To the editor,**

My name is Alice East, and I am a life-long resident of Pulaski County. I had the honor of serving the citizens

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## Election Letter Policy

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

**The Patriot**



## The High Cost of Illegal Immigration

What could you do with an extra \$1,156.00 this year? Would you use it to repair your car or a replace those worn-out tires on your family vehicle? How about paying down your credit card? Or maybe replacing a broken home appliance?

No doubt you would prefer to use it for your family rather than to cover the costs incurred by the millions of illegal immigrants, breaking federal laws, and pouring across our open borders. Although the numbers vary according to which reports you read, combining the federal, state and local levels, hard working U.S. taxpayers shell out approximately \$182 billion in expenses – which breaks down to approximately \$8,776 per illegal alien and their (citizen) children per year. Your share of these expenses is \$1,156.00.

Bringing these costs closer to home in Virginia, there are approximately 419,000 illegal aliens living in VA and 144,000 U.S. born children to illegal aliens. Illegal alien households add 123,443 students to local schools. The average cost to Virginians is \$5,038 per illegal alien per year. Illegal Immigration cost Virginia Taxpayers \$2.84 billion in 2023. That amounts to a burden of \$873 per Virginia household annually. Learn more at [www.FAIRUS.org](http://www.FAIRUS.org). Source: "The Fiscal Burden of Illegal Immigration on United States Taxpayers 2023"


## One Nation Under God

By Danielle Reid

You may hear rebuttals saying that illegals pay taxes, but it only amounts to \$32 billion at the combined state/local/federal level. That leaves the good hard-working taxpayers of America to cover the net fiscal cost of illegal immigration of approximately \$150.7 billion. These are staggering costs that should not be shouldered by tax paying American citizens. These costs don't include the significant impact on the U.S. citizens in the form of gang-related crime and trafficking of drugs and humans.

Let's examine some more staggering numbers. Since Joe Biden has been in office, and his open border policies have been in effect, illegal crossings at our borders equals more than 8,062,646, according to The Center Square's report last month. Here is their breakdown: When adding 6,547,514 official U.S. Customs Border Protection (CBP) total national apprehensions and confirmed 1,454,805

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**Rich Lowery**

Editor, National Review

## Biden VP pick worst in 50 yrs.

Poor Kamala Harris. The alleged misogyny that is tearing at her vice presidency apparently extends to highly partisan Democratic leaders such as Jamie Raskin and Nancy Pelosi.

Both of them caused ripples when their praise for Harris in recent TV interviews was notably cool, as if they were at a high-end fundraising dinner and hated the escargot but had to try to convince the hostess that they really loved it.

The Biden campaign reportedly contacted both Raskin and Pelosi. The Maryland congressman revised his remarks to say that Harris is "unquestionably the best running mate for President Biden in 2024," while the former House Speaker's office pointed to the favorable things she said about Harris in her initial interview.

What Raskin and Pelosi clearly know, if they can't say it out loud, is that Joe Biden botched his vice-presidential pick; it is the worst pick in half a century and easily one of the worst in the last 80 years.

As Democrats begin to realize Biden's political weakness, with Donald Trump barreling down the pike, Harris is one of the factors -- although not the main one -- keeping them from doing anything about it.

What if someone did convince Biden to step aside for the good of the party? Well, that might open the way for Harris herself to become the nominee. In other words, out of the pan and into the fire.

Even if she lost in an open nominating process, it'd be quite the spectacle for Democrats to turn away a potentially "historic" presidential nominee for someone else.

So, she's at least a playing a role in the propping up of what may prove the weakest incumbent presidential candidate since George H.W. Bush.

This isn't the only downside. Harris is going to be an issue next year because everyone realizes there's a significant chance that Biden wouldn't be able to serve out a full second term.

Typically, a vice president's popularity matters only for his or her own political ambitions; this time, it could make a difference in the presidential race because her standing is, in a word, abysmal.

In the new NBC News poll, the theme of which is that Biden and Trump are both abidingly unpopular, Harris is right there with them. At 31%, her positive rating is lower than both of theirs, and her negative rating, 51%, is higher than Biden's.

The bar Biden needed to clear in his vice-presidential pick wasn't high. He either needed a political nonentity or a popular entity who ideally had some governing credibility; instead, he went with the unpopular nonentity.

How does this rank with prior bad choices? As it happens (funny how this works), the most maligned recent picks are all Republicans.

Let's run through them. Sarah Palin was not suited to be president of the United States but was

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of Pulaski County for 17 years as a Master Deputy Clerk in the Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

Based on those years of experience, I am proud to endorse Terri Nicewander-Hager as the next Clerk of Circuit Court. I spent my entire career in the Clerk's Office working daily beside of Terri. She was an amazing person when she helped train me as a new Deputy Clerk. She was always available and willing to help me in any way needed.

As a Master Deputy Clerk, I understand the magnitude of the position for which Terri is running. There are over 860 duties that fall under the office of Clerk of Court. Yes, over 860 and the Clerk must have the knowledge and full understanding of each of those duties as voted on by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Circuit Court Clerk's Office is an office of record and are responsible for housing all recordings involving land records, probate of estates, issuance of marriage license, concealed handgun permits, adoptions, divorces and many other types of documents and cases filed with the Court. Terri has over 21 years of experience and knowledge of each of these duties. She has extensive experience in each area of the daily operations of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. I feel that Terri is the best candidate for the office of Circuit Court Clerk based on her extensive experience.

Terri is a life-long resident of Pulaski County. She is married to Karl Jefferson (Jeff) Hager, and they are the parents of 2 sons. Terri and Jeff are also small business owners in Pulaski County.

I wholeheartedly support Terri Nicewander Hager for election as the Clerk of Circuit Court.

Alice East

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# Supports Cullip for Cloyd District

**To the Editor:**

Andy Cullip has farmed for over 30 years and in those 30 years he also operated numerous businesses as well as worked a regular manufacturing job. All of this is no easy task. And in those years, he and his wife raised a family here. He also served as a volunteer firefighter, stayed active in the Pulaski County Farm Bureau and currently serves as President, and he served on numerous county boards.

What is the definition of "salt of the earth"? If you describe someone as the salt of the earth, you have a lot of respect for them as the type of person who deals with difficult or demanding situations without making any unnecessary fuss. The Merriam Webster dictionary definition of salt of the earth is: a very good and honest person or group of people very good, honest, and reasonable, and not thinking you are special in any way.

Andy Cullip fulfills this definition with a quiet, strong, straightforward demeanor which he will carry into the job of Cloyd District Supervisor for Pulaski County.

His heart is truly in helping the citizens of Pulaski County live the best lives they can by supporting and promoting proposals for the betterment of our present educational system, providing economic development projects for good jobs for Pulaski County, and promoting honesty and transparency in Pulaski County. Vote Andy Cullip this November 7th.

C. Wayne Hall  
Fairlawn

**Supports Stafford for Cloyd District**

**To the editor,**

Chris Stafford is seeking re-election for the Board of Supervisors for the Cloyd District of Pulaski County during the election on November 7, 2023. Chris has done an excellent job as a member of the Board of Supervisors. As we may remember, Chris was

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gotaways from January 2021 through April 2023, and at least 60,327 gotaways, illegal border crossers since Biden's been in office totals at least 8,062,646. This means between 8,000,000 – 10,000,000 illegals are breaking into our country daily. This is shameful.

Think of it this way. As a population comparison, the known number of illegal immigrants matches or exceeds the population in each of these states: Indiana – 6,852,542; Missouri – 6,186,091;

**Supports Rygas for Clerk of Court**

**To the editor,**

Hello fellow citizens of Pulaski County, my name is Jill Neice and I am a long-time resident of the Town of Pulaski. I would like to take this opportunity to speak directly to you about our upcoming local government elections and tell you why I am personally endorsing Spencer Rygas for Clerk of Circuit Court.

I have known Spencer and his family for many years and am privileged to call him a close friend. Spencer and his family are some of the most generous and truly kind people I have ever met. I have also had the great fortune to call him a co-worker and have benefitted from his vast knowledge and expertise. On many occasions I have sought his counsel on professional and legal matters and found his guidance to be both accurate and thorough. The broad scope of his experience, in both the private and government sector, has been an invaluable asset.

More importantly, as a citizen of Pulaski County I have experienced his commitment to our community. The Clerk of Circuit Court is an incredibly important constitutional position and plays a vital role in the success of our local government and our community as a whole. I hope that on November 7th, you will join me in supporting Spencer Rygas as our next Clerk of Circuit Court.

Jill Neice  
Pulaski

Maryland – 6,154,710; Wisconsin – 5,904,977 and Colorado – 5,868,555.

According to a former Border Patrol Agent, thousands of migrants from Venezuela, Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador are trying to enter the country. In case you haven't heard, we have organized gangs from these countries who smash-and-grab retail stores, and recently are scoping out wealthy communities and employing the same tactics to burglarize the entire community – while those good hard-working American citizens are at their jobs.

The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) stated in a recent report, "...that every concerned American citizen should be asking our government why, in a time of increasing costs and shrinking resources, it is spending such large amounts of money on individuals who are not authorized to be in the United States." For excellent reporting, go to: <https://www.fairus.org/issue/publications-resources/fiscal-burden-illegal-immigration-united-states-taxpayers-2023>

Biden is blaming Congress, and most everyone else is blaming Biden for not stopping the invasion of illegals across our nation's borders. At these staggering numbers, you can't call it anything else other than an invasion. Why are we welcoming people who illegally come into our country and watch them plant the flag of the

nation they just left, on American soil? Isn't that what an army, intent on invading and conquering another nation, does?

Additionally the ruthless cartels are well-coordinated and well-armed militia with munitions and military-type equipment. They set up and spy on our Border Patrol, taking every opportunity to smuggle drugs and people into our country. Some have fired on our Border Patrol from their side of the Rio Grande. Several Border Patrol have referred to it as war.

Our U.S. Constitution provides for protection against invasions in Article IV, Section 4. "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence."

If our Founders realized the lack of federal action could be a detriment to its citizens, and provided a way to fix the problem, isn't it way past time to demand that the current administration shut down the border until these issues can be properly addressed? We're not saying all illegal immigrants are bad people – only that as a sovereign nation, we should have the right to determine who crosses our border. Article IV, Section 4 of our Constitution gives us that right.

Biden-Harris ticket.

Prior to that, you probably have to go back to Henry Wallace, whom Democrats thankfully dumped in 1944 after he served one term as FDR's vice president. Wallace's views on the Soviet Union were criminally naive and disqualifying for any high official of the United States.

Wherever you rank Kamala Harris, there's no doubt that she's a poor selection that Democrats will almost certainly have to tolerate because of an ideological trap of their own making.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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a Hail Mary in a basically unwinnable race, so we should discount that pick for inconsequence. Dick Cheney was a governing choice who, despite all the obloquy heaped on him, performed admirably. Dan Quayle's reputation was destroyed by the press, but he didn't play into George H.W. Bush's fate one way or the other.

I think to find a worse major-party pick -- and actual vice president --you have to go back to Spiro Agnew. At least, as far as we know, Harris hasn't been taking kickbacks that will force her to resign -- in fact, she may be the relatively ethical half of the

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"I think Sabrina will bring a positive change to the Pulaski County School Board. She has a strong, conservative financial background and a strong desire to see that all of our children in Pulaski receive the best education possible. Sabrina has the common sense and fortitude to protect parental rights and ensure all children have a safe and welcoming school environment. While Sabrina does not think parents should run the schools she will be an advocate for parents being informed and involved. She will stand strong to protect our values of hard work, personal accountability and trustworthiness."

*Jeff Reeves,*  
*Board of Supervisors • Robinson District*

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# Virginia State Plan for Aging Services released

(RICHMOND, Va.) — The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) released the new Virginia State Plan for Aging Services, which examines current and future needs of older Virginians.

Developed every four years by DARS, this plan fulfills federal requirements to receive Older Americans Act funding through the Administration for Community Living and state law requiring a Virginia strategic aging plan. The plan is effective Oct. 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2027.

DARS’ multi-method approach included conducting a statewide needs assessment, engaging with stakeholders and soliciting public comment.

DARS conducted the Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults, hearing from almost 9,000 older Virginians about their needs and preferences.

“The Commonwealth is committed to elevating aging services and this plan equips us with the priorities and resources needed to make Virginia a great place to grow older,” said Secretary of Health and Human Resources John Littel.

“This comprehensive plan serves as a blueprint to enhance the lives of older Virginians so that they can comfortably age in their own homes and communities,” said DARS Commissioner Kathy Hayfield. “Serving as the backbone of the aging network, Virginia’s 25 area agencies on aging provide vital services, such as home-delivered meals, in-home services and caregiver supports.

Last year, they served 69,000 Virginians. DARS is proud to uplift their work through this plan.”

Virginia Center on Aging at Virginia Commonwealth University

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**To the editor,**  
I begin by asking the question of why I [if I were a Pulaski County citizen] would vote for Sabrina Cox to represent my district on the County’s School Board.

First, some history. Sabrina is a lifelong resident of Pulaski County and attended grades K thru 12 in the public school system, along with her 2 siblings. More recently, she is the mother of 2 daughters who have been students in the public school system for the last 16 years, combined.

Additionally, Sabrina became a substitute teacher in the Pulaski County School System 6 years ago and has classroom experiences at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels.

Sabrina has already achieved a combined total of 29 years of interacting with the Pulaski County School System, either as a student, a parent, or a substitute teacher. She has first-hand knowledge of the current functions and services which the school system is providing to the

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citizens of Pulaski County.

Hers has not been an arms-length relationship, rather a hands-on one where she has been in the classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, libraries, gyms, offices, parking lots and breakrooms. Being a parent and part-time employee has provided her the opportunity to engage in numerous conversations with the students, other parents, teachers, counselors, principles, librarians, coaches and key support staff. Many of these conversations have revealed some concerns and brought to light some topics of interest that many people feel are not receiving adequate attention from the current School Board. All of these individuals represent the main ingredient which helps our school system to operate smoothly, efficiently and effectively

year after year.

When Sabrina’s voice is heard in her first meeting as a member of the School Board, she wants it to be not only her own voice, but that of the school staff, any concerned parents, and the community as a whole that she represents. She feels she has an opportunity to extend her 29-year record of involvement with Pulaski County’s school system, and has the qualifications and dedication to perform such an important leadership role on the Pulaski County School Board. I think those are excellent reasons why I would vote for her.

I wish her the best! She deserves to win!

Everett Hurst,  
Troutville

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elected in a special election to fill Joe Guthrie’s term on the board.

Chris’s experience as Director of Finance and Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business Operations for the school system enabled him to gain much valuable experience as he proved his ability to do the best for all those living in Pulaski County. He proved his excellent ability to serve the residents of the county in many areas.

It has been evident during the past year while on the board that he has had the interest and ability to serve all citizens and make decisions that are in the best interest of residents. Chris has the desire to help in any way he can to improve and make changes necessary to make Pulaski a very desirable place to live. He has been a resident of the county all his life, attended the school system and graduated from Pulaski County High School in 1986. He has excellent credentials with advanced degrees holding a Master’s

in Business Administration from Radford University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from Virginia Tech.

I have found Chris to be an excellent listener and he has proven that he will listen to the concerns of any citizen who need his opinion and advice in solving any situation in the county.

After Chris has studied the concern of a citizen and has completed his research and findings, he will get in touch with the individual and give a report as of his findings and help resolve the situation.

Chris has my vote and I encourage voters to cast their vote on November 7 for Chris Stafford to allow him to continue to serve as the excellent member of the board as he has proven himself since November, 2022.

Sincerely,  
Shirley G. Cook  
Fairlawn

## Wirt

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rica before returning home and being discharged. Nelson and Mary Nance were married in 1954 and they lived in Pennsylvania and Virginia before settling in Pulaski, Virginia. He learned the plastering trade from his father and brother and pursued that trade until 1987 when he became disabled.

He was very active in the Former Eastern Star Chapter 113 for years, serving in different stations. He was an active member of the Former Pythagoras Masonic Lodge #239, A.F. & A.M., where he proudly received his 25-year pin and certificate and served as steward until the lodge closed and merged with Snowville Masonic Lodge #159 A.F. & A.M., where he was given an active-honorary membership. Nelson was also involved in several support groups in the Pulaski area, over many years. He was a proud member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pulaski, where he served on the church council and was an active member in the men’s group.

He was preceded in life, by his parents: Charles Alfred Wert and Violet Freed Wert, brother and sister-in-law; Richard and Joan Wert, their stepson Shawn Wert, sister;

Kathryn Quinn, all of Pennsylvania, and a sister-in-law; Francis Hufford from Waynesboro, Virginia; brother; Charles Wert of Red Hill, Pennsylvania

Nelson is survived by his son; Nelson Miller Wert, Jr. of Pulaski; sister; Dorothy Tomlinson of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Memorial service will be held Friday, October 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Jessica Darty officiating. Interment will be privately held later in Oakwood Cemetery beside his wife. Military Honors will be held for his service to the Air Force. The family will receive friends on Friday, October 6, 2023 at the church from 1:00 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. Snowville Masonic Lodge #159, will conduct Masonic burial rites beginning at 1:45 p.m. in the church. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Men’s Group or to the church’s youth group.

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# Aging

Submitted by John Spangler

## PHS Class of '63 Holds 60th Reunion

The Pulaski High School Class of 1963 met on September 16th for their 60th class reunion at Thorn Springs Golf Course and Event Center. Classmates enjoyed a buffet and lively conversation; memories were shared, and friends remembered.

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sity held 31 in-person and virtual focus groups and interviews with older adults, caregivers, advocacy organizations, aging and long-term care service providers, universities and state agencies. The center also conducted an analysis on older Virginians needs as evidenced in state and national data, trends and reports.

The University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center Demographics Research Group compiled demographic data on older adults to assist with updating the funding formula for area agencies on aging and to create a more robust depiction of older Virginians.

With nearly two million adults aged 60 and older in Virginia, some emerging findings were:

- Older residents contribute \$38.5 billion annually to their communities and the commonwealth through paid and unpaid work
- About 79 percent of older residents rated their overall quality of life as excellent or good
- Older Virginians listed their top concerns about aging in place in their current homes as: financial reasons (52%), health reasons (44%) and the home not being suited for aging in place (27%)

- Other overall concerns reported included:
  - o Housing needs (45%)
  - o Access to information (42%)
  - o Financial challenges (30%)
  - o Mobility or transportation needs (24%)
- 41 percent of older Virginians are estimated to need assistance with chore services, such as heavy housework or yard work
- 37 percent of older Virginians are estimated to need home repairs or maintenance assistance, such as door or window repairs or weatherization

DARS has used these findings to help obtain a three-year, \$1.17 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant for home modifications for older adults living in rural areas. DARS anticipates that the plan and accompanying data and materials will support a coordinated effort across the public and private sectors to better serve older residents.

To access the State Plan for Aging Services and related materials: <https://vda.virginia.gov/stateplans.htm>

To learn more about aging services in Virginia or to find your local area agency on aging: <https://easyaccess.virginia.gov/> or [www.dars.virginia.gov](http://www.dars.virginia.gov) or call 2-1-1.



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# Pyramid

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treat them regardless of their location, regardless of the severity of their needs and regardless of their ability to pay.”

Nelson Smith, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Development services, arrived late but still fulfilled his duties as the Keynote speaker for the event.

“Virginians are dying,” declared Smith. “They’re dying because the don’t have access to care. They’re dying because they don’t know how to get into behavioral healthcare spaces.”

Smith went on to tout Governor Youngkin’s new Right Help Right Now program, which is designed to help Virginians with behavioral issues. Smith emphasized the importance of the 988 aspect of the initiative, which offers help to those in crisis simply by dialing that number. Until now, the task of dealing with those experiencing mental health crises had primarily been the responsibility of law enforcement, which has led to some less-than-



William Paine/The Patriot

County and state representatives joined Pyramid Healthcare executives in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Pyramid Healthcare at the New River Valley facility in Fairlawn.

ideal outcomes.

“I want to scream it from the mountain tops,” Smith declared. “988 is more than just a phone number. Matter of fact, Virginia leads the nation in the roll out of our Crisis System. So, it’s someone to call, someone to respond and somewhere to go. We also connect them to care in places like

this.”

“When you dial 988, someone will pick up,” Smith continued. “We receive over 8,000 calls a month now and it’s getting bigger and bigger. 93% of those calls are resolved on the phone. Most often, people just need to hear a voice. We’re building out Crisis Receiving Centers all over the Commonwealth, so Virginians will have a place to go and this place fits nicely with ‘somewhere to go.’”

Pyramid Healthcare representatives all praised the Youngkin administration’s efforts in reducing the ‘red tape’ in the licensing process for this type of facility.

“I’ve seen the Governor’s initiative of easing regulation in action,” said Tomat. “It used to take two years to get a license. It took two weeks for this place. Our goal is that when someone picks up the phone and needs help, that they will be in a bed in 24 hours. That’s in every single state that we serve, including this one.”

Pyramid Healthcare CEO Jonathan Wolf, who founded the company in 1999, also said a few words before the ribbon was cut.

“I’m a Hospital Administrator by training and for years, I just wanted to shake people and say, the elephant in the room is behavioral health care,” said Wolf. “People have substance abuse and mental health disorders and that’s what’s causing all these people to come into our emergency rooms and all of the people going to our

jails. So, 25 years ago, I said, ‘To hell with it, I’m doing it myself.’ I put two loans out on my house and bought one facility and poured everything into that. We hired the best clinicians we could find with the mission that we could do things better.”

“The problem with behavioral health care is that the vast majority of people that need help, never receive it,” Wolf continued. “It was our mission to fulfill that need and we’re not doing too bad. We now have 85 facilities but the mission stayed the same ... just to help people build better lives. So, in honor of the thousands of patients that will come through these doors, let’s cut some ribbons.”

The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce’s, Shannon Ainsley dutifully provided the oversized scissors and the ceremonial ribbon was cut. Afterwards, Marco Tomat took the day’s visitors on a tour of the facility.

“The building was purchased for \$4 million and we’re putting that same amount in renovation costs,” said Tomat. “This place served folks with behavioral health issues, substance abuse and psych issues for many years before it got converted over to something else. So, when our CEO John Wolf saw it, he saw almost immediately how we can just convert it back over to doing

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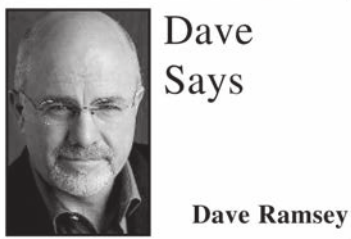
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# When You Nickel and Dime Things, Nothing Gets Done Well

**Dear Dave,**  
 I'm currently on Baby Step 2, and I have about \$7,000 in debt to pay off before I can move to bulking up my emergency fund in Baby Step 3. When you're paying off debt, what do you recommend for 401(k) contributions?

**Rae**  
**Dear Rae,**  
 I recommend putting a temporary stop to investing while you're getting out of debt. Lots of people are shocked by this advice, and some disagree with it, because they're afraid of missing out on their employer's match or the wonders of compound interest. But before we go any further, let me emphasize one thing. The key word here is temporary. Baby Step 1 is to save \$1,000 as a starter emergency fund. Baby Step 2 is paying off all of your debt, except for your home, from smallest to largest using the debt snowball plan. During this time you're attacking your debt



Dave Says

Dave Ramsey

with incredible intensity, and putting every penny you can scrape together toward paying it off. Working my plan, the average person can pay off all their debt, except for their home, in 18 to 24 months. Some folks can do it faster, and for some it takes a little longer. But during this time I want your financial focus to be on nothing but getting out of debt. Once that's done, you'll find you have a lot more control over your biggest wealth-building tool—your income. Trying to accomplish too many things at once diminishes the ability to focus. And when you spend all your time nickel-and-diming

everything, the result is that nothing at all gets done very well. You need to really move the needle and see results, because personal finance is 80 percent behavior and only 20 percent head knowledge. It's not so much a math issue, because if you'd been doing the math all along you wouldn't have a bunch of debt. That's why, for a short period of time, I want you to concentrate with laser intensity on knocking out debt. Once that's out of the way, you can pour even more money into investing, saving and giving!

— Dave

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

# Affordable health screenings coming to Dublin Oct. 13

Residents living in and around the Dublin, Virginia can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Dublin Lions Club will host this community event on 10/13/2023. The site is located at 600 Dunlap Rd in Dublin. Screenings can check for:

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# Pyramid

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 this kind of business.” When Supervisor Dirk Compton asked when the facility would be open, Tomat said that 20 patients had already been admitted to the facility and were currently housed at the other end of the building. “We started admitting about eight weeks ago,” said Tomat. “Clients roughly stay here about 30 days, some a little bit shorter and some a little bit longer. Right now, we’re licensed for 60 patients. That’s just on this floor. We’ll have another 60 on the third floor and another 40 downstairs.” Currently, the facility is serving individuals who are stepping down from a higher level of withdrawal symptoms but when fully staffed, Pyramid Healthcare at the New River Valley will treat those with more intense withdrawal symptoms. When asked if patients will be completely drug free when they leave the facility, Tomat said that each case is different. Some clients will be seen as a good ‘fit’ for Medically Assisted Treatment, which includes suboxone and methadone. “It’s all individually guided on what the client’s needs are and our clinician’s assessment of them as well,” said Tomat. “You have to have a special license to provide methadone and we don’t have that license, nor are we looking to seek it. Some of our clients do use suboxone. They come here looking for it. They want to be placed on it. It’s called induced, and then they want to be stabilized on it. But we don’t we don’t have an ongoing relationship with them here because we’re not an outpatient suboxone clinic. We’re basically

stabilizing the client while they’re here, getting through those first 30/60 days of treatment and then setting them up to go home and continue treatment or to a sober living.” At full capacity, the Pyramid Healthcare at the New River Valley will employ approximately 160 individuals. “You have to have nursing staff,” stated Tomat. “You have to have clinicians and therapists to do the counseling and do the intake assessments and to do the treatment plans and discharge plans. We have to have case managers and staff here that supervise the clients 24/7 and everyone must be background screened. We also have to have cooks and drivers. Right now, our biggest problem is we can’t find enough cooks for our kitchen but we’re also having difficult time finding clinicians.”

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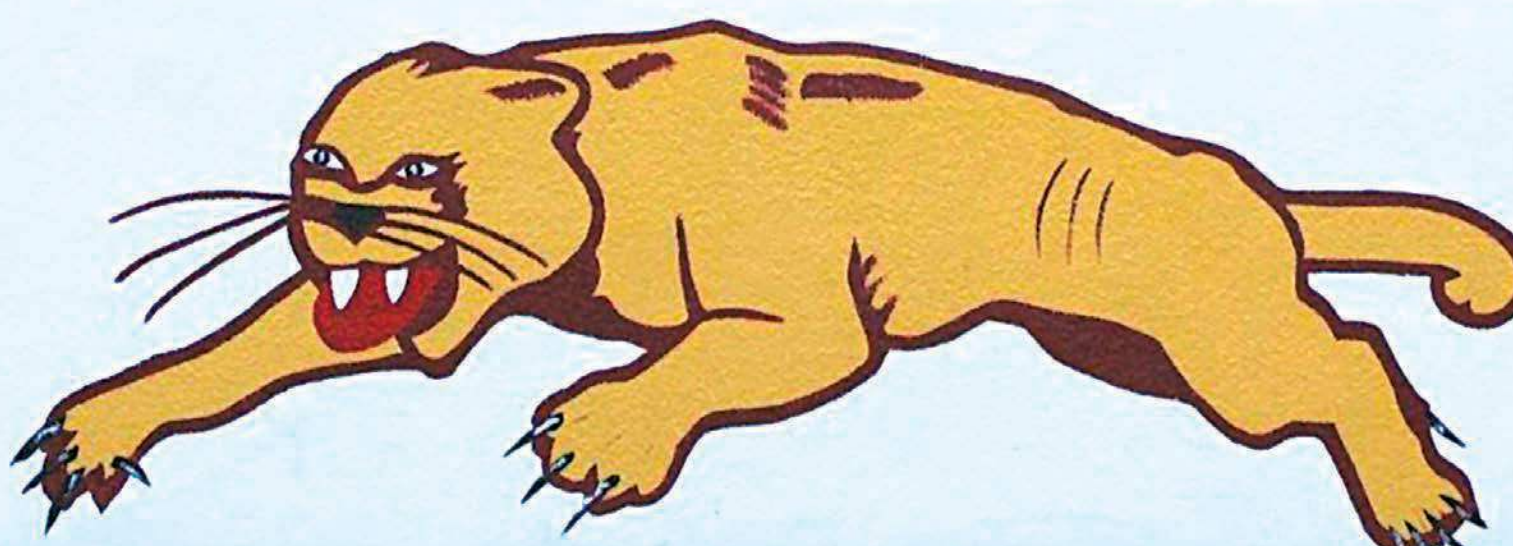
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Antonio Nottingham/The Patriot

Cougar offensive lineman Noah Hinkley (55) looks to clear the way for Trevor Gallimore as quarterback Chris Gallimore trails the play.

# SALEM’S COMING TO TOWN

## *Cougars haven’t beaten the Spartans in 14 straight contests*

By MIKE WILLIAMS  
The Patriot

The mighty Salem Spartans roll into Dublin this Friday to face the Cougars in Dobson Stadium.

The Spartans lost to Liberty Christian Academy in their season opener this season, but have pretty much had their way with their past five opponents – including Hidden Valley who Salem plastered last week, 51-0.

The Cougars are coming off a tough loss to Patrick Henry, 48-22.

PH bounced back from their first loss of the season to beat the Cougars behind Marcel Murray and Kwalei Carter’s seven touchdowns.

The Patriots jumped out to a 13-0 lead just after the start of the second quarter before the

Cougars would get on the scoreboard on a three-yard run by Trevor Gallimore. Kicker Bryant Nottingham picked up a bobbled snap on the PAT try and took it into the endzone for the two-point conversion to make it 13-8.

Following a Nottingham interception to give the Cougars back the ball, the do-everything-Nottingham just missed on a 35-yard field goal try to send the Cougars into the locker room still within striking distance of the Patriots.

Patrick Henry scored to open the second half for a 20-8 lead before Pulaski County answered again when Chase Lawrence took it in from four yards out. The Nottingham kick was good and the Cougars only trailed, 20-15.

From there, however, PH would pour it on scoring three TDs in a row to build their lead to 41-15.

Pulaski County added another



Antonio Nottingham/The Patriot

Linebacker Savion Thompson won’t let go of this Patriot ballcarrier’s journey during last Friday’s game.

er score by Gallimore – a 5-yard scamper. Nottingham added the PAT and the Cougars trailed by a 41-22 score.

PH would add another score for the final, 48-22.

Gallimore led the Cougars’ rushing attack with 29 carries for 153 yards. Quarterback Chris Gallimore added 15 carries for 35 yards, Lawrence contributed five

carries for 34 yards, Isaiah O’Dell added five carries for 19 yards and Tyler Underwood chipped in two carries for seven.

Marcus Reed caught two passes on the night for 14 yards.

The loss dropped Pulaski County to 1-4 on the season.

The Cougars continue their tough 2023 season Friday at 7

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## WEEK 6 Schedule

Week 7 of the region’s high school football games for Friday, Oct. 6:

Auburn at Bath County, 7 p.m.  
Giles at George Wythe, 7 p.m.  
Glenvar at Patrick County, 7 p.m.  
Blacksburg at Christiansburg, 7 p.m.  
Fort Chiswell at Grayson County, 7 p.m.  
Staunton River at Lord Botetourt, 7 p.m.  
Roanoke Catholic at Bland County, 7 p.m.  
Carroll County at Alleghany, 7 p.m.  
Parry McCluer at Narrows, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Pulaski County, 7 p.m.  
Eastern Montgomery at Craig County, 7 p.m.  
James River at Radford, 7 p.m.  
Northside at Franklin County, 7 p.m.  
George Washington at Martinsville, 7 p.m.  
Marion at Abingdon, 7 p.m.  
Hidden Valley at Cave Spring, 7 p.m.  
William Byrd at William Fleming, 7 p.m.  
Liberty at Jefferson Forest, 7 p.m.  
Magna Vista at Gretna, 7 p.m.  
Tunstall at Bassett, 7 p.m.  
Rural Retreat at Lebanon, 7 p.m.

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

## High School Football Scores

- Abingdon 49, Central Wise 12  
Albemarle 45, Fluvanna 24  
Altavista 56, Appomattox 16  
Amelia County 28, Nandua 12  
Arcadia def. Chincoteague, forfeit  
Atlantic Shores Christian 42, Nansemond-Suffolk 21  
Battlefield 45, Unity Reed 0  
Benedictine 35, St. Christopher’s 5  
Bethel 21, Kecoughtan 0  
Brentsville 22, Liberty-Beaeton 11  
Brooke Point 35, Stafford 34  
Buckingham County 52, Randolph-Henry 0  
Carroll County 14, James River 0  
Castlewood 40, Northwood 30  
Chancellor 21, James Monroe 0  
Clarke County 21, Catocin, Md. 14  
Colonial Forge 14, Massaponax 7  
Cosby 49, Richmond 0  
Deep Creek 30, Hickory 14  
East Rockingham 47, Rockbridge County 35  
Eastern View 27, North Stafford 8  
Eastside 28, J.I. Burton 14  
Episcopal 28, Collegiate-Richmond 7  
Essex 51, Charles City County High School 0  
Floyd County 28, Patrick County 9  
Fort Defiance 57, Waynesboro 26  
Fort Hill, Md. 28, Briar Woods 0  
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Franklin County 26, Brookville 22  
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Gretna 34, Dan River 0  
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Hayfield 46, Falls Church 0  
Henrico 17, Armstrong 0  
Heritage (Lynchburg) 40, Northside 7  
Hermitage 36, Deep Run 0  
Honaker 36, Chilhowie 8  
Huguenot 26, James River 0  
James Madison 21, South County 14  
James Wood 28, Meridian High School 16  
John R. Lewis 41, Edison 0  
Kettle Run 28, Millbrook 24  
King George 21, Courtland 14  
Lafayette 29, Grafton 0  
Lake Braddock 43, W.T. Woodson 15  
Lake Taylor 15, Booker T. Washington 14  
Langley 33, George Marshall 10  
Lebanon 24, John Battle 14  
Lloyd Bird 17, Powhatan 10  
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Loudoun Valley 42, Rock Ridge 14  
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Mountain View 27, Riverbend 21  
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Yard Sale: Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to ??? at 124 6th Street, Dublin.

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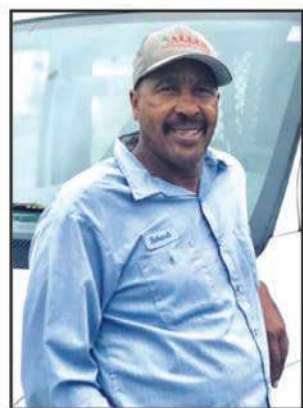
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Please contact Austin Painter, Project Manager, for further information:  
Work Cell : (540) 824 – 5601  
Email : [apainter@pulaskitown.org](mailto:apainter@pulaskitown.org)

The Bid document may be obtained by going to [www.pulaskitown.org](http://www.pulaskitown.org) Bids and RFP page. All sealed bids are due by October 20, 2023 by 2:00 PM. All responses received after the date and time will not be considered. All hard-copy deliveries shall be made to the following Town of Pulaski Engineering Department address: 42 1st Street NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Note: This public body does not discriminate against faith-based organizations in accordance with the Code of Virginia, § 2.2-4343.1 or against an offeror because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment. "MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit proposals".

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF NON-JUDICIAL SALE

October 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Online and at the Historic Train Station  
TAX DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 58.1-3975, the following properties will be offered for sale at a simulcast live and online public auction. The auction will begin online and will close with in-person and online bidding on October 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., live at the Historic Train Station (20 S. Washington Avenue, Pulaski, Virginia 24301). Please visit [bid.forsaleatauction.biz](http://bid.forsaleatauction.biz), or call (540) 899-1776, for more information and to bid online. If interested bidders are unable to participate online, please call for assistance in placing your bids.

Name	Description	Parcel Numbers
Frank E. & Mildred F. Jones	419 Altoona Heights	072-032-0074-0015
Ricardo Massie	948 4 <sup>th</sup> St. NE	072-051-0228-0019
Donald Boysaw	Lot Randolph Ave.	072-032-0001-0059
James D. & Janice M. Spence	639 First St. NW	072-017-0105-005A
Mary Ollie Bocock	127 State Alley	072-017-0105-0007
Ninian & Edith Dickerson	138 Pierce Ave.	072-022-0165-0008

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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OWNER(S)	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP NO.
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Marty Wayne Hill	1765 Case Knife Rd	080-008-0000-036A
Shawn E. Cook	205 Prospect St. W	081-018-0000-009A
Patricia Nixon	503 S. Jefferson Ave.	081-007-0128-0001
Burnham P & Diana H. Jackson	306 Cliff St.	081-002-0104-0019
Edna B. Isbill	44 7 <sup>th</sup> St. NE	072-051-0036-007A
Sharon K. Kemp	126 Pinnacle St.	071-011-0000-0020

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## LEGAL NOTICE



### Public Notice Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing to consider two applications for the Month of October. In accordance with the Code of Virginia, the Board of Supervisors will host a public hearing on these petition(s) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 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;

1. Rezone Application submitted Thompson & Litton on behalf of Gary Hancock, rezone a portion of Tax Map 083-001-0000-0036 from Low Density Residential (LR) to Medium Density located at 6172 Cecils Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA 24347
2. Proposed text amendments to the Pulaski County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

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

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

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# Virginia High School League Football Rankings

High School	Class	Region	District	-----VHSL-----			-----District-----			Rating
				Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	
Region	3D									
Magna Vista	3	3D	Piedmont	5	0	0	2	0	0	24.40000
Christiansburg	3	3D	River Ridge	5	1	0	2	0	0	22.66667
Lord Botetourt	3	3D	Blue Ridge	4	1	0	0	0	0	22.40000
William Byrd	3	3D	Blue Ridge	4	1	0	0	0	0	20.60000
Bassett	3	3D	Piedmont	3	3	0	1	1	0	18.83333
Abingdon	3	3D	Mountain 7	3	3	0	2	1	0	16.83333
Staunton River	3	3D	Blue Ridge	2	3	0	0	0	0	16.20000
Pulaski County	3	3D	River Ridge	1	4	0	0	2	0	16.00000
Northside	3	3D	Blue Ridge	2	3	0	0	0	0	15.80000
Carroll County	3	3D	Three Rivers	2	4	0	1	1	0	15.66667
Cave Spring	3	3D	River Ridge	2	4	0	1	1	0	15.50000
Tunstall	3	3D	Piedmont	1	5	0	1	1	0	12.83333
Hidden Valley	3	3D	River Ridge	0	5	0	0	1	0	12.80000

High School	Class	Region	District	Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	Rating
Region	2C									
Radford	2	2C	Three Rivers	6	0	0	2	0	0	23.66667
Glenvar	2	2C	Three Rivers	4	1	0	0	1	0	19.60000
Gretna	2	2C	Dogwood	4	1	0	2	0	0	19.40000
Chatham	2	2C	Dogwood	4	1	0	1	0	0	18.80000
Patrick Co.	2	2C	Three Rivers	4	2	0	1	1	0	17.83333
Nelson County	2	2C	Dogwood	4	2	0	0	2	0	16.16667
Floyd Co.	2	2C	Three Rivers	2	4	0	2	0	0	15.83333
James River (B)	2	2C	Three Rivers	3	3	0	0	2	0	15.66667
Dan River	2	2C	Dogwood	2	3	0	0	1	0	14.80000
Appomattox	2	2C	Dogwood	1	5	0	0	2	0	13.83333
Liberty (Bed)	2	2C	Seminole	0	5	0	0	2	0	11.20000
Martinsville	2	2C	Piedmont	0	6	0	0	2	0	9.66667

## Scores

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Riverheads 24, Christiansburg 21  
Rural Retreat 24, Patrick Henry 14  
Rye Cove 31, Lee High 26  
Salem 51, Hidden Valley 0  
Sherando 40, Warren County 13  
Skyline 27, Fauquier 20  
Smithfield 35, York 12

South Lakes 49, Chantilly 14  
Spotswood 21, Broadway 7  
Stuarts Draft 26, Buffalo Gap 0  
TJHS 62, John Marshall 0  
Tabb 34, New Kent 0  
Tazewell 48, Grundy 8  
Tennessee, Tenn. 42, Gate City 13



Thomas Dale 31, Dinwiddie 28  
Thomas Walker 44, Unaka, Tenn. 26  
Tunstall 40, Martinsville 13  
Turner Ashby 61, William Monroe 14  
Twin Valley 16, Bland County 14  
Union 40, Twin Springs 7  
Varina 60, Mechanicsville High School 0  
Warwick 42, Heritage 0  
West Point 33, Colonial Beach 14  
West Springfield 49, Alexandria City 20

Westfield 45, Wakefield 7  
William Byrd 14, Cave Spring 12  
William Campbell 31, Nelson County 6  
William Fleming 42, Halifax County 21  
Wilson Memorial 14, Staunton 7  
Woodgrove 28, Independence 0  
Woodstock Central 28, King William 14  
Yorktown 28, Centreville 21

## JOBS



### Pulaski County Wildfire Mitigation Crew Member

Applications are now being accepted for the position of a part-time Wildfire Mitigation Crew Member. This position will carry out hazard fuel reduction projects through thinning, brush disposal and prescribed burning; participates in and presents public education programs; may respond to wildfire assignments as part of an organized crew; participates in training activities, station and equipment maintenance and performs other support and related duties. Non-exempt, part-time on call/seasonal position that is grant funded and also driven by the workload and weather. The hourly rate for the position is \$15.00 per hour and is compensable upon education and experience. There are no benefits associated with this position.

Interested applicants may view the full job description and apply by submitting a Pulaski County Employment Application located on the County Website at [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org) to [tnichols@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:tnichols@pulaskicounty.org) or apply at their local VEC.

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## JOBS



### Job Opening Pulaski County Library Youth Services Assistant, Part-time

The Pulaski County Library is now accepting applications for a Youth Services Assistant whose primary duties include the provision of library services to preschoolers, school-aged children, and young adults (teens); for example, preschool story times, programs and activities for the youth, and the Summer Reading Program. This position will work closely with the Youth Services Librarian, assisting her in providing services to the youth of the community. It will also include some library circulation duties. Must possess at minimum an Associate's Degree; a Bachelor's Degree is preferred with library experience or work experience with children, parents, schools and daycare centers as well as knowledge of children's literature. A background check as well as a drug and alcohol screening is required.

This position is part-time, requiring 25 hours per week with some evenings and weekends. The hourly pay will be \$16/hour. Interested individuals may review a full job description and apply at the appropriate Virginia Employment Commission Office or download an application from [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org) and remit to Tammy Nichols, Human Resources Director at [tnichols@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:tnichols@pulaskicounty.org).

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### Pulaski County Emergency Management Disaster Reservist

Applications are now being accepted for the position of a part-time Disaster Reservist. The purpose of the Disaster Reservist (DR) position is to provide Incident Management Support (IMS) logistical, clerical, and equipment readiness preparation and training assistance to Pulaski County. The DR works within the Emergency Management organizational guidelines; under the direction of the Emergency Management Coordinator, reports the progress of major activities through periodic electronic and written correspondence, conferences, and meetings. In addition, the DR may be utilized by the Emergency Management Coordinator to assist with local event planning and incidents.

This position is non-exempt, with an hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour and is compensable upon education and experience. A background and drug/alcohol screening are also required for this position.

Interested applicants may view the full job description and apply by submitting a Pulaski County Employment Application located on the County Website at [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org) to [tnichols@pulaskicounty.org](mailto:tnichols@pulaskicounty.org) or apply at their local VEC.

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# NASCAR lists schedules, broadcast times for '24

Staff Report  
NASCAR Wire Service

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - NASCAR today announced the 2024 schedules, start times and networks for the NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series. NASCAR will etch another first into the record books in 2024 when the Cup Series visits Iowa Speedway in the nation's Heartland, the latest installment in a trend that has seen Cup Series debuts at the Chicago Street Race, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and World Wide Technology Raceway – among other venues – in recent years.

The 7/8-mile short track in Newton, Iowa hosted the Xfinity Series and CRAFTSMAN Truck Series from 2009 to 2019, but this time the sport's biggest stars in the NASCAR Cup Series will head to Iowa on Sunday, June 16, 2024, airing live on USA Network at 7 p.m. ET.

"NASCAR is committed to delivering an annual schedule that continues to be bold and dynamic across all three national series while maintaining the famed destinations that our fans love," said Ben Kennedy, NASCAR Senior Vice President of Racing Development and Strategy. "The 2024 NASCAR national series schedules strike a great balance between visiting many of our traditional tracks that continue to put on a great show, and newer locations like our first Cup race in Iowa and our highly anticipated return to the streets of Chicago that create 'bucket list' moments and attract new fans to America's leading motorsport."

The 2024 Cup Series season will commence with the already announced third installment of the Busch Light Clash at the Coliseum in Los Angeles, Calif. on Sunday, Feb. 4 on FOX

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# NASCAR

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and FOX Deportes at 8 p.m. ET. For the first time in Cup Series history, a NASCAR Mexico Series race will precede the main event on Sunday afternoon featuring the most talented drivers from Mexico’s premier motor-sports series.

The running of the 66th annual DAYTONA 500 at Daytona International Speedway again marks the start of the Cup Series regular season on Sunday, Feb. 18, airing live on FOX at 2:30 p.m. ET.

Some additional highlights to the NASCAR Cup Series schedule worth noting are both 2024 races at Richmond Raceway will now take place in prime time – the first on Easter Sunday, March 31 (7 p.m. ET, FOX) and on Sunday, August 11 (6 p.m. ET, USA Network).

NASCAR also returns to the concrete high-banks at Bristol Motor Speedway for the spring race (Sunday, March 17, 3:30 p.m. ET, FOX).

The NASCAR Cup Series’ annual All-Star Race (Sunday, May 19, 8 p.m. ET, FS1) will return to historic North Wilkesboro Speedway. Kyle Larson took home the \$1 million prize this season in NASCAR’s return to the venue for the first time since 1996.

Round two in the streets of Chicago will be on Sunday, July 7 (4:30 p.m. ET, NBC), which saw Shane van Gisbergen take the checkered flag in an action-packed 2023 event.

NASCAR will also return to the traditional oval at The Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the Brickyard 400 on Sunday, July 21 (2:30 p.m. ET, NBC) after a three-year stint running the road course.

The NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs will begin one week later in 2024, with the regular season finale taking place at Darlington Raceway (Sunday, Sept. 1, 6 p.m. ET, USA Network) and Daytona International Speedway hosting the penultimate race of the regular season (Saturday, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m. ET, NBC).

The opening race of the NASCAR Playoffs will be at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Sunday, Sept. 8 (3 p.m. ET, USA Network) with the crowning of a champion in the desert at Phoenix Raceway on Sunday, Nov. 10 (3 p.m., NBC). Watkins Glen International (Sunday, Sept. 15, 3 p.m. ET, USA Network) will also join the NASCAR Playoffs mix and help set the tone in a new-look Round of 16.

The Xfinity Series schedule is highlighted by a triumphant return to Iowa Speedway on Saturday, June 15 (3:30 p.m. ET, USA Network) – the series’ first visit to the short track since 2019.

The NASCAR Xfinity Series will also have an update to the Playoff schedule, visiting Talladega Superspeedway for a second time in 2024 on Saturday, Oct. 5, which will air live on NBC at 3:30 p.m. ET.

The Xfinity Series will also join the Cup Series on the

## Cougars

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p.m. at home against Salem.

The Cougars haven’t beaten Salem now in 14 seasons. Last season, Pulaski County fell, 49-14. The last time Pulaski County won the rivalry game was in 2010, 21-13.

Salem will be led by Tennessee commit Peyton Lewis who scored three touchdowns on offense and two on special teams in their rout of Hidden Valley.

He piled up 112 yards on just eight carries and added an 82-yard kickoff return for six and a 50-yard punt return for a TD.

Jayveon Jones added 68 yards on 11 carries and a TD. Josiah Persinger had two interceptions and Jaelyn Allen had two sacks on defense.

Head coach Don Holter’s team also includes Chris Cole, who will line up as a receiver on offense and a linebacker on defense. He’s headed to Georgia to play for the Bulldogs.

streets of Chicago for the second consecutive year over the Fourth of July Weekend (Saturday, July 6, 2:30 p.m. ET, NBC).

Bristol Motor Speedway and Kansas Speedway will swap stops on the schedule, with The Last Great Colosseum becoming the regular season finale (Friday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m. ET, USA Network) and the Playoffs opener taking place at Kansas Speedway (Saturday, Sept. 28, 3:30 p.m. ET, USA Network).

The CRAFTSMAN Truck Series will return to Martinsville Speedway for the penultimate race in the Round of 8 (Friday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m. ET, FS1), setting the stage for the finale at Phoenix Raceway on Friday, Nov. 8 (8 p.m. ET on FS1). Additionally, Richmond Raceway becomes the regular season finale (Saturday, Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m., FS1) while Milwaukee Mile Speedway returns to the schedule – this time as the Playoffs opener on Sunday, Aug. 25 (4 p.m. ET, FS1).

Some additional shuffling of the postseason includes, Kansas Speedway becoming the first cut-off race in the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series Playoffs’ Round of 10 (Friday, Sept. 27, 8:30 p.m. ET, FS1) and Talladega Superspeedway becoming the opening race in the Round of 8 (Friday, Oct. 4, 5 p.m. ET, FS1).

For tickets to 2024 NASCAR events, visit [www.nascar.com/2024schedule](http://www.nascar.com/2024schedule).

# Meet The Cougars

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



**Assistant Coach Joshua Fleenor**  
Defensive Line  
**Wife or significant other:** Kathy Ratliff (fiance’)  
**Children:**  
**Lives in NRV**  
**Coached:** Four seasons at PCHS  
Outside of football, he enjoys weight lifting, fly fishing and running  
He is an Auburn graduate and played at Emory & Henry  
He is a fan of the Tennessee Titans and E&H  
As a coach, he enjoys having a positive impact and building lasting relationships.  
**Future plans:** Become a principal.



**Aiden Moore**  
**Age:** 16  
**Grade:** 11  
**Parents/Guardians:** Ebony and Quan Franklin  
**Siblings:**  
Lives in Fairlawn  
Favorite Subject in School: Personal fitness  
**Hobbies/Things you do outside football:** Track and fishing.  
**Positions:** right guard, right end  
**Other sports:** Track  
**Like most about football:** Hitting  
**Favorite college, pro teams:** Virginia Tech, Seattle Seahawks  
**Future plans:** College for physical therapy



**Aden Drummond**  
**Age:** 15  
**Grade:** 10  
**Parents/Guardians:** Kim and Adam Drummond  
**Siblings:** Alexis  
Lives in Pulaski  
**Favorite Subject in School:** Math  
**Hobbies/Things you do outside football:** Video games, swim, biking  
**Positions:** LT, DE  
**Other sports:** Track  
**Like most about football:** Friends  
**Favorite college, pro teams:**  
**Future plans:** Mechanic



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Cougar quarterback Chris Gallimore calls the play in the huddle against Patrick Henry last Friday night.

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# Radford dominates Glenvar to remain unbeaten

By ELIZABETH KANIPE  
The Patriot

Coming off its biggest victory of the season last week against the undefeated Alleghany Cougars, Radford turned their focus toward the next undefeated team when they faced Glenvar Friday night. Glenvar had won the last three meetings with Radford, the last two won on the last play of the game. Radford came into Friday's game focused on victory.

Glenvar took the opening kickoff and moved into Radford territory but a fumbled handoff was recovered by Bobcat Reece Honaker to give the Bobcats the ball. On the next play, JD Grubb went off the right tackle and sprinted 51 yards to flip the field. Landen Clark would hit Luke Woodard on a quick screen from 3 yards to give Radford the early lead. Woodard intercepted a Glenvar pass on their third play of the next possession to give the Bobcats another chance to score quickly. Sincere Taylor would take the handoff and then reverse direction and throw to the back of the endzone to Max Kanipe for a 28 yard touchdown. Bobcats took an early 15-0 lead.

The Bobcat defense forced a quick punt to take over near mid-field. Clark found Jaden Hendricks on 3rd and 20 for a 43 yard catch that put Radford inside the 10 yard line. Clark would run it in from 4 yards out to finish the

drive and put the Bobcats up 22-0 with 31 seconds left in the first quarter. Glenvar drove the ball into Radford territory on the next drive but failed to convert on 4th and 1 which turned the ball back over to Radford. The Bobcats moved into Highlanders territory on several Grubb runs. Clark found Brandon Thompson wide open on 4th and 14 for a 28 yard TD catch. The Bobcats were rolling, up 29-0 halfway through the 2nd quarter. Aided by two Radford penalties, Glenvar would get to the Bobcat 18 where Carl Muse kicked a 35 yard field goal as time ran out to make the halftime score 29-3.

The Highlanders recovered their onside kick to gain momentum to start the second half. The momentum was quickly stopped when Clark intercepted the Glenvar pass and returned it 67 yards for his second pick-6 in as many weeks. Radford led 36-3 early in the third quarter. The teams traded possessions but that ended the scoring for the game.

Radford took advantage of four Glenvar turnovers by scoring on all but one of those possessions. Clark completed 10 of 16 passes for 149 yards and 2 touchdowns. Grubb ran 11 times for 105 yards. Kanipe caught 4 passes for 71 yards and 1 touchdown and a 2 point conversion.

Radford returns home Friday for Homecoming and will host James River.



Elizabeth Kanipe/The Patriot

#7 Landen Clark makes a one-hand grab and intercepts the Glenvar pass.



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Radford's defense holds Glenvar on 4th down to turn the ball over on downs. #77 Ricky Bailey, #59 Dawson Martin, #62 Reece Honaker, #22 Sam Khandan-Barani

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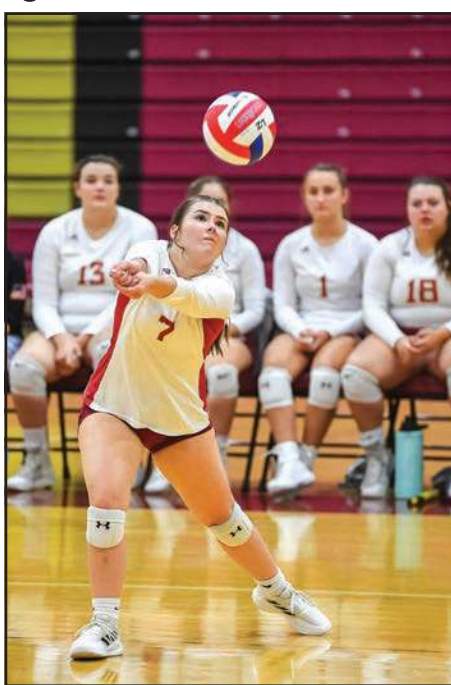
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# Cougar volleyball falls to B'burg on Senior Night



Maggie Shartzler



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The Pulaski County Cougars varsity volleyball team came up short on Senior Night against Blacksburg 3-1. The Cougars are 3-12 on the season, but are much improved over the previous years, losing several close matches. These ladies are the Cougars' eight senior members of the team.

*Photos by Brian Bishop/The Patriot*



Jacey Hendrix



Josey Smythers



Leah Keefer



Madison Williams

# Blaney wins YellaWood 500 thriller to advance

By Holly Cain  
NASCAR Wire Service

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Ryan Blaney's No. 12 Team Penske Ford crossed the finish line about a foot ahead of Stewart-Haas Racing's Kevin Harvick to claim victory in a thrilling final 10-lap push to the YellaWood 500 checkered flag at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway on Sunday.

With the crucial Playoff win — Blaney's third on the famed 2.66-

mile high-banks — the driver of the No. 12 Team Penske Ford punched his ticket to the next round of the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs after being points away from elimination at the Talladega green flag three hours earlier.

Blaney led eight laps on the day but was out front the final two laps to secure the win by a slight .012-second — about the length of a tire — over former series champion, Harvick, who is retiring at the end of the season. It's the 29-year old

Blaney's second trophy of the season and ninth of his career.

"I don't really know, pretty wild last restart, let alone last couple laps," said a smiling Blaney, who admitted he wasn't sure if he won until his spotter confirmed. "Kinda lost momentum, then getting it back, got clear to the bottom to kind get to the front row and drag race it out with Kevin [Harvick]. It's so cool to win here three times at Talladega.

"I won it by more than I had the

last couple years," Blaney conceded with a laugh. "You just don't know. You have to drag race to the line and hope you get help. William [Byron] gave me a pretty good shove on the bottom."

"This is such a special place to win at so I cannot wait to go to Victory Lane," he said.

Kevin Harvick's No. 4 Ford failed post-race inspection, resulting in a disqualification. As a result, he was moved to last place in the running order. Playoff drivers Byron, who drives the No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet, and Denny Hamlin, who drives the No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota finished second and third. Spire Motorsports' Corey Lajoie was fourth — his third career Top-5 finish — just ahead of a multi-car accident just before the finish line.

Blaney's Penske teammate Austin Cindric, Hendrick's Chase Elliott, Kaulig Racing's Justin Haley, Harvick's teammate Ryan Preece and Front Row Racing's Riley Herbst — making only his fourth career NASCAR Cup Series start — rounded out the Top-10.

It was a typical action-packed 'Dega day with 70 lead changes among 24 drivers. Blaney's teammate Joey Logano led the most laps (24) but finished 25th.

Seven drivers led double-digit laps, but only one of those — Byron — was a Playoff driver.


Hamlin's fourth place final effort was especially impressive considering he was issued a pit road penalty mid-race and had to recover from being a lap down.

"Not how we drew it up, but a dub (W) is a dub (W) and that was a dub (W) in our book," Hamlin said. "As close as it gets to it. Made a statement bringing me a car fast enough for us to win. And obviously when I had to go there, I could, and just made the right moves at the right time and a Top-5 is a long way from where we were with about 15 laps to go."

Blaney joins last week's Texas winner Byron with victories in this three-race Playoff round to earn a position in the next eight-driver round. Hamlin's rally — after running outside the Top-20 for much of the middle of the race — keeps his position atop the Playoff standings (50 points) among those 12 drivers still Playoff eligible.

JGR's Christopher Bell, who finished 15th, remains fourth in the championship standings. Roush Fenway Keselowski driver Chris Buescher, who finished 20th at Talladega, is ranked fifth. Hendrick's Kyle Larson, who finished 16th Sunday, holds a 17-point edge on the eight-driver cut-off line tied with regular season champion Martin Truex Jr., who finished 19th at Talladega.

Brad Keselowski, one of two Playoff drivers to suffer a DNF on Sunday, still holds a slim two-point edge on Tyler Reddick for that eighth and final transfer position going into next week's race at the Charlotte ROVAL, which will determine which eight drivers advance to the penultimate three-race round to set the Championship Four field.



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# Fifth graders enjoy another Ag Day in county

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The program is hosted by the Pulaski Farm Bureau, Virginia Cooperative Extension – Pulaski, and the Pulaski County High School and Pulaski County Middle School Future Farmers of America (FFA) programs. The coordinators for the event are Cynthia Hurst, Morgan Paulette, and Chris Lichty.

Students arrived at 9 a.m. to rotate through 15 stations located throughout the livestock and agricultural area of the fairgrounds. Those stations had discussions and displays on horticulture, sheep and goats, poultry, beef, meat science, forestry, dairy, horses, soil and water conservation, beekeeping, tractor safety,

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and outdoor recreation. Another station taught students about the work of the New River Resource Authority. Another discussed nutrition. One station was about local agriculture and also served as a break booth, offering students a healthy snack of locally source milk, cheese, and apples.

Each station was operated by volunteers, who were also assisted by the FFA students. Other FFA student served as group leaders to take the different groups through the rotation of stations. Mother Nature even chipped in, with a flight of geese in their normal V-formation flying through as students watched.

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# Tools at rest wins Sept. photo club challenge

Three colorful ladders at rest against a grey building won the Radford Photo Club theme category, Scene at a Picnic, at the September meeting. The photo, aptly titled, “3 ladders: will wait for work,” was taken by e.n. hinrichs of Blacksburg.

The winning photo in the open category was “Bee on a Forget Me Not blossom,” taken by Joyce Sims of Radford in her garden.

A program about Cityscapes was presented by Michele Borgarelli of Blacksburg, an international award-winning photographer and a club member. He showed examples of urban photography with the detail that makes them cityscapes rather than environmental photos. He said that composition and lights are essential to conveying a message. “Photographing at the ‘golden hours’ helps to create depth. Photographing at the blue hour and by night also provide opportunities for creating a special atmosphere and some intimacy with the urban elements,” he said. Finally, he suggests that works on projects, rather than single images, give an opportunity to organize the work in a way that can help to tell a story.

People attending the next meeting are challenged to submit three single images, each conveying a story, and three images that combined tell a story. Digital images that can be loaded onto the laptop are preferred but 8x10 prints can also be an option.

The Radford Photo Club is made up of professional and amateur photographers from throughout the New River Valley. Meetings, events, and outings are open to the public. The next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. at Radford Public Library.

If you have questions, email Lucy Gilmore at [lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com](mailto:lucyg.gilmore@gmail.com) or Michele Borgarelli at [mborgarelli@gmail.com](mailto:mborgarelli@gmail.com).



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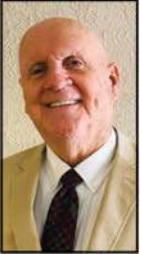
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# The Church, Persecuted but Not Destroyed

Acts Chapter 12 in a very thought provoking and fascinating book in the Bible. In this Chapter we see the harsh, cruel persecution of the Church growing with each passing day. It became so intense that the turn out to Church Services in Jerusalem was declining. The Jews hated the Christians and were persecuting them on every hand. To add to the utter dismay of the Christians, King Herod Agrippa, the puppet king of the Roman Empire, joined in with more oppression.

The Christians however faced the fiery trial of their faith by leaning on God and receiving renewed courage and strength to stand firm against intimidation and maltreatment.

Our God is an ever present help in times of trouble. He’s always there for us to help us get through the difficult times in our lives. When we run into opposition, adversity, persecution, or any other fiery trials of our faith, we can call upon God and our prayer answering God will send help from above. We can look unto the hills from whence cometh out help. Our help cometh from the Lord Which made Heaven and Earth. (Psalm 121:1) And God, Who never leaves us or forsakes us will always be there for us to help us through the lowest places of our lives.

When we lift up our eyes towards heaven, the place of the habitation of our God, and call upon His holy Name for help, we can expect to receive the deliverance that we need. Prayer changes things. God changes things. There is great power in heartfelt prayer and we ought to pray always. I came upon this great saying posted by Jennifer Flanders who is one of many who have also quoted it. “If you only pray when you’re in trouble, you’re in trouble.”

As Christians, we ought to always be praying, both during the good times and the bad times of our lives. We ought to stay prayed up. And if we are prayed up, then we know that when we call upon God for His help, that He’ll be with us to help us through the most trying times of our lives and to put down all evil that would rear its ugly head against us.

King Herod Agrippa began a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem. He had James killed. James was an Apostle and one of the chief leaders of the Church at Jerusalem. When Agrippa saw that it pleased the Jews, meaning the Jewish Religious Establishment, those who had plotted against Jesus and caused Him to be crucified, he had Peter captured and locked up in a prison. The Church had already been suffering persecution by the Jewish Religious Leaders, and now they were also persecuted by the civil Authority.

The word [persecute] means to hurt; to mistreat; to harass; to subject someone to hostility and ill-treatment; to oppress; and to trouble persistently.

His main target was the Leaders of the Church. James was the brother of John, one of the sons of Zebedee, and Herod had him executed. Next he went after Peter. He wanted to execute Peter as well. He thought if he could cut off the head, the body of Christ would die. If he could destroy the pillars of the Church, the Apostles, that the whole building would fall. However, the Apostles were not the real head of the Church. Jesus Christ, our resur-

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>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>Dublin Christian Church</b>  5605 Dunlap Road  P. O. Box 1330  Dublin, VA 24084  (540) 674-8434  www.dublinchristianchurch.com  Charles Pruett  Minister  Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  Sunday Evening Youth and Children’s Meetings 5:00 p.m.  Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  Wednesday Night Bible Study, Youth and Children’s Classes 7:00 p.m.</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>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>Snowville Christian Church (DOC - Disciples of Christ)</b>  5436 Lead Mine Rd.  Hiwassee, VA 24347  Pastor: Jerry King  Website:  www.SnowvilleChristianChurch.com (and Facebook)  Office: 540-633-3761  Email:  office@SnowvilleChristianChurch.com  Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.  Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.  “Inspiring hope, helping people grow their faith, and sharing God’s love with others!”</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>First Missionary Baptist Church</b>  7318 Manns Drive  Fairlawn, Virginia 24141-8524  (540) 639-5331  email: fmbc1872@verizon.net  Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Goodman, Sr.  Associate Minister:  Rev. Annette Cheek  Clerk: Mrs. Carlotta Lewis  Sundays:  Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  The Lord's Supper - Each First Sunday  Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dublin United Methodist Church</b>  P.O. Box 577  424 East Main Street  Dublin, VA 24084  Pastor: Rev. Don Shelor  540.674.5128  email: dublinumc@gmail.com  Sunday Worship Times: 9:00 &amp; 11:00 am  Sunday School: 10:00 am</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>Draper’s Valley Presbyterian (PCA)</b>  2755 Old Baltimore Road,  Draper, VA 24324  Senior Pastor: Rev. Roland Mathews  Interim Pastor: Rev. David Gilleran  Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:15 p.m.  Wednesday Youth Groups and Adult Prayer &amp; Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  Phone - 540-994-9015  e-mail - drapers.valley@dvpca.org  website - www.dvpca.org  Sunday Morning Worship Live-Stream • 10:30 a.m. (or anytime on YouTube)</p>	<p><b>Max Creek Baptist Church</b>  3000 Old Route 100 Road, Draper, Va. 24324  www.maxcreek.org  www.facebook.com/maxcreekbaptist  Senior Pastor: Mike Coleman  Youth Minister: Charlie Prince  Sunday Services  Sunday School: 10 a.m.  Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  Teen Social and Class: 5 p.m.  Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  Wednesday Bible Study &amp; Classes:7 p.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>Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA</b>  2 Fifth Street, N.W., Pulaski  540-980-3624  Pastor: Rev. Jessica Darty  trinitypulaski@gmail.com  Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  (Sept. - May)  Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  (June - Aug.)  Sunday Worship Live stream on Facebook  Bible Study: Wednesday, Noon  www.trinitypulaski.org</p>	<p><b>Pulaski Church of God</b>  1621 Bob White Boulevard  Pulaski, VA 24301  Pastor Donald Jones  540-980-8880  www.pulaskicog.church  Sunday Services  Sunday Life Groups: 9:30 a.m.  Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  Wednesdays Midweek Connect: 7 p.m.</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>Trinity United Methodist</b>  Pastor: Bill Schoeneman  540-695-0054  Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.  Bible Study - Wednesday, 7 p.m.  528 5th Street, S.E.  Pulaski, Va.  Phone - 980-0820</p>	<p><b>Randolph Avenue United Methodist Church</b>  1607 Randolph Avenue  Pulaski, VA 24301  Pastor: Rev. Dr. Elston McLain  Worship Service: 11 a.m.  Phone: (540) 980-8775</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>Grace Ministries Church of God of Prophecy</b>  1021 Macgill Street  Pulaski, VA 24301  Church: 540-980-2118  Cell: 276-233-8083  Bus Ministry: 540-230-2485  www.pulaskigracemin.com  Email: pulaskigracemin@hotmail.com  Pastor Mike Williams  Children's Ministry  Aaron &amp; Becky Sampson  Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  Children’s Church 10:30 a.m.  Men’s &amp; Women’s Ministry Wed. 6:30</p>	<p><b>Pulaski Christian Church, Inc.</b>  4531 Brookmont Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  www.pulaskichristianchurch.com/  Rev. Kathy Warden, Pastor,  (540) 250-2974  Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  Worship 11 a.m.  Worship 7 p.m.  Monday Bible Study 7 to 9 p.m.  Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</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>First Baptist Church</b>  220 Magazine Street  Pulaski, VA 24301  540-980-3336  Email: firstbaptist220@gmail.com  Pastor: Rev. Douglas Patterson  Sunday School 10 a.m.  Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  Monday’s Child Youth Group, Monday Evening 6 p.m.  Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dora Highway Baptist Church</b>  321 Dora Highway  Pulaski, VA 24301  Pastor: Harry Gunter  Worship Service: 11 a.m.  Phone: (540) 320-0738</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>Faith Bible Church</b>  110 LaGrange Street, Pulaski, VA 24301  Pastor: Jim Linkous  Associate Pastor: T.J. Cox  540-980-5433  www.facebook/faithbiblechurch  Sunday School: 10 a.m.  Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  Sunday Children’s Church: 11 a.m.  Sunday Evening: 6 p.m.  Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.  Children’s Meal: 6:30 p.m.  Children’s &amp; Youth’s Group Classes: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>New Hope Chapel</b>  1555 Case Knife Road, Pulaski, VA 24301  Pastor Darrell Gray  (276) 733-6080  Service Times  10 a.m. Sunday School  11 a.m. Sunday Service</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>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>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>		

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rected Lord, is the head of the body of Christ, the Church.

Severe and cruel persecution caused many of the Christians to leave Jerusalem and to move to other parts of the world to escape it. God allowed the persecution because it caused the Christians to leave Jerusalem and to go into the uttermost parts of the earth to preach the gospel, thus fulfilling their part of the great commission. God brought good out of the bad, proving again that all things work together for good, to them who love the Lord, who are the called according to His purposes. Some of God's greatest promises are fulfilled while we are going through the greatest fiery trials of our lives.

Our faith is sometimes tested to the limits, because where there is faith, it is sure to be tested. The bible says we are not to think it strange when our faith is tested by a fiery trial. Everyone's faith is tested at times, to give us the opportunity to prove that our faith is genuine. Its then we turn to God for strength and it is through the fire that our weakness is made strong.

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; we are assaulted but not defeated. Cast down but not forsaken. Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." (2 Cor. 4: 8-10)

Persecution of the Church always causes the Church to Grow. Jesus said, the gates of hell would not prevail over His Church.

The Church can't go under for going over.

## Bible Trivia

1. Is the book of Malachi (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. What color is the great throne on which God sits while passing final judgment? Gold, Silver, Purple, White
  3. In II Timothy 3, all scripture is given by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Blessing, Reproof, Willingness, Inspiration
  4. According to Paul, who pretends as an angel of light? The unholy, Satan, Herod, The wicked
  5. Which epistle warns against patronizing prostitutes? Luke, Romans, 1 Corinthians, Philipians
  6. "What" of the spirit is the word of God? Sword, Praise, Love, Lamp
- ANSWERS: 1. Old, 2. White, 3. Inspiration, 4. Satan, 5. 1 Corinthians, 6. Sword
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Wednesday - Adult Bible Study and Youth Group - 7 p.m.

**Bob White Boulevard Baptist Church**  
3826 Bob White Boulevard  
Pulaski, VA.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:30 p.m.  
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[first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com](http://first-dublin-presbyterian-church-eco.com)  
Pastor:  
Mary Ann Armbrister  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

**New Dublin Presbyterian Church**  
5331 New Dublin Church Road  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
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### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Psalms 28:3

Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts.

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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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Sunday Worship 10:45 am  
KidsZone 10:45 am  
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10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm

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1749 Newbern Road  
Pulaski, VA 24301  
Pastor Frank Peters  
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Worship: 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
980-3798

**New Hope Church**  
3050 Lee Highway  
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Services:  
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Sunday's 2nd Service - 11 a.m.  
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Church Phone: 540-980-5506

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**First Christian Church of Pulaski**  
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Pulaski, VA 24301-4618  
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Pastor: Timothy Moore  
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Worship: 11 am

**Aldersgate United Methodist**  
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(540) 980-1349  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

**Pathway to Heaven Worship Center**  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 434  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Physical Address: 7889 Cleburne Blvd.  
Dublin, VA 24084  
Pastor Winfred Keene - Phone 540-239-8092  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening Worship Service: 7 p.m.

**St. Edwards Catholic Church**  
Corner of N. Washington Ave. and  
7th Street N.W., Pulaski  
Phone: 980-6511  
Fax: 980-6511  
Priest: Fr. Francis Boateng  
Mass: 11 a.m. Sunday

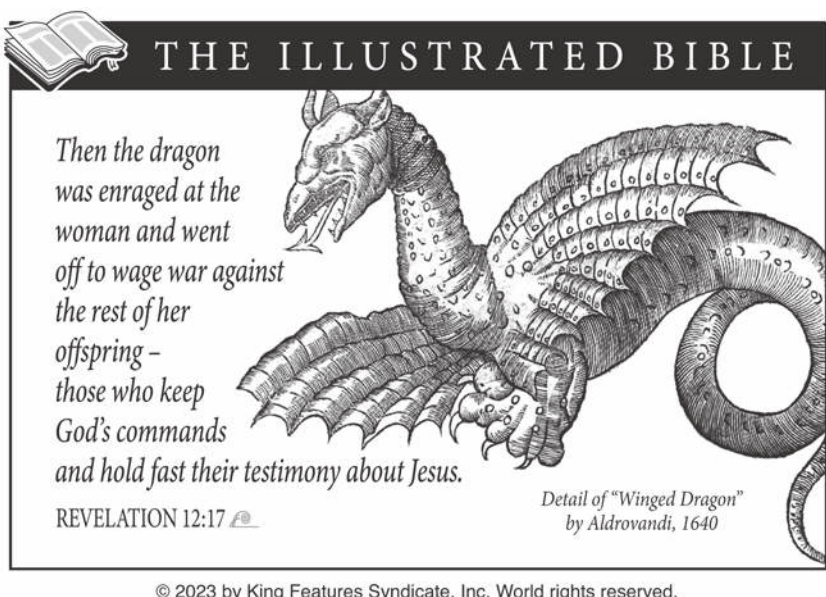
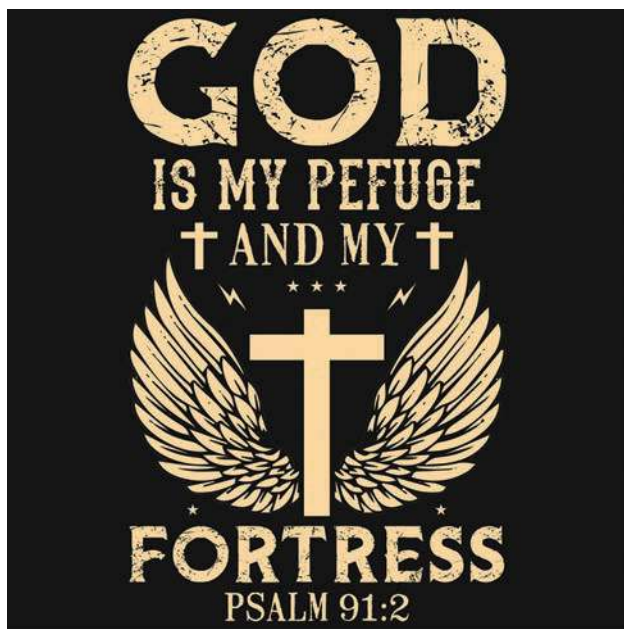
**Warriors for Christ II**  
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Pulaski, VA  
540-315-2317  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Thursday: 7 p.m. Service

**Community Christian Church**  
5382 Grace Street, Dublin VA, 24084  
540-674-4308  
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Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; C3Kids and C3Youth meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

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T	O	N	H	B	U	T	Y	W
H	X	Y	T	W	H	U	J	I
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S	W	A	A	V	A	K	H	E
E	W	R	I	I	E	A	G	C
A	T	J	D	D	R	A	T	I
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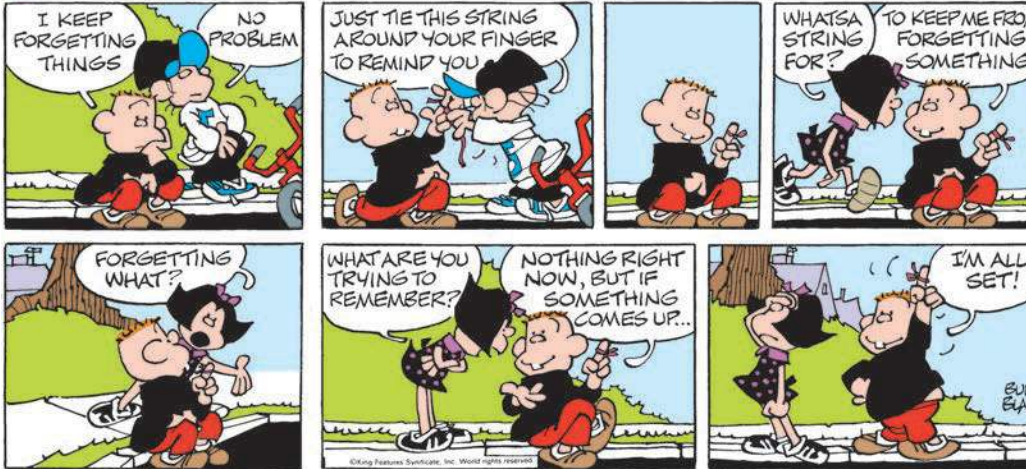
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



TIGER

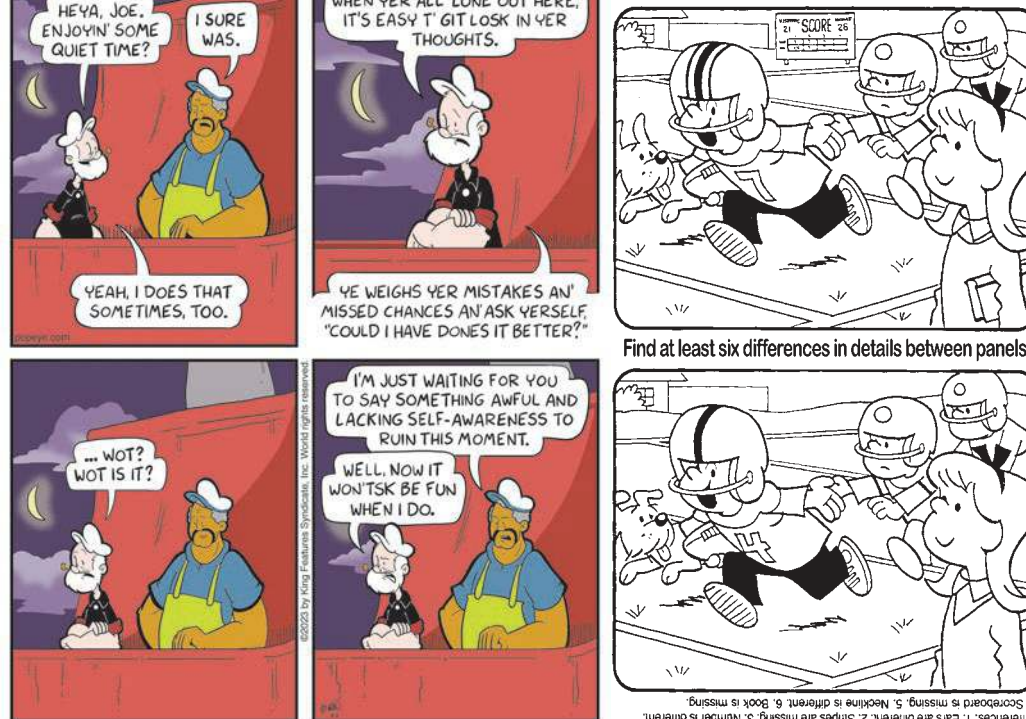
by BUD BLAKE



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HOCUS-FOCUS

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: P equals D

TPP VFHJRQVY CZDARQVY BZT  
BRWW TYWD VQQHCS CVDFHYS  
RY RAJVHWR MVNYTSHA:  
PTQSTJ AZHNHW.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

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FINEST  
Accept  
TIMAD  
Protect  
ROBAHR  
Remote  
OFOAL

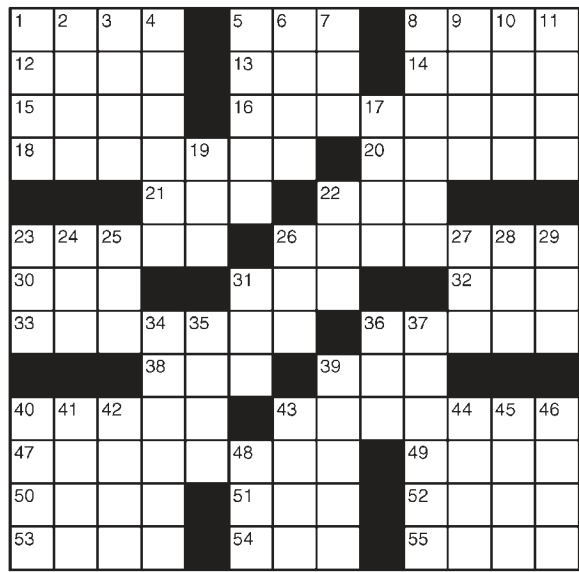
TODAY'S WORD

"I bought all this to help me relax and now I can't \_\_\_\_\_ to relax!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sketch  
5 Shock part-ner  
8 Verdi heroine  
12 Ms. McEntire  
13 Scale note  
14 Mosque VIP  
15 Shakespeare title starter  
16 Centennial State  
18 Man's youth  
20 San Francisco griddier  
21 Newt  
22 Take to court  
23 Give a leg up  
26 Madrid museum  
30 Klutz  
31 Author Tan  
32 Have a bug  
33 Swagger  
36 Open-mouthed  
38 Mornings (Abbr.)  
39 A Gabor  
40 Painting of a scene  
43 Public speakers  
47 16th-century Spanish explorer  
49 Loafer, for one  
50 Scent  
51 Nourished



DOWN

- 1 Colorless  
2 Move, in real-tor lingo  
3 With skill  
4 Cleanses  
5 Fancy neck- wear  
6 Fireplace fuel  
7 Right angle  
8 More ventilat- ed  
9 One-named supermodel  
10 Miami- County  
11 Latin love  
17 "Movin' -" ("The Jeffersons" theme)  
19 Frequently  
22 Devious  
23 Short 'do  
24 Galley item  
25 Son-gun link  
26 Comic Philips  
27 Small battery  
28 Quick swim  
29 Flamenco cheer  
31 Billboards  
34 Mists  
35 Prayer ender  
36 "Selma" director  
37 Fitzgerald title character  
39 Wear down  
40 Garbage barge  
41 Morse -  
42 Yankee nick- name  
43 Praiseful piec- es  
44 Wheeling's river  
45 Bakery buy  
46 Hunt for  
48 Sternward

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top ten  
LONGEST BRIDGES

- Weihe Grand Bridge, China
- Bang Na Expressway, Thailand
- Lake Pontchartrain Causeway, Louisiana
- Manchac Swamp Bridge, Louisiana
- Yangcun Bridge, China
- Hangzhou Bay Bridge, China
- Runyang Bridge, China
- Donghai Bridge, China
- Shanghai Maglev Line, China
- Atchafalaya Basin Bridge, Louisiana

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? Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: How many noble houses are mentioned in "Game of Thrones"?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the high school in the musical film "Grease"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which southeast Asian country's monetary unit is the ringgit?
- MUSIC: The song "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" is from which musical?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to be impeached?
- ANATOMY: What is considered the "master gland" of the human body?
- PHYSICS: What does a newton measure?
- HISTORY: Which founding father wanted the turkey to be the national symbol of America rather than the eagle?
- SCIENCE: What is studied in mycology?
- U.S. STATES: What is Alaska's state animal?

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WORD LADDERS

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

MALES

TIGER

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- Answers
- Nine
  - Rydel High School
  - Malaysia
  - "Oklahomah"
  - Andrew Johnson, 1868
  - Pituitary gland
  - Force
  - Benjamin Franklin
  - Fungus
  - The moose

SCRAMBLERS

AFFORD

Today's Word

3. Harbor; 4. Aloof

1. Infect; 2. Admit; solution

WORDS, TIGER, TILES, Answer

WORD LADDER

Americanisms

"Show respect to all people, but grovel to none."

— Tecumseh

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CryptoQuip

Answers

Odd American physician who will only accept payments in Israeli banknotes: Doctor Shkel.

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Hal Foster's Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

VAL AND GAWAIN HAVE HITCHED A HAYRIDE, UNBEKNOWNST TO THE DRIVER. THEY PEEK THROUGH TANGLED REEDS AT LONG STRETCHES OF COUNTRYSIDE ...

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... UNTIL, DEEP INTO DUSK, THEY ARE PULLED OFF THE PATH AND INTO A DILAPIDATED SHED.

ONCE INSIDE, THE BIG DRIVER - WHOM VAL AND GAWAIN HAVE RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF LORD GRUNYARD'S KIDNAPPERS - LOOKS ABOUT CAUTIOUSLY BEFORE SWINGING OPEN A HIDDEN DOOR IN THE BACK WALL...

... AND PROCEEDING ALONG A TWISTING PATH CLEVERLY HIDDEN IN THE DENSE, IMPOSING THICKETS BEHIND THE SHED, THESE ROGUES ARE INDEED CLEVER! \*THINKS VAL, ADMIRINGLY.

FINALLY, THEY COME TO A FOREST ENCAMPMENT, MADE BARELY VISIBLE BY BLAZING NIGHT FIRES. VAL AND GAWAIN HEAR A STRANGELY FAMILIAR FEMALE VOICE: "UNLOAD THE CART NOW! - THE HORSES ARE HUNGRY." VALS HEART SINKS. HE HAD PLANNED ON MORE TIME TO VACATE THEIR HIDING PLACE!

NEXT: Discretion

HAVE TO LEAD DUROK AWAY FROM DALE WHILE HE'S STILL ENRAGED... IT'S HER ONLY CHANCE!

YOU'RE A DEAD MAN, GORDON!

THIS TIME THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE!

K-A-THOOM

FLASH GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE 10-1

AS FLASH IS PURSUED BY DUROK, VULTAN AND HIS HAWKPEOPLE ARRIVE, FREEDOM DASHES FROM DUROK'S MEN!

DALE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! YOU HAVE TO FIND FLASH...

"...DUROK'S OUT TO KILL HIM!"

WHAM!

ALERT KING VULTAN... INTRUDERS IN THE REACTOR ROOM!

WHERE ARE YOUR BRAVE WORDS NOW, EARTHMAN?!

HE'S DESTROYED A CONDUIT! ENERGY LEVELS DROPPING!

CODE RED!

CODE RED...

"...WE'VE LOST ONE OF THE ENERGY BEAMS SUPPORTING THE CITY!"

NEXT: CITY ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION!

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

I KEEP FORGETTING THINGS

NO PROBLEM

JUST TIE THIS STRING AROUND YOUR FINGER TO REMIND YOU

WHAT'S A STRING FOR?

TO KEEP ME FROM FORGETTING SOMETHING

FORGETTING WHAT?

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO REMEMBER?

NOTHING RIGHT NOW, BUT IF SOMETHING COMES UP...

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MAGIC MAZE

WORDS WITH ANTS

Q J H S E C Z X U S Q N L J G

E C Z X T S T N A F N I S S S

V T P L A N T S R P N L T T T

J E L E P H A N T S H E N N N

C A Y N W V S I A T R A A A A

P N L C K T U I G C R G E R D

E C B H N S Z X S T I W G G N

U S R A T Y R A N T S L A P E

O S T N A V R E S M N L P J T

I U A T G E D B A Y X A W P T

M P U S T N A R D Y H T W S A

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

Applicants	Entrants	Mutants	Servants
Attendants	Giants	Pageants	Tyrants
Elephants	Grants	Pantsuit	Wants
Enchants	Hydrants	Plants	

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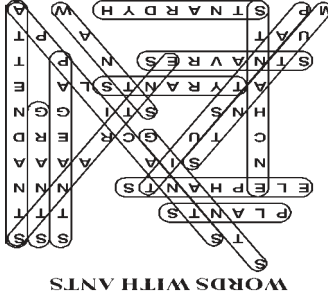
AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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.

KSMMLWZALLM DQMDKLW. MJL  
PLXXDA, PLZZB, XLTG-RSQRSHI,  
YLWGLQM YTEZL KLMALLH MJL  
DYYDZSHI PSZLWSLZ DG  
ZEPPLW THF ASHMLW.  
— QTDWX KSZJDY JSYYZ

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answer  
Bittersweet October. The perfect pause between the mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, opposing miseries of summer and winter. — Carol Bishop Hipps



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle Answer Appears Elsewhere In This Week's Issue

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Oct. 7

Cemetery Cleanup

Cemetery clean up at Cecil’s Chapel Church, 9 a.m. to noon. We’ll have light breakfast options, coffee, etc and a hotdog lunch will be served to fuel our work in cleaning up the cemetery. The church was founded in 1885 and there is a lot of history on the property. If you have family graves with us, you are invited to come join us and check on their plots. Our main goal is to clear the fence line, so if you have tools/chainsaws, you are welcome to bring them and pitch in. 5801 Cecil’s Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA or call 540 239 2180 for more information.

Oct. 8

Pastor Appreciation and Homecoming

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

Oct. 9

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.

PSA Columbus Day Schedule

The PSA office in Dublin will be closed October 9th. The convenience centers in Dublin and Fairlawn will be open. Garbage will be on regular schedule.

Oct. 9

County office closed

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

Oct. 10

PSA Board Meets

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, Pulaski County Public Service Authority Board of Directors Meeting,

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

Planning Commission Meets

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

Oct. 12

EDA board meets

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

Oct. 14

Apple Festival

Apple Festival October 14th 4-7 at Pulaski First Church of the Brethren at 1749 Newbern Road, one block behind DMV. We will have all kinds of Apple Products, crafts and baked goods for sale. Dinner will be a free will offering with Chicken Livers, Chicken Nuggets, fried and mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, potato salad, tea water and soda. Eat in or take out.

Oct. 18

No Agenda Lunch

The Pulaski County Democrats will hold their next No Agenda Lunch

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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

on Wednesday, Oct. 18, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Compadres Mexican Restaurant, 1106 E. Mail St., Pulaski. These have been a great success. Come and join the party.

For more information, contact Susan Trulove, at trulovesusan@gmail.com or Suzanne Bowen, chair of the Pulaski Democratic Committee, at (540) 980-4664 . Learn more at www.facebook.com/pulaskivadems.

Oct. 19

Sons of Confederate Veterans

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

Oct. 20-21

Crafts Fair

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

Oct. 23

Board of Supervisors meets

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

Oct. 24

Fairlawn Sewer Authority meets

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, Fairlawn Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting, Conference Room, Peppers Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority Administration Building, 7797 Mason Street, Fairlawn, Virginia, 6 p.m. (Contact: Fairlawn Tax and Bookkeeping, 7351 Peppers Ferry Boulevard, Village Oaks Plaza, Fairlawn, Virginia, 24141, 540-633-5146). This Board manages daily operations for the sewer infrastructure in the immediate Fairlawn area.

Oct. 26

Community Supper

Mark your calendars! Cecil’s Chapel Church welcomes everyone to Community Supper from 4:30 to 6:30. On the menu is chili beans and corn beard, but you know we’ll have a lot of other delicious foods.

As always, the meal is free and it is a time for the community to come together to visit. We will have the always popular yard sale/treasure find going on in the basement. The sales are by donation, no prices. And if you need it, take it. 5801 Cecil’s Chapel Road, Hiwassee, VA and see our FB page @cecilschapel for photos of what will be available at the yard sale.

Oct. 31

No Tricks, No Treats

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

Nov. 11

**Community Prayer, Praise** 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.

Lifestyles Changes

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

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Application/Intake Schedule 2023

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Please apply at one of these four convenient locations!

Pulaski Central Gym

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

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

Dublin Public Library

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

Pulaski Public Library

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

Riverlawn Elementary School

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

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

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